



Treasurers of the EMC Society Board of Directors

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Introduction

One of the key jobs in the IEEE Electromagnetic Compatibility Society is the Treasurer of the Board of Directors. In its 50-year history, the EMC Society has had many fine individuals fill this role for the Board of Directors. As you would expect, the role of the Treasurer is to help the Society budget its activities, track the yearly expenses versus the budget, and report the results to the Board of Directors of the EMCS and to the cognizant authorities in the parent IEEE organization.

Early Years

The first Treasurer of the IEEE EMC Society (which, of course, in its early years was called the Professional Group on Radio Frequency Interference or PGRFI) was James P. McNaul who served from 1957 through June of 1959. He was then elected the second President of the EMCS! James was associated with the US Army Signal Engineering Labs during these early years of the EMCS.

At the first meeting of the Administrative Committee of the PGRFI (the precursor to the present-day Board of Directors of the EMCS) on November 20, 1957, the Admin Committee authorized an assessment of \$2 per member to finance the "publication of the Group TRANSACTIONS and Newsletters and for other Group functions."

The Administrative Committee meeting held on March 23, 1959 reported that they had 469 paid-up members, 100 unpaid members, and 3 student members. The Treasurer reported a positive balance of \$2,119.03 so the Group was off to a solid start financially.

The second Treasurer of the Group was R.W. Fairweather who served two terms from July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1961. He was followed by Herman Garland, from the Federal Communications Commission, who served one-term as

Treasurer (July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962) and then he became the fifth President of the EMC Society the following year.

The fourth Treasurer of the EMCS was John Egli who served one term as Treasurer (July 1, 1962 – June 30, 1963). Egli was followed by Samuel Burruano for one year and then John Egli returned for another one-year term as Treasurer and then he served two terms as Vice-Chairman of the Society.

Richard B. (Dick) Schulz then served two terms as Treasurer of the Society which actually covered two and a half years from July 1, 1965 until December 31, 1967 as the Administrative Committee decided to switch from a mid-year to a calendar year term for Officers and Administrative Committee members. Dick followed his treasurer-service by serving one year as Chairman of the Admin Committee.

The seventh person to be Treasurer of the EMCS was John Roman who served from January 1, 1968 until December 31, 1969. He was followed by John J. O'Neil who served two years (1970 and 1971).

The ninth person to become Treasurer was Warren Kesselman who first served as Treasurer of the Society from January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972. The Board liked his work so well that he was re-elected for twelve more years through the end of 1984!

The Treasurer's report at the EMCS Board of Directors meeting held January 20, 1983 showed that the net worth of the EMCS was \$164,000, which represented an increase of \$34,000 over the previous year. The Society Membership Fee had increased to \$7 per member per year from the initial \$2 fee.

As the Society started its second 25-year interval as an independent engineering group, a new Treasurer was elected for the 1985 calendar year and his name was Len Carlson. He reported in February of 1986 that the Society's net worth was

\$261,000 and the Society had 2,664 active members.

Len was followed by Dick Ford who was elected Treasurer at the February 1986 Board meeting for calendar year 1986. Dick continued as Treasurer for eight years (1986 – 1993) and instituted computerized reports for the Board of Directors to be able to review financial results in a more timely and detailed fashion.

At the Board meeting in November of 1989, Dick reported a net worth of \$299,300 for the Society. This was down approximately \$20,000 from the previous year. By August of 1991, the Society's net worth had increased to \$364,000. By the end of Dick's term of office as Treasurer, the net worth of the Society had increased to \$435,000!

Dick's tenure as Treasurer was followed by Andrew Podgorski who served as Treasurer for three years; 1994 – 1996. The net worth increased again under Andrew's direction. For example, in 1995, the net surplus of the Society amounted to \$115,000 for just the one year.

Andrew's term as Treasurer was followed by a familiar name, Warren Kesselman. Warren was elected Treasurer for 1997 and he continues to serve today as the Treasurer of the EMC Society. So, counting his first thirteen-year term and his present-day 10-year term, Warren has been Treasurer for 23 years out of the 49 years we have been a Society.

That's quite a record of longevity and quality service to the EMC Society!

Conclusion

Today, the EMC Society has a net worth of over one million dollars and an operating budget of close to 1.5 million dollars. This positive net worth is due, in part, to the many fine Treasurers we have had over the decades. Our Society thanks all of them for their excellent service to the IEEE EMC Society. **EMC**