



## **WILLIAM H. WISE** • IRON & STEEL SOCIETY

On February 17, 1975, William H. Wise will don the title, President of the Iron and Steel Society of AIME. The new president comes into office with 12 years of service in the Electric Furnace Division, highlighted by his year of Chairmanship in that division during 1971, 1972. Bill served on the Metallurgical Board of Directors during the years 1972, 1973 and 1974. He brings a wealth of experience in Society affairs and is well versed in the history of the Iron and Steel Division's efforts toward becoming the fourth constituent Society of AIME.

President Wise, who received a metallurgical engineering degree in 1949 from the University of Kentucky, has been assistant to the vice President and vice president of Airco Alloys during the past eight years. In addition to managing two plants, his responsibilities have included: facility scheduling, distribution, inventory control, computer management control, and division planning for the manufacture of ferroalloys. His experience in these areas provide him with valuable background to benefit all concerned with getting AIME's newest Society started properly.

I&SM staff members sat with Mr. Wise at the December Electric Furnace Conference in Pittsburgh to do a little brain picking.

**I&SM:** Where do you feel the new Society's major thrust should be directed?

**WISE:** The objective of the Society is to promote the advancement of knowledge in the technical operations and processes in the iron, steel and related industries. The Society must provide a medium of communications and cooperation among those participating in any phase of ferrous metallurgy and materials science and technology. It must represent the profession on matters advancing education in fields related to the iron and steel industries. It must disseminate knowledge and information through meetings, publications and education. The initial efforts toward these goals must be directed toward the building of an organization to promote membership growth, financial strength and unity of the five divisions.

**I&SM:** How do you think this can be accomplished?

**WISE:** Through the structure of the Society which is established in the By-laws. We have 11 standing committees, the Board of Directors and a staff of 17 outstanding people. The officers, board and committees will be activated at our February meeting. We must start work immediately thereafter toward the fulfillment of the Iron and Steel Society's goals.

**I&SM:** Where do you, as President this year, fit into this picture?

**WISE:** It will be my purpose to generate enthusiasm and dedication of the officers, committees, and staff by my active participation in all areas of Society activity. Much of my effort will be to listen to the membership for guidance on the direction in which it wants the Society to move.

**I&SM:** What other areas will get priority while you are in office?

**WISE:** There are two areas which could well relate into one. Young people and local sections.

**I&SM:** How do you relate them?

**WISE:** In the beginning, we are going to have eight local sections for which we must set up structure to maintain good communications. Some of these sections,

while originally starting out as NOHBOSC local affiliations, have grown into Iron & Steelmaking Sections covering Electric Furnace Iron and Steelmaking, in addition to Open Hearth and Basic Oxygen Steelmaking. Most of these new sections will come into AIME as Iron and Steel Sections of AIME, but all will retain local autonomy to a great degree. Many of our active members are even more active in these local sections, which are the grass roots of ISS.

To interest young people in the iron and steel industry and our Society, we will work through the local sections where we believe student programs will be most effective. I have spoken at local sections of other national societies where they bussed students in from the local universities. Some of these sections have a student night which offers students and young people the opportunity to associate with the men who work in the iron, steel and related industries.

So it's my feeling that we must provide encouragement to the local sections by providing their representatives a voice on the Board of Directors of the Iron and Steel Society.

**I&SM:** What about the Society's role in book publications?

**WISE:** That definitely is an area of our responsibility. The Society should generate a series of new reference books in iron and steelmaking. I hope that we can establish a publication committee for just such a purpose. The Process Technology Division appears to be the ideal source for such a committee. We must encourage PTD to underwrite such projects. The Board should also encourage revising existing books, such as, Electric Furnace Steelmaking. This committee will bring to the Board's attention the need for new books and the updating of existing books.

**I&SM:** What will your overall strategy be?

**WISE:** We are starting a new Society; this offers many challenges and opportunities to serve its membership and to strengthen AIME. All our efforts will be for these purposes.