

PROPOSAL FOR IEE-IRE CO-OPERATIONINTRODUCTION

The re-organization of the learned society structure of The Institution of Electrical Engineers which is planned to come into operation on October 1, 1962, provides - among other things - for the formation of Technical Groups covering specializations within the field of the Institution. This Technical Group structure will be similar to the Professional Group organization of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and illustrates one area in which closer co-operation between the two societies may be achieved. Since close co-operation between IEE and IRE in their areas of common interest could result in many benefits to the members of both societies the following proposals are suggested for consideration by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of IRE and the Council of the IEE. It is hoped that those proposals which may be mutually approved will become effective no later than October 1, 1962.

IRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Board of Directors of the IRE is requested to authorize the Executive Committee of IRE to appoint an Advisory Committee in the United Kingdom of ten members. The composition of this Committee would be such that its members would, between them, be familiar with the broad range of IRE activities, especially those of the Professional Groups. The IRE Advisory Committee could act on behalf of the IRE Board of Directors in the United Kingdom, and would report directly to the IRE Executive Committee.

IEE - IRE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

An IEE-IRE Liaison Sub-Committee shall be appointed comprising four members selected from the IRE Advisory Committee, and four members named by the IEE. The IRE members would be appointed annually by the IRE Executive Committee, and need not necessarily be IEE members. These IRE members would be considered as IRE delegates in the United Kingdom, one of whom would be designated by the IRE Executive Committee as Chief IRE Delegate and Spokesman. Similarly, IEE would designate a Chief for its representatives on this Committee. It is expected that this Liaison Sub-Committee would, during the next year, consider in detail the manner in which co-operation could be most effectively accomplished, and would submit one or more reports regarding its activities, conclusions and recommendations to the governing bodies of both the IEE and IRE.

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR IEE-IRE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Relations between IEE Technical Groups and IRE Professional Groups

Arrangement of joint meetings between Technical Groups of the IEE and Professional Groups of the IRE at which papers emanating from the United Kingdom or the various IRE Sections and Regions could be read and discussed.

2. Mechanism for Jointly Sponsored Symposia

Consideration of the various factors and procedures required for the successful organization and conduction of jointly sponsored technical symposia. Among other things would be paper procurement, session organization and financing.

3. Co-ordination of Meetings and Symposia

Prevention of date conflicts in meetings, where possible, and discouragement of unnecessary proliferation of meetings.

4. Membership Mailing Lists and Meeting Privileges

Placement of all members of the IRE resident in the United Kingdom on the IEE mailing list, and extension to them of the privilege of attending IEE technical meetings. Consideration of the appropriateness of registering those IRE members who are not members of the IEE with the appropriate Technical Groups of the IEE.

5. Membership Grade Requirements

Extension, as far as possible, of reciprocal concessions to members of either society by the other. For example, entrance fees for membership of the IEE might be waived for members of the IRE taking up residence in the United Kingdom, and wishing to become members of the IEE.

6. Central Contact Point for IRE Members

Establishment of a central contact point in the United Kingdom to which IRE members residing in the United Kingdom can turn for information and assistance regarding various IRE services.

7. Distribution of the IRE Directory

Evaluation of the need of IRE members residing in the United Kingdom for the IRE Directory, and determination of the extent to which it should be automatically distributed to such members. A copy of each annual issue of the IRE Directory should be forwarded to the Secretary of IEE.

8. European Contacts for IRE Members in the United Kingdom

From the point of view of IRE members within the United Kingdom maintenance of contact with IRE Sections in Europe, and co-operation and participation in international symposia outside of the United Kingdom.