



## Report of the 1965 President

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More than 2,000 new members of AIME in 1965- the greatest single year of growth since 1958. Rarely in our 95-year history have we attracted this many new members. This year of growth, when we reached the 40,000 member level, is particularly significant when we compare it to the 341 member per year average increase for the years 1961 through 1964.

Membership growth, and growth in services to members, too. We have a new Oil Shale Committee and now co-sponsor an Annual Oil Shale Symposium. We have a new Rock Mechanics Committee and co-sponsor an Annual Rock Mechanics Symposium. We instituted the Henry Krumb Lecture Series, which should be an effective aid to Section program chairmen.

In 1965 your staff, officers and committees worked diligently to recognize and define the responsibilities and obligations of AIME. The stamp of achievement was then gained only after carefully designing and implementing programs to fulfill specific needs.

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

The shortage of students in mineral engineering departments is more significant than ever before. We attacked this problem at two levels during 1965. First, we attempted to work through established career guidance groups to bring the story of the minerals engineering professions to the attention of young people. We offered AIME awards to contests of the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS), increased AIME prizes in the National Science Fair-International, and continued offering financial assistance to Sections which participate in local science fairs.

Our second approach to the problem was through our 78 AIME Student Chapters. To encourage and help both the chapter and the faculty sponsor, the Student Affairs Committee devised an entire program which recognizes the important characteristics of students, their chapters and problems.

## THE "GRASS ROOTS"

Institute and Society officers visited virtually every one of our 110 Sections during 1965. The close contact of national officers and members at the local level provides excellent communication, giving members the opportunity to express their views of the Institute directly to officers, and to offer suggestions on how to improve operations. Problems discovered through this visitation program have been pinpointed, and appropriate actions have been outlined.

The Council of Section Delegates was reorganized in 1965, resulting in outstanding fall meetings in each of our six regions. Twenty-five resolutions for action to improve the Institute have resulted, to be discussed at the national meeting of Section Delegates and the AIME Board in February, 1966.

## OUR "FOUNDER SOCIETY" OBLIGATIONS

As one of five engineering founder societies-the oldest and most prestigious engineering societies in the country-AIME has a strong obligation to support and provide guidance to the organizations which unite efforts within engineering as a whole.

We are indebted to many AIME members who have taken the lead in the reorganization of Engineers Joint Council, and in merging the career guidance activities of JETS and the Engineers' Council for Professional Development. AIME members are leading the formation of the national engineering information system, and we look with pride at the leadership provided by our members in the formation of the National Academy of Engineering.

AIME is one of the great technical institutes of America. Its membership directories provide an "honor roll" of the leaders in the mining, metallurgical and petroleum professions. We have a great heritage, a great obligation, and a compelling incentive to continually strive for improvement and increased service to our members.

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