

# EMC Society Board of Directors Meeting

*Philadelphia Airport Embassy Suites Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
May 21, 2009*

## The President's Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order 9:07 am. Elya Joffe, President, welcomed all guests. A round of introductions was made. Board members present included C. Brench, R. Davis, A. Drozd, R. Ford, R. Goldblum, F. Heather, D. Heirman, T. Hubing, E. Joffe, J. LaSalle, F. Maradei, M. Montrose, J. Norgard, G. Pettit, R. Scully, D. Staggs, D. Sweeney, and T. Yoshino. H. Benitez and J. O'Neil participated via speaker phone. Board members absent included R. Jost and K. Williams. Guests present included B. Archambeault, C. Bunting, D. Hoolihan, T. Jerse, W. Kesselman, K. Phipps, and R. Sudbury. Mr. Joffe thanked Janet O'Neil for all her efforts with the meeting arrangements, expressed condolences to Ghery Pettit upon the loss of his father and acknowledged the birthday of Takeo Yoshino. Mr. Joffe reviewed the purpose and rules of the meeting. Mr. Joffe presented a short report from the Excom meeting. He congratulated the German IEEE EMC Chapter for receiving the 2008 Region 8 Chapter of the Year award.

## Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approve May 2009 Meeting Agenda (Joffe)
- Approve Secretary's Report – March 2009 Meeting Minutes (O'Neil)

- Approve Treasurer's Report (LaSalle)
- Approve Nominations for Certificates of Appreciation/Recognition/Acknowledgement Awards – Davis (Motion)
- Approve Appointment of Don Heirman as New Completed Career Committee Chair – Davis (Motion)
- Approve IEEE EMC Society Policy for Papers Submitted by Volunteers – Hubing (Motion)

## Global Outreach Activities

Mr. Joffe presented the report from Past Chapter outreach activities. He talked about the recent Korea Chapter (April 2009) activities and noted the visit was considered to be very successful. Plans for future Global Outreach efforts include:

- A trip to Australia, June 1–6, 2009
- VIII International Symposium and Exhibition on Electromagnetic Compatibility and Electromagnetic Ecology, St. Petersburg, Russia (June 2009)
- EMC '09/Kyoto (2009 International Symposium on Electromagnetic Compatibility, Kyoto, Japan (July 2009)
- Fifth Asia-Pacific Conference on Environmental Electromagnetics & Exhibition, Xi'an, China (September 2009)

Plans for future Chapter outreach will include a visit to the Hyderabad Chapter (late 2009) with continued outreach to Region 9 (late 2009).



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*EMC Society Board members Don Heirman (left) and Don Sweeney (right) join in the celebration of the 80th birthday of Takeo Yoshino (center).*



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*The rooftop of the Franklin Institute, site of the EMC Society's celebration of the IEEE's 125th Anniversary.*



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*The view of downtown Philadelphia from the rooftop of the Franklin Institute.*



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*A beautiful fountain as seen from the rooftop of the Franklin Institute.*

### **Division IV Director Presentation**

Mr. Roger Sudbury (IEEE Division IV Director) presented his Director's report. He discussed the state of the IEEE. Mr. Sudbury stated that Mr. Joffe is one of two nominees for Division IV Director-elect.

### **President-Elect Report**

Francesca Maradei presented her report which included a schedule of meetings for 2010. Ms. Maradei has stated that due to the timing of the 2010 IEEE EMC Symposium being in July, three meetings will be proposed vs. the standard four for 2010. Following is the proposed schedule of meetings for 2010: March meeting in Pittsburgh; July meeting in Fort Lauderdale; November meeting in San Diego.

### **Past President and Finance Committee Report**

Treasurer John La Salle presented his report on the correct manner for submission of expense reports. Mr. Joffe asked Mr. La Salle to provide an expense package to the Board. The Board

approved a revision to the policy for travel support to Society Directors or Officers after loss of adequate resources. The funding would be limited to no more than \$3,000 per Board member and the maximum amount in the current budget for this line item. Andy Drozd presented his report on the 2010 1st-pass budget development. The Board approved a revision of financial policy for Board member inter-regional travel in 2009. The Board approved a provisional travel subsidy for Society volunteers.

### **Standards Services**

John Norgard, Vice-President for Standards, presented his report. Mr. Drozd presented the status and activities related to Standards. The next meeting will be in August. The Long Range Strategic Planning meeting was also discussed briefly. Mr. Heirman provided status on his activities with the technical committees. Mr. Joffe was tasked to respond to the call for a survey on the "smart grid." Mr. Norgard presented the SETCom

report. Mr. Joffe recommended an action for John Norgard and Bob Scully to present a solution or present a motion to dissolve or combine the two committees RAC and SAC.

## Member Services Report

Bob Davis, Vice-President for Member Services, presented his report. The Board approved supporting the IEEE W.R.G. Baker Award. Collin Brench presented the annual EMC Society award nominees. The Board approved those slated for awards to be presented in 2009. Mr. Drozd presented the nominations slate for Board of Directors elections for the years 2010–2012. The Nominations Committee consists of two Board members and two non-members. There are 12 reported potential candidates. Ten are new people to the Board. Mr. Drozd presented several draft motions for a 15 day preview. These included:

- Revision to Constitution and Bylaws: Creation of a GOLD representative position on the BoD – Drozd
  - Would become Section 17 in the bylaws - Appointment and participation
  - Status of exofficio, non-voting
- Removal of Term Limit for Secretary and Treasurer – Drozd
- Reduction in Size of BoD and ExCom – Drozd
  - Reduce Board by three members over a three year term; no more than 15 members. One VP position would be eliminated.
- Policy for Election Process Reform to BoD – Drozd
  - Reference: A La Carte Model - This will attempt to open the doors for people who have never served on the Board before.

## Communication Services

Todd Hubing, Vice-President for Communication Services, presented his report. Regarding the Newsletter, the Spring 2009 issue is still in production. The IEEE EMC 2009 Symposium Advance Program had to be mailed separately at additional cost. Regarding the EMC Society web page, all pages within the Webmaster's control have been revised. Mr. Hubing will seek central control of all pages.

## Conference Services

Ghery Pettit presented his report as Vice-President of Conferences. Mr. Pettit presented the final 2008 Detroit financial report. He presented the EMC 2009 status and anticipated financials. Frank Sabath has come forward to host the 2015 Symposium in Dresden, Germany. The EMC 2013 location has not yet been determined. Mr. Ford expressed his opinion on Dresden; he was tasked to speak with Frank Sabath regarding the Dresden location. The Board approved Mr. Pettit's proposed policy for "no shows" in technically co-sponsored symposia.

## Technical Services

Bob Scully, Vice President for Technical Services, presented his report. The Education and Student Activities Committee (ESAC) is undergoing transition. Mr. Scully discussed his plan to improve the Technical Co-Sponsor approval process. The reorganization of the Technical Advisory Committee/Technical Committees was briefly mentioned.



*A highlight of the visit to the Franklin Institute was a quick tour of the NASA exhibit. The telescope shown is extremely powerful and unique. The engineers present greatly appreciated seeing it up close.*

*Modern buildings abound in downtown Philadelphia.*

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*The elevator at the Franklin Institute was a jovial place as shown in the smiles of (from left) Dick Ford of the Navy, Bonnie Brench, and Colin Brench of the Southwest Research Institute.*



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*Board member Todd Hubing of Clemson University celebrated wearing the IEEE color blue; he is known to often wear the Clemson color - orange! Board member Bob Goldblum (foreground left) of Robar Industries appreciated Professor Hubing's new attire.*

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*(From left) Don Sweeney of DLS Electronics, Charles Bunting of Oklahoma State University, and Bob Berkovits of Northrop Grumman enjoyed visiting during the anniversary celebration.*



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*IEEE EMC Society past Presidents Don HEIRMAN (left) of Don HEIRMAN Consultants and Andy Drozd of ANDRO Computational Solutions reminisced about the early days of the EMC Society.*

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*EMC Society Founders Ralph Showers (left) and Warren Kesselman were honored for their efforts in the formation of the EMC Society over 50 years ago.*



*EMC Society President Elya Joffe welcomed everyone to the EMC Society's celebration of the IEEE's 125th Anniversary.*

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*Bob Scully of NASA gave an interesting presentation during the Anniversary celebration on the history of space flight and the important role EMC plays on NASA missions.*



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*The EMC Society Board of Directors members and guests posed for a group photo in Philadelphia. Board President Elya Joffe is shown kneeling in the foreground. Joining him in the front row from left are John LaSalle of Northrop Grumman, Francesca Maradei of the University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Don Heirman of Don HEIRMAN Consultants, Warren Kesselman, Takeo Yoshino of the University Electro Communications, Roger Sudbury – IEEE Division IV Director, Bob Goldblum of Robar Industries, and Dick Ford of the Navy. Shown in the back row from left are Todd Hubing of Clemson University, Don Sweeney of DLS Electronic Systems, Colin Brench of the Southwest Research Institute, Tom Jerse of the Citadel, Bob Scully of NASA, Kermit Phipps of EPRI, Bob Davis of Lockheed, Chuck Bunting of Oklahoma State University, John Norgard of NASA, Bruce Archambeault of IBM, Andy Drozd of ANDRO Computational Solutions, Fred Heather of the Navy, Mark Montrose of Montrose Compliance Services, and Gbery Pettit of Intel.*

## Strategic and Long Range Planning

Elya Joffe presented an update on the LRP. He requested all Board Members to review documentation and provide input.

## IEEE 125th Anniversary

Dan Hoolihan presented his report on the IEEE 125th Anniversary Commemoration in Philadelphia.

## Old/Unfinished Business

*Mr. Joffe discussed the following items under old business:*

- Committee Vacancies/Appointments
- Future Meeting Locations:
  - August 16 and 20, 2009 – Austin, TX (during the annual symposium)
  - November 12-14, 2009 – Huntsville, AL
- Mr. Ford’s EMC Society Vote Enhancement Task Force Report.

## New Business

*The following items were discussed under new business:*

- Voting Rights: Mr. Goldblum presented a motion to approve change in voting rights policy (15 day review). There was no follow-on discussion. This will be an electronic vote after the 15 day period.

- Natural Disasters : Mr. Joffe would like to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to set up/determine a small fund for support in case of natural disasters that affect members of the EMC community. This committee would establish “rule making” for distributions from the fund.

## Summary of Financial Impact of Approved Motions

Andy Drozd presented a summary of the net financial impact of the motions presented during the meeting. The only impact is the \$8,000 loss of adequate funds.

## Action Item Review

John LaSalle reviewed the action items discussed during the meeting. An updated, consolidated list of action items will be sent to the Board following the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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*John LaSalle  
(Acting Secretary for Janet O’Neil  
who could not attend the meeting)  
Treasurer, EMC Society Board of Directors*