Interim Report

To The AES Executive Committee

February 1, 2007

First, we would like to thank Jay McKnight and Wieslaw Woszczyk for inviting us to be co-chairs the AES Historical Committee. We hope we can live up to their expectations. We would also like to thank Jay for his years of dedicated work keeping history alive and we will continue to depend on Jay's wise council as Chair Emeritus.

- 1. Personal contact with project leaders and active Historical Committee participants to occur.
- 2. Historical Events for the 123rd Convention, with Harry Hirsch as Project Leader, appear to be underway (no contact made from co-chairs so far).
- 3. HC Secretary (vacant position)—At the 121st AES Convention in San Francisco, we met with Mr. Tom Erbe Recording Engineer/Lecturer at the University of California, San Diego who expressed an interest in becoming the new HC Secretary. We will pursue.
- 4. Jay Mcknight has completed scanning the contents pages of JAES volumes 1–25, with the work continuing. The file data is searchable. Discussions are under way on distribution methods.
- 5. John Chester is actively working on backing up oral history tapes and other AES related recordings. Decisions on storage methods and location to be made a priority.
- 6. Suggestion from Ivan Stamac, VP Southern Europe, at the San Francisco Board of Governors meeting, to solicit volunteers for AES historical projects—The AES Historical web page now contains a volunteer soliciting statement (see http://www.aes.org/aeshc/). Addition to the JAES to be discussed.
- 7. Gene Radzik would like to champion a reorganization AES Historical Committee website. To an outside observer, the current site is a bit overwhelming to digest. The great work by many talented individuals is somewhat difficult to find efficiently. Gene will be contacting the current webmasters (Jay McKnight, John Chester, Howard Sanner) in the near future. Richard L. Hess has offered assistance.

We realize there is much more activity than that listed above. In time we will get a handle on the other great work being performed by many individuals.

Bill Wray and Gene Radzik,
Co-Chairs, AES Historical Committee
(Reviewed by Jay McKnight, Chair Emeritus)