**Brian Harrington**



**Candidate for IEEE Region 8 Treasurer**

**BIOGRAPHY**

Honours degree, advanced technology, Brunel University (UK), then sponsored at Brunel by industry for research in Numerical Analysis to develop digital simulation tools. Trained as design and development engineer of large power transformers for Central Electricity Generating Board.

Over 35 years in business, including technical management and senior consultant, has been retained by many leading commercial and financial organisations in Europe and USA for development and maintenance of business critical systems.

Held principal systems position for British Aerospace Air Weapons (De Havilland) and senior systems position for British Aerospace Dynamics. Typical successes include lead development of economic modelling system for British Gas International for capital investment in power station construction, gas liquefaction, telecommunications, and the retail distribution of energy. Design for Research Information Unit of BBC global monitoring at Caversham Park (U.K.) required integration of advanced technology to accomplish satellite and video capture of international events for networked television broadcasts.

**IEEE ACTIVITIES**

COMMITTEES/BOARDS: The Institute” Editorial Board and MGA N&A Committee.

REGIONS: Long service as Treasurer of Region 8

SECTIONS/CHAPTERS: Long service in many roles in UKRI Section (including Treasurer and Section Chair, Chair of Computer Chapter and Professional Communications Chapter and including, recently, involvement in Life Members Affinity Group)

STUDENT BRANCHES:

CONFERENCES:

AWARDS: UKRI Section Growth Awards while Section Chair

OTHER: Society Memberships: Computer, Professional Communications

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Highly experienced in professional level banking and financial affairs, doubtful that there is anyone else available among the IEEE Region 8 members who would have this level of expertise and competence. Moreover, has had the experience of acting as Region 8 Treasurer for many years during times of great transition in banking practice and financial regulations. Also has the secure and trusted direct links into the Region 8 Bank Account at NatWest in London, and replacing that arrangement would take a substantial time, and undoubtedly present many difficult challenges.

IEEE Region 8 enjoys privileged access to the International Banking System for Region 8 and members’ expense payments as a result of his past financial presence in the City of London.

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Believed that the relevant accomplishments are well known to the R8 N&A Committee and do not need to be spelled out in detail here. However, the involvement in the planning of R8 Committee and Region 8 OpCom meetings, the assistance in selecting and evaluating the locations and the hotels, negotiating with hotel staff for costs and arrangements, etc. can be added to the general and extensive obligations of the Region 8 Treasurer, which include often difficult interactions with IEEE staff and IEEE MGA members (some with a pitifully-limited understanding of Region 8 requirements and conditions) and handling expense claims from volunteers, making sure that these are reasonable, and taking appropriate actions when they are not. All of these matters he has handled in a professional and successful way.

**POSITION STATEMENT**

“I would be honoured to serve IEEE in this important volunteer role. I believe that I can offer the breadth and depth of general and financial management that is required. I am prepared to take an independent position where I feel that this is in the interest of IEEE Region 8 and of the Volunteer community. I am able to give the time commitment required.”