

# All of the people

Our membership is growing in numbers at a faster rate than anticipated a year ago, but we must not become complacent. The continued successful and healthy growth of ASHRAE depends to a large extent on how well it serves the needs of all members.

The three basic branches of ASHRAE: heating, refrigerating and air conditioning, are related closely yet many of our members ally with only one branch or possibly only a portion of one of the branches. These members rightly expect to find activities of interest to them at the local and national levels.

Section 8.8.5 of the By-laws wisely establishes a "watch-dog" Committee to insure that each of the major fields of interest receives adequate attention. Furthermore, whenever 25 members in a Chapter, or 200 members nationally desire to carry out a program at Chapter or national level, respectively, this Committee and the Board of Directors must provide all reasonable facilities.

The protection against onesidedness provided in the By-laws is excellent, but the real success in meeting our obligation stems from a far more basic process. Instead of starting at the top, with the Board of Directors, it starts with the local section and the individual member. It extends through the Region by way of the Chapters Regional Committee, to the Regions Central Committee and thence to the various operating committees. Thus, any member or small group of members can start fast action if they believe that any specific field of interest is being neglected.

In addition to a broad field of engineering subjects, our members represent a wide range of technical levels. In this connection, our membership in the various grades is of interest:

Type of Member	No. of Members	% of Total
Member	7761	40.3
Associate	7785	40.4
Affiliate	3352	17.3
Student	393	2.0

But membership grades do not tell the whole story. We have Full Members whose present activity and interest are almost com-



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pletely non-technical, yet who have contributed much to the industry and to the Society. We also have Associate, Affiliate, and Student members, whose interests are highly technical. To meet the needs of all our members we must cover a range of technical interests from the highly scientific on the one hand to the highly practical on the other.

A Society such as ours operates largely through committees and every effort is being made to balance the membership of operating committees so that heating, refrigerating and air conditioning are represented properly.

Admirable results are already being accomplished by the Publications and Program Committees in their efforts to meet the interests of all our members while maintaining a high level of technical quality.

Nothing but praise can be said for the efforts of our local Chapters to obtain balanced representation on their committees and officer line-ups, and to provide programs covering the broad range of interest of their membership.

Each branch and each technical level has much to offer our combined operation. The coordination of these diverse interests is of utmost importance to your officers. It is my sincere belief that the continued pursuit of this policy at the national and local levels will insure our successful and effective growth.