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President's Message



Glen N. Williams

Howdy! Welcome to another issue of the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society Newsletter. I'm going to take the President's prerogative in this particular issue and talk to you for a few minutes about three particular topics which are very important to the Oceanic Engineering Society. The first topic is that of Society membership. In the Fall of 1990 the Oceanic Engineering Society mailed to all of its members the letter from Dr. Ferial El-Hawary at the Technical

University of Nova Scotia and me in our capacities as the membership gurus for the OES. This letter was accompanied by three membership brochures for new members to join both the IEEE and the Oceanic Engineering Society. We asked you at that time to give these brochures to colleagues that you felt were interested in the OES and its activities, as well as those who are qualified to be members of other societies within the IEEE. I haven't seen the statistics yet on that particular membership solicitation; however, I hope that we had significant participation by our members. It's very important to me as a fellow member of the Society for the past 15 years that we get the right body of colleagues into the OES. I think that it is a significant opportunity for professional development. It's also an opportunity to work with colleagues in the same disciplines and technologies as ourselves, and I have also found it over the past years to be an absolute gold mine of friendships developed throughout the nation and throughout the world. I hope that as members of the OES, you have taken it upon yourselves to offer your colleagues the advantages of membership in the

OES. If you have misplaced or lost your membership brochures and need more for either student membership for those of you who are at universities, or membership for colleagues in both government and industry, please feel free to call Dr. El-Hawary or me, and we will make sure you get the number of membership brochures that you feel you need. Thank you very much for your participation in this effort — I think it speaks well for the future of the Oceanic Engineering Society.

As members of the OES and members of the oceans community, I'm sure that all of you are well aware that Oceans '91 will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 1-3, 1991. Ladies and gentlemen, this will be an incredible experience, I guarantee it. The most important aspect at this conference is the technical program. Under the superb guidance of Dr. Joe Vadus of NOAA and NSF fame and Dr. Paul Yuen of the University of Hawaii, the technical program has been selected from three hundred plus abstracts submitted by people who are

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