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The President's Message

The year 1968 will mark the 61st anniversary of the first annual meeting of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers. In October 1907, the 15 members of the Association met with eight guests to present and discuss a program of 18 technical papers.

In the ensuing years, by offering a continuing varied and effective program of activities, the Association has grown into an organization of 14 district sections with a total membership exceeding 11,000. A program of three national annual meetings, coupled with monthly section meetings, brings Association activities close to the membership. Interesting committee work, both at the district and national level, is available for those who desire greater involvement.

Over the years, the AISE has concentrated not on engineering alone, but has sponsored and promoted activities in the related fields of operating problems, safety, economics and the like. Similarly, membership has not been limited to graduate engineers or people who do engineering work. Those engaged in technical, engineering or supervisory work in the iron and steel industry are eligible to become active members; those identified with a company supplying equipment, material or service to the iron and steel industry, or who

are identified with allied industries, are eligible to become associate members.

An important task to which we must all address ourselves is to continue to broaden our interests and to reflect them in the activities of the Association, so that a larger and more valuable service may be performed for our industry. To this end, a membership with a broader interest pattern would be valuable, and we should endeavor to engage the attention of a far larger percentage of the iron and steel supervisory group than has been the case in the past.

The officers and directors for 1968 will strive to interest a larger membership by emphasizing new ideas while continuing the strong basic program that has been the hallmark of our Association.

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