

## Announcement

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### VOLUNTARY PAGE CHARGES

The IEEE Board of Directors recently took action making it possible for IEEE Group publications to adopt voluntary page charges. The Administrative Committee of the Microwave Theory and Techniques Group has decided that it is necessary to utilize this new source of revenue. Effective with the current issue, the company or institution with which an author is associated is being invited to assist in defraying part of the cost of publication by paying voluntary page charges.

In recent years a growing number of scientific and engineering societies have adopted a page-charge policy in order to cope with the increasing quantity of important material for publication and the rising costs of printing and distribution. Underlying the page-charge philosophy is the belief that the usual research or development project is complete only when the results have been disseminated to the engineering and scientific community, and that it is thus proper that the financing of the project include funds to support, in part, the cost of publication. As an example, most U. S. government agencies recognize the payment of page charges as a legitimate part of the cost of performing research and development work under government contracts.

It is important to point out that page charges are not obligatory, nor is their payment a prerequisite for publication. In fact, only after a paper has been accepted for publication and editorial processing is underway will the author's organization be asked to honor the page charges. This will be done by means of a form accompanying the galley proof sent to the author. The Editor and reviewers will not be told which page charges are paid and which are not.

If the author's organization indicates that it will pay the charges for a given paper, it will be billed at the rate of \$50 per page, calculated to the nearest whole page, except that the minimum charge for items of less than one page is \$50. Payment entitles the author to 100 free reprints without covers or to an equivalent credit toward a larger purchase of reprints.

A discussion of page charges may be found in "Spectral Lines" in the October, 1967, issue of the IEEE SPECTRUM.

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