



## Report of the 1977 President

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The 1977-78 year was one of solid achievement for AIME. All-time highs were reached in many areas, including membership, number of meetings, meeting attendance and pages of publication. In its 108th year, AIME is continuing to improve the quality of services to members and to the public.

AIME's decentralized form of operation in which maximum responsibility is placed upon each Society for the conduct, quality and financing of its program is working well. The Societies are doing a commendable job and are coordinating well with AIME headquarters and with each other. There is now more internal closeness within AIME and better cooperation between Societies than at any time in the past.

An interesting event during 1977 was the unusual number of Society headquarter moves. The ISS and TMS have purchased land at Pittsburgh and will complete their building and move in this coming autumn. SME is planning to buy land and build a building near Denver this year, subject to the approval of a membership referendum. The SPE has substantially enlarged its rented space in Dallas which they have on a long-term lease at very favorable rates. The Institute (including the Societies) now has 83 full-time staff members. After the TMS-ISS move this year, only eight employees will remain in the United Engineering Center in New York. During the last two years, an increasing amount of the time of the officers and headquarters staff of AIME has been devoted to the outreach of the Institute with the general public, government and with other engineering societies. Effectve stndes are being made in each of these areas.

The GEM (Government, Energy, Minerals) Committee is developing a more effective public affairs program each year and involving more GEM Committees in local sections. The Committee's effort on its own and in cooperation with the other engineering organizations has caused AIME to take public policy positions on a number of national issues and to communicate our views to the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government and to Congress. During the past year, many letters were written to Government on behalf of AIME stating the engineering position and many speeches were made to outside groups.

We believe that approach plus Washington conferences and meetings with the press are causing more factual information to be brought to bear on important public questions, such as energy and mineral policy. The government policy and decision making area is complex and our effort is a small part of the total picture, but we are moving toward a fuller and more productive involvement.

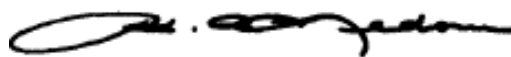
Our close working relationship with other major engineering societies during the year such as ASCE (Civil), ASME (Mechanical), AIChE (Chemical) and IEEE (Electrical), is producing excellent results that are benefiting all organizations. In particular, these societies are working with the officers and staff leaders of the Engineers Joint Council (EJC) and the Engineers\* Council for Professional Development (ECPD) to consolidate their services in order to make them more effective and representative of the engineering profession. Four detailed planning task forces are active on this work. The end result is expected to be of great long-range value to all engineering societies and their members.

The recent Annual Meeting in Denver was one of the largest in AIME history, and shows the progress that is being made in top quality inter-disciplinary programming.

This Annual Report and the AIME NEWS insert that appears every few months in the Society journals are designed to keep you better informed on AIME activities that extend beyond the technical and service functions that are handled by each Society. In future issues the AIME NEWS will report to you on a number of ongoing activities of wide interest. One of these will be the work of a Long Range Planning Committee composed of Past Presidents of each Society and AIME that will recommend future courses of action for the Institute. The AIME NEWS will also cover an important joint conference that we are sponsoring with the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in Canberra, Australia in May. The conference is entitled "International Resource Management" and has an excellent program, half of which was arranged by AIME.

This Annual Report will cover other phases of AIME programs. We appreciate the continued support and personal input from all members that have made AIME what it is today.

Yours sincerely,



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