

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
SPRING 2003**

The R&D Committee has not held any meetings in the year. A scheduled meeting was cancelled due to weather. Committee activities included

1. A letter was written supporting the two Nanotechnology bills introduced in the House and Senate. These bills are intended to supplement the National Nanotechnology Initiative which is an Executive program. The purpose of the bills is to give Statutory authority to nanotechnology, provide for Congressional oversight, and add money.
2. The Committee is looking at the problem at NASA, the DoD, and other Government agencies that many of the technical staff are nearing retirement and there is a lack of personnel at the next level.
3. I co-authored the Electrotechnology Chapter in the annual AAAS analysis of the President's R&D budget request. The assessment by the committee is that the budget was great for D and a disaster for R.
4. The committee co-sponsored an Engineering R&D Symposium held on March 3-4. The first day was a series of presentations and panels. The second day, the attendees met with Congress and the agencies to support R&D. I met with the NSF.