President

Term
A four year succession consisting of one year as President Elect, two years as President, and one year as Immediate Past President. The President is not eligible for immediate re-election; however, by convention, no person since J.E. McCormick (1891-94) held the office twice. It is the tradition that the President is a research mathematician of distinction as evidenced by such things as the quality of appointments held and books and papers published. At some times, it has been thought wise that the President be a citizen of the United States.¹

Duties
The position is both an honor and a working post. The President has a stated duty of presenting an address to the Society within one year after the close of his term. The President presides at three Council meetings, two Business Meetings, and two meetings of the Executive Committee per year. There are additional committee meetings in which the President participates. The President influences the course of thought and action in the Society not only in his work toward planning the meetings at which he presides but also through the choice of committee members and representatives that he makes after consultation with the Committee on Committees and others. The President introduces the Gibbs Lecturer, the Colloquium Lecturer, prize winners, and the Retiring Presidential Address. The President represents the Society before such bodies as the National Science Foundation and other government agencies including Congress. He is a member of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents, the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences and the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. The President sits with any Committee that he wishes, particularly the Science Policy Committee. More particularly, he is a member of the Executive Committee for four years, a member of the Agenda and Budget Committee and of the Board of Trustees during the second and third year. The President also receives and answers many letters from members on a variety of subjects.

Assistance
The President is assisted by the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Executive Director and his staff in whatever manner the President requests.

Expenses
Full expenses of the President in the exercise of his duties are reimbursed.

¹The section of the Bylaws concerning the beginning and ending of the term of office was amended in 1990. Currently the term of office of an officer of the Society begins on 01 February following election or appointment to the position. The term ends one, two, three, or five years later on 31 January, the number of years depending on the position. Thus the President Elect takes office on 01 February of even numbered years and ceases being President Elect one year later, on 31 January of the following year, at which time he becomes the President.

In the Professional Directory and other places where ending years of terms are listed, the year indicates that the term will end on 31 January of the next year. So, for example, one might see Secretary Robert J. Daverman 2000 which means Robert Daverman is Secretary and his term ends on 31 January 2001 (and it began on 01 February 1999).