From the president of the IEEE Computer Society

A little over a year ago, the Computer Society decided to initiate a new publication to address the technical area of computer graphics. This was not to be a transaction, but was to include a wide variety of articles, including applications, hardware descriptions, and implementation techniques. The National Computer Graphics Association was formed, also a little more than a year ago, and also with the purpose of serving through publications and conferences a broad spectrum of users and producers of computer graphics equipment.

Because of our common interest, contact was established early last year between the Computer Society and NCGA. The Computer Society was invited to send representatives to attend the June 1980 NCGA board meeting, where discussions were held regarding the possibility of cooperative publications efforts between the two societies.

Those initial contacts and the ensuing negotiations have culminated in an agreement that promises to serve the interests of all concerned. I am therefore delighted to welcome the NCGA to join with the Computer Society in publishing IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications.

Cooperation in this venture will result in a superior publication—one that meets the computer graphics information needs of all of our members.

Richard E. Merwin
President

From the president of the National Computer Graphics Association

The National Computer Graphics Association, Inc. (NCGA) is a nonprofit association created in mid-1979 for the purpose of increasing US productivity by promoting the technology and use of computer graphics. NCGA held its first conference in Washington, DC, in June 1980 and will hold the world's largest computer graphics conference and exhibition in Baltimore, Maryland, June 14-18, 1981. NCGA has over 1500 members and will double its membership by June of this year.

Because of the IEEE Computer Society's interest in keeping its membership abreast of computer graphics activity, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications was launched early in 1980. Discussions leading to an NCGA interface were initiated last spring. At our invitation, the then president of the IEEE Computer Society, Tse-yun Feng, and the current president, Dick Merwin, came to the NCGA '80 Conference in Washington, DC, where they introduced the idea of an IEEE Computer Society-NCGA cooperative effort on computer graphics. The result has yielded an agreement to join together to make available to our membership a first-rate magazine dealing with computer graphics and applications.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NCGA, I wish to express our appreciation to Tse-yun Feng and Dick Merwin for their cooperation with NCGA in developing what we all consider a very beneficial agreement for both associations. We will extend to True Seaborn, publisher, and Michael Wozny, senior editor, every effort to assure that IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications successfully serves the members of both the IEEE Computer Graphics Association and the National Computer Graphics Association.

Caby C. Smith
President