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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



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The most apparent change over the past two years that can be observed in the Oceanic Engineering Society is its continuing rapid evolution from the former Council of Oceanic Engineering, with representatives from 18 IEEE Societies giving it a broad base of loosely related technical

areas, to its present set of eight Technology Committees that provide a closely integrated focus within oceanic engineering. Within the Technology Committees, substantial organizational growth is seen in Oceanic (including Arctic) Instrumentation and Measurement for both *in situ* and remote capabilities, in Acoustic Systems, and in EE support systems for Underwater Vehicles.

The growing focus of our technical strength is supported also by the strong focus provided by the special issues stimulated by Stan Ehrlich in the Journal of Oceanic Engineering.

Further evidence of technical growth can be found within the AdCom whose six new members, beginning their three-year terms this past January, 1987, all have based their careers on technical participation in some aspect of oceanic engineering.

The policy of the Executive Committee continues to be directed toward the goal of developing relatively small and highly focussed technical conferences or workshops. Our expectation is that such workshops will strengthen the Technology Committees and local Chapters. Plans for new workshops are still preliminary and will be announced, when appropriate, in this Newsletter.

