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plants and facilities have closed; millions of tons of capacity have been lost; employment has been drastically reduced; and structural changes, such as chapter 11 filings and mergers, have taken place within the industry. More changes will occur, but the ultimate goal is a stronger, more profitable, quality conscious industry. That is where the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers plays a vital role.

The Association serves the industry through its various activities and publications designed to aid steel producers through collection and dissemination of technical information, and by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas.

As the need arose through AISE's 80-year history, District Sections were formed. Today, the District Section concept continues as the core of the Association.

As disciplines of the membership expanded over the years, new Engineering Divisions were created to serve distinct operations, such as Iron Producing, Steel Producing and Continuous Casting, Rolling, Electrical, Energy, Automation and Computerization.

The technical presentations at national meetings provide material for *Iron and Steel Engineer*. A major objective of this publication is to provide the latest technology relating to steel processing worldwide. Also, the latest technical developments and processes are introduced and discussed at these conferences.

The development of technical reports is another valuable service. These reports, resulting from the activities of the Applied Engineering Committee, meet the specific needs of the industry.

One of the most important activities of the AISE is the Iron and Steel Exposition, the steel industry's largest international trade exhibit. Held every two years, it attracts over 270 major equipment and process suppliers who exhibit the latest technology, processes, products and services.

My goal in 1987 if for the Association to remain a dynamic organization and

continue to be responsive to the changes in the industry so quality steel can be produced at a competitive price, thereby serving the users' requirements.

A new and better industry will evolve and the AISE will continue to serve as a forum for the exchange of technology. Working together, I am sure we can accomplish these objectives.

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President's Message 1987

The steel industry has undergone revolutionary changes throughout its history but probably none so traumatic as those that have occurred in recent years. Industry losses have been staggering; many