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## COMMENTS FROM FRANK D. ADAMS SEM PRESIDENT 1992-1993

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I cannot believe how fast the year has passed. It seems like only yesterday that I used this column to outline my goals as your new President. Now I must summarize what has transpired during the past year.

You will recall that the generalized goal of my presidency was to begin implementation of the recommendations published in the final report of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC-IV). I believe this has occurred over a broad front. New additions and a reorganization of the SEM staff have had, and will continue to have, a profound effect on member services. Our new Assistant Managing Director, Kristin MacDonald has come up to speed very fast, and is now in charge of day-to-day operations. This allows Ken Galione more time to pursue external Society objectives. In addition, Kristin has modernized our publication department with up-to-date computer technology. Two-thirds of the production of *Experimental Techniques* is now being done in-house. This is not only saving money, but has significantly decreased the time it takes to complete an issue. More modernization is planned for the near future.

Two activities of historical significance were culminated this year. First, the "Cooperative Arrangement" between SEM and JSME was signed by both parties. This has formalized, and will assure continuation of, mutually beneficial cooperative activities that both Societies have been building over the past decade. Second, SEM and SPIE have entered into a "Strategic Alliance" to facilitate collaboration in a number of areas. This will include joint sponsorship of conferences and seminars, sharing of resources for publication, exchange of staff services and much more. In addition to these two agreements, Ken Galione has recently visited with officials from BSSM to renew and strengthen this long-standing relationship.

Subsequent to our excellent Spring Conference, SEM sponsored a very successful IMAC in Kissimmee, Florida. This was followed by an exceptional conference cosponsored by SPIE, SEM, and others in Albuquerque on Smart Structures and Materials. As I write, firm plans are in place for a sensational 50th Anniversary celebration at our Spring Conference in Dearborn to be followed by a 2nd Conference on Structural Testing at High Temperatures this fall in Ojai, California.

The results of two projects are currently pending at this writing. First, each of you had the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment to strengthen our financial position. The results will be announced at the Spring Conference. Second, a survey is being mailed to a sample of our membership to assess, and better understand, your needs. Results will be analyzed to formulate future improvements in services to SEM members. Both of these projects are consistent with the recommendations of LRPC-IV.

Let me close by saying it has been my privilege to serve as the President of this prestigious Society. I am proud of the achievements we made this year, and I am very much aware that these are the result of superb support from the headquarters staff, the Executive Board and mainly you, the membership of SEM. I look forward to continued involvement and wish our new President, Professor Gary Cloud, the best of luck.

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