The IEEE Computer Society has experienced another prosperous year. Our membership has increased further and is expected to exceed 45,000 in January 1980. Our activities have also grown. For example, during the year several new chapters have been established and a new Technical Committee on Optical Processing has been created. Our publications have continued to improve, and so have our conferences. Our effort on tutorial activities is bearing fruit. In particular, the Tutorial Week '79 in San Diego was a success beyond all our expectations. Our publications sales have also increased tremendously over those of a year ago. As a result of all these efforts, last year's planned deficit turned out to be a surplus!

Last year, on matters external to the society, a number of action items were passed by the Computer Society Governing Board. One significant item was on the IEEE assessment to its groups/societies/councils. For the past few years, IEEE has attempted to assess G/S/Cs for a portion of its technical staff operating costs. During its June meeting, the Governing Board passed a resolution requesting that staff services be made available without charge to the G/S/Cs. The resolution was endorsed by the IEEE Technical Activities Board in August, resulting in the elimination of a $137,000 assessment originally projected for G/S/Cs (provided that the IEEE 1980 deficit is below $1 million).

Also, for the past few years, AFIPS has planned to publish a monthly, Abacus, aimed at the portion of the general public with an interest in computers. The Computer Society Governing Board originally supported the project by committing $100,000 for the initiation of the magazine. However, the project encountered a few unexpected difficulties and, in June and again in November, the board reversed its previous stand and rejected motions for the new publication plan.

In the coming year, our efforts in various areas will be continued and strengthened. In addition, a number of new projects are being planned for implementation.

One is the reorganization of our volunteer structure so that the authority and responsibility will be more evenly distributed among our leadership. Due to the rapid growth in society activities, this change is necessary to eliminate possible operational bottlenecks.

We are also planning to have a Computer Society Press (suggested by Merlin Smith) established in the Silver Spring area. Eventually, we hope to have all of the society's periodicals published by the Computer Society Publications Office and nonperiodicals by the Computer Society Press.

Our effort on a new application-oriented journal will be continued. It is quite likely that we will be able to inaugurate the new journal next year.

The overwhelming interest in our Tutorial Week '79 in San Diego prompts us to extend this service to the East Coast. Thus, Tutorial Week East is being planned for October 1980 in Washington, DC.

Last year, the Governing Board approved the possible purchase of a building in the Long Beach area for the Publications Office. Due to events beyond our control, this project remains to be implemented during the coming year.

An information session on Computer Society operations is being planned for COMPCON Spring in the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, during the afternoon of February 26. The session is intended to provide information about society activities to the newly elected/appointed Computer Society officers and to any interested members. I encourage you to attend this session and to participate in the various activities of the Computer Society. Details of the session may be obtained from Harry Hayman, our Executive Secretary.

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