

News Letter November 1997

Dear Members

I like to inform you about recent event taking place. Since my last newsletter I regret to have to inform you that Mr. Erik Halleus has resigned his position as Program Chairman. Erik has been very innovative in trying to expand the Society; specifically he was instrumental to permit members to visit Siemens Rolm. However Erik has informed me that his workload as he himself described it "My days have become very long, my nights are short, and weekends do not exist"

The Society has to find new ways to participate in the enormous changes taking place. No longer is it possible to wait for the mailman in order to receive updates within ASSE, we must join the evolution, specifically in communicating to each member in a more efficient manner.

It is therefore that I submit the following proposal to be acted upon.

1. The address of the Society shall be changed from 5 East 48th Street to 20 Union Hill Road, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2719
2. The President shall ASAP appoint Board members and officers to fill vacancies, as well as such committee members as are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the Society.
3. The new Board shall, among other things, decree that a state of emergency exists, which shall be in effect until the membership at least reaches 100 or longer time if needed.
4. During the emergency the President and/or the Board of Directors may make decisions for expediency not always in accordance with ASSE by-laws, which are under revision.
5. The By-laws revision is handled by a committee consisting of the President, Ulf Hammarskjold and the Editor Mr. Gunnar Asker as appointed by earlier decision of the Board of Directors.
6. Revised suggested article 1 and 2 of the By-laws are enclosed for review.
7. The following sections are, at the present, proposed to be unchanged.

Section 2 of 2 of article 2

Section 3 of article 2

Section 2 of article 3

Section 3 of article 3

Section 4 of article 3

Section 5 of article 3

Article 5

Article 6

8. All other articles and sections not mention in #7 above require revision.
9. The President himself, or with the assistance of the Board of Directors, shall ASAP confirm a program for the Society for the coming 6 months tentatively consisting of the following.

a) A technical meeting in Philadelphia during the first half of December.

b) A social New Years celebration during early 1998.

c) An annual meeting at the end of February in conjunction with a lecture or Field trip.

d) During the ASSE State of Emergency the 1998 Annual meeting may have to be postponed until 1999

e) A Technical meeting in March at the ASHM, celebrating John Ericsson.

f) A dinner dance in May in Philadelphia, Possibly on a Ship on the Delaware River.

Any other matters as decided by the President an/or the Board of Directors.

The above was submitted by Mr. Gunnar Asker per my request.

ASSE by-laws – Suggested Revision.

Article 1.

The name of the Society shall be:

The American Society of Swedish Engineers. (Svenska Ingenjörssföreningen i Förenta Staterna).

" The purpose of said corporation or society shall be for the promotion of the arts and sciences connected with Engineering and Architecture and to disseminate progress in Sweden and USA, particular in subjects of general interest to the members as in the fields of Communications and Transportation for example"

Article 2.

Members

Section 1. Membership

The Membership shall comprise the following classifications.

Honorary Members

Fellow Members

Members

Associated Members

Student Members

Honorary Members must be chosen for prominence in fields of interest to the Society and may be elected irrespective of nationality or national origin.

Fellows. Any Member can be elevated to the grade of Fellow.

Fellow, ASSE, is a membership that recognizes distinction in the arts and sciences of Engineering and/or Architecture

Member. A member can be elected from persons with a degree in Engineering or Architecture or from persons who is recognized specialist within the technical or industrial fields with or without academic education.

Associate member. Any person with a technical or commercial interest in promoting relations between Sweden and USA or in the interchange of information in technical matters between the two countries may be an associate member.

Student Member. Any student at a school or college or university studying engineering or architecture may become a student member.

Section 2. Admission. Suggested being unchanged.

The balance of the By-laws revision will be completed gradually as time allows.

Addendum. The following shall be added to the paragraph regarding Fellows above.

The number of Fellows in the Society must at no time exceed 5% of the total membership