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## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Officers of Baton Rouge, Coastal Bend, Guadalupe, South Texas, Southeast Texas, Southwest Louisiana, and Texas Gulf Coast Sections  
  
Chairmen of Machine Computation Committee, Minority Affairs Coordinating Committee, and Research Committee

**FROM:** Council Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Council Actions at Denver Meeting

The International Meeting in Denver was highly successful with significant attendance of our colleagues from the Pacific Region and from the Interamerican Confederation. A regular meeting of Council was held and this memo is to inform you about important actions.

Considerable effort was spent on formulating a policy statement regarding the current and future energy situation. An agreed upon statement is now going through the final editing stage and will be issued shortly. The document will serve as a point of departure for development of technical position papers of substantial value to government officials and legislators and to the public at large. Action points were developed around eight items:

1. Accelerated utilization of coal and nuclear energy.
2. Streamlining power plant licensing procedures.
3. Continued development of U.S. fossil fuel resources.
4. Development of the breeder reactor and nuclear fuel reprocessing.
5. Development of energy conversion technology.
6. Conservation.
7. Reduced and more selective government controls.
8. Strengthened development of longer-range alternative energy sources.

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In other energy related matters, it was noted that as a public relations effort, four taped interviews had been made by President West, each four minutes long, covering the Carter energy policy, coal utilization, nuclear energy, and future energy sources. These tapes were used by 280 radio stations, and the total listenership was estimated at 3.4 million persons per show. Due credit was given to AIChE at the beginning and end of each tape.

Also, Council agreed to distribute Speakers' Kits on energy to local sections/committees/divisions on request. The preliminary kit material was reviewed at the June Officers Meeting in New York. Revisions have subsequently been made, and the kit is now available from the Executive Director's office. These kits provide general background technical information of value for developing presentations to the public on energy problems.

Vice President Bill Corcoran reviewed the work done by the Dynamic Objectives Implementation Committees. The goal is to present to Council at the Atlanta Meeting a plan of action to be taken by AIChE on a continuing basis to implement the ten key dynamic objectives for the profession which were defined by a committee under the chairmanship of Klaus Timmerhaus late in 1976.


Council voted to establish the Computing and Systems Technology Division as our eighth division following significant effort made by the Machine Computation Committee toward division status. This latter committee is now being disbanded as success of the new division seems assured.

Council agreed that the preparation of questions for the chemical engineering portion of PE examinations is a proper AIChE activity, and thus we will follow up on a request for this action by the National Council of Engineering Examiners.

And finally, in a resolution, Council voted that joint programs of AIChE and the American Society for Engineering Education be encouraged and coordinated by appropriate committees.

The next meeting of Council will be in New York on Saturday, November 12, and the Annual Business Meeting of the Institute will be held Monday afternoon, November 14.

Please let me know how I can help with your section activities. I wish you the best of success this season.

  
A. V. Caselli  
Council Liaison

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For your files.

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COMPUTING & SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

R.L. Morris, division formation committee chairman of Computing and Systems Technology Division, requested Council to approve a Computing and Systems Technology Division since the formation committee, in his opinion, had met the requirements for division status. A division Nominating Election Committee will be appointed at the meeting of the Machine Computation Committee in Denver, and a notice will be sent to the 231 members of the MCC asking for their recommendations for officers of the division. He sees no problem in having the officers ready to serve by the November meeting. Dues for the division will be set at \$3. Acceptance at this meeting, he said, will enable the division to be included on this year's dues bill. Council VOTED

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that the Computing and Systems Technology Division be formed.

Council further VOTED

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that the Machine Computation Committee be dissolved and that the functions and activities of the Machine Computation Committee be merged into the organization of the newly-formed Computing and Systems Technology Division in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

A.V. Caselli will be Council Liaison for the remainder of 1977.

(Reference: Council Minutes of June 5, 1977, pages 221,222, Motion 77.C.39...)

P.S. Received copy of  
your annual report -

Great!

Regards,  
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