

The July/August *Publisher's Note* began a concerted effort to inform SEM members about the organization of the Society by outlining the councils that support our Executive Board. All members are welcome to view this Organization Chart on the SEM Web Site, <http://www.sem.org/committee.htm>.

Further to that, I would like to provide you with an explanation and outline of the structure of *Experimental Techniques'* (ET) newly formed Advisory Group, which reports to the Editorial Council.

At the 1998 SEM Spring Conference in Houston, the SEM Executive Board acted on a number of proposals to establish an organizational framework for ET that would be more consistent with the status and visibility that the publication now enjoys as the premier communication vehicle between SEM and its membership. The approval of establishing an ET Advisory Group was given as well as new appointments to the ET Editorial Committee.

Experimental Techniques Advisory Group — This group consists of the Senior Editor of ET, the Chair of the Applications Committee, the Chair of the Editorial Council, the Publisher of the Society, and three members-at-large. The three Associate Editors report to this group and attend the meeting as non-voting members.

Advisory Group Function — The function of this group is to provide advice, as appropriate or whenever requested, to the Senior or Associate Editors of ET, to read each issue and to provide oversight of the publication to ensure that it maintains its focus on applications and problem solving. This Group will meet at least once per year.

Selection of Members-at-Large — The President shall appoint the members-at-large based on the recommendation of the Senior Editor of ET, the Chair of the Applications Committee, the Chair of the Editorial Committee, and the Publisher of the Society.

Chair Selection — The Chair of the ET Advisory Group shall be selected by the members of the group from amongst themselves and appointed by the President. The term of office is one year, renewable.

Term of Office of Members-at-Large — The members-at-large will serve renewable, staggered three year terms.

The ET Editorial Committee was restructured to accommodate the new framework. The previous committee, consisting of Henry Busby, Jaime Cardenas-Garcia, Susan Foss and Jonathan Rogers, played a vital role in helping the publication achieve its goals and make ET a valued publication. These supportive SEM members have given considerably of their own time and knowledge and the Society sincerely appreciates their efforts. The new ET Editorial Board, which includes Henry Busby, Mark French, Susan Foss and Robert Schwarz, is challenged with the task of further improving the technical content and application orientation of the publication. The ET Editorial Board was recommended by the newly-formed ET Advisory Group. Full details of the responsibilities of the ET committee are posted on the SEM web page <http://www.sem.org>.

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