Informed of that decision at its March meeting, the governing board raised no objection. The governing board took no action on the broader question of whether AIP's headquarters or a sizable proportion of AIP's programs should also be moved to Washington. The board had deferred consideration of that issue at its meeting last October, pending recommendations from the ten member societies (see PHYSICS TODAY, December, page 75).

As it happened, the societies split evenly, five against moving the headquarters and five in favor of moving at least the institute's physics programs to Washington. The American Physical Society, the Acoustical Society of America, the Society of Rheology, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the American Vacuum Society took the position that their interests and AIP's would be best served by retaining headquarters in Manhattan. The American Crystallographic Association and the American Association of Physics Teachers favored moving the headquarters to Washington, while the American Geophysical Union said AIP should "consolidate its activities in not more than two locations, at least one of which should be in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area." The Optical Society of America favored moving AIP's physics programs to Washington, and the American Astronomical Society said AIP should move "appropriate divisions."

Many of the society officers confined themselves to transmitting concise resolutions on the location question, but some drafted long, thoughtful statements. For example, Donald F. Holcomb, president of AAPT, emphasized the desirability of moving many components of the AIP physics programs branch to Washington, even if the ultimate decision is to keep headquarters in New York. John M. Dealy, president of the Society of Rheology, stressed the importance of publishing to AIP, "not only as a source of revenue to finance the other important programs, but as a physics program in its own right serving the entire physics and scientific community."

In passing, Dealy expressed confidence in Marks, unaware of Marks's impending resignation. Marks, who joined AIP as publishing director in 1970, leaves the organization to become director of publications for the American Chemical Society in Washington. Trained as a civil engineer at MIT, Marks was managing editor for one of McGraw-Hill's technical magazines for 12 years before coming to AIP.

During his 18 years at AIP, Marks helped develop the Soviet translation program, helped plan and nurture a new magazine–journal, *Computers in Physics*, presided over the computerization of AIP's journal production operations and sought to improve the timeliness of journal production.

AIP has decided against filling Marks's job on an interim basis and hopes to find a new director of publishing by next fall. While Marks divided his time roughly equally between Woodbury and Manhattan, Ford says that he "would like the position, as defined for the future, to be more focused on one location."

—WILLIAM SWEET

FRANZ ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF AAPT FOR 1988

Judy R. Franz, a professor of physics at West Virginia University, Morgantown, is the new vice president of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Franz succeeds Gerald Wheeler of Montana State University, who is now president-elect. Robert Resnick of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is this year's AAPT president.

Franz earned her bachelor's degree at Cornell University in 1959 and obtained an MS in 1961 and a physics PhD in 1965 from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She was a research physicist at the IBM Research Laboratory in Zurich from 1965 to 1967, when she joined the faculty of the physics department at Indiana University, Bloomington. She became a full professor in 1979 and served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1980 to 1982. She left Indiana for West Virginia University in 1987 and currently is a visiting professor at Cornell University.

Judy R. Franz

Franz works in theoretical condensed matter physics and is most interested in the electronic behavior of disordered systems, in particular metal–insulator transitions.

She headed The American Physical Society's education committee for two years and has served on the APS Council. She served on the APS Committee on Women in Physics for four years.

Pearley L. Cunningham, director of the Advanced Technology Education Center and professor of physical science and engineering technology at the Community College of Allegheny County in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, has been elected to the AAPT executive board for a three-year term as two-year-college representative.

OAK RIDGE SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR TO SUCCEED POSTMA

Oak Ridge National Laboratory has formed a search committee for a new director to replace Herman Postma, who has become the senior vice president of Martin Marietta Energy Systems Inc, which manages Oak Ridge and four related facilities in Oak Ridge, Paducah, Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio, under contract with the US Department of Energy. Postma had been director of the lab since 1974. He earned a BS at Duke University in 1955 and did his graduate work in physics at Harvard, obtaining an MA in 1958 and a PhD in 1959, when he joined the staff at ORNL.

Alexander Zucker, associate director for the physical sciences at ORNL, is acting director and will serve in that capacity until a permanent director takes over. Murray W. Rosenthal, associate director for advanced energy systems at Oak Ridge, is chairman of the search committee.

IN BRIEF

The American Crystallographic Association has selected William L. Duax of the Medical Foundation of Buffalo to serve a three-year term as its executive officer. Duax's address at the Medical Foundation is 73 High Street, Buffalo NY 14203. ■