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MACHINE COMPUTATION COMMITTEE

R.L. Morris, division formation committee chairman of Computing and Systems Technology Division (C&STD) and C.H. Ware, Jr., Past Chairman of Machine Computation Committee (MCC), appeared before Council proposing approval for a Computing and Systems Technology Division. (A number of documents were given to Council as follows: Questions raised by Council at its meeting in Houston (March 19, 1977, pages 97, 98) are answered in Attachment #1; the Chronological summary leading to the first meeting of the formation committee is Attachment #2; Attachment #3 shows the source of C&ST Division Bylaws; Attachment #4 details activity of Area 1d.; Attachment #5 is a revised tentative operating plan and budget along with a set of Bylaws. All are part of the official Council Minutes as Document #77-6-28-28, Appendix "A".)

Chairman Morris reported that although the committee has not been meeting for a year, several of the key members, as a result of their participation in MCC, have been working together for over a year and a half to determine member interest in a division. The initial division formation subcommittee of MCC, he said, has been functioning for over two years, and the question of a division will have been before Council for over three years.

Another concern of Council, to which the chairman addressed himself, was the division's name. MCC was formed and named, he claimed, when computers were in their infancy. Since then, the emphasis on machines has been outgrown, and the name chosen by the formation committee, Computing & Systems Technology Division, describes the scope the committee will explore with the division. A questionnaire of intent showed that 346 persons have agreed to join the division if it is formed. The chairman requested that Council accept the report from the formation committee now and approve divisional status at the August Denver meeting. This would make it possible for the division to collect dues via the annual members dues bill. August approval though will not allow officer elections to be held in 1977, and the formation committee will be responsible for operations until elections are held. Council VOTED

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that the Computing and Systems Technology Division has met requirements for the formation of a division, and Council's intent is to approve a Computing and Systems Technology Division at the Denver meeting.

(Reference: Council Minutes of March 19, 1977, pages 97, 98, Motions 77.C.28, 29...; Council Minutes of June 1, 1974, Motion 74.C.52; Council Minutes of September 8, 1973, page 385; Council Minutes of June 2, page 225)