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Jim Moody  
delivering  
Long Beach  
Conference  
Fellows  
Address

### Psss... WANNA MENTOR?

by James Moody  
*USITT Fellow*

Over the years the Institute has bestowed a living tribute on some sixty members. That honor is to be named a Fellow of the Institute. The ranks of living Fellows are peppered with academics, professional designers, as well as inventors in the technical crafts directly involved with entertainment. They have reached a place in their careers where they have won recognition for their abilities. So what do you think they do now? Sit back with their feet up and smoke cigars? Not likely! They are striving for more challenges. They are out there everyday fighting off the

young Turks who want to take away their hold on the top of the mountain!

Oh, forget it. They are just people like yourself, maybe older, maybe wiser, maybe more experienced, but more importantly willing to give of their time and knowledge to help you. Doesn't sound much like someone trying to claw his or her way to the top does it? Let's hope not or this project is kaput!

Following my own induction into the Fellows, I gave the Fellows Address at the Long Beach Conference. It was centered on a theme of reaching out to other media to ply your wares as designers/technicians. But I included in it a plea for more mentors to help, as I was helped, to gain a foothold on the mountain.

The response from other Fellows was heartening. They said they would like to help younger members. The common remark was that they felt that many younger members were standoffish and didn't openly ask for advice. So how could they help?

Never fear – help is on the way. Dick Devin and I were foolhardy enough to agree to co-chair a "Mentoring with the USITT Fellows Project." We

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### NEW, EASIER TO REMEMBER EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR OFFICE

We are always urging USITT members to tell us about changes in their contact information, so please make a note of the changes in our office email addresses. "The new addresses are easier to remember and tie our electronic communication experience more closely together, since they are more closely aligned with our web site," said William J. Byrnes, Vice-President for Marketing & Development. Don't wait until your email to USITT bounces back with an unrecognizable address. Put all these addresses in your contacts files soon.

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