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THE COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In order to survey the history of the Council and Board of Trustees, the group of individuals who now direct the affairs of the Society, it may be simplest, first to be informed as to the present membership of the group and then to consider the development into such membership. The maximum possible number of persons in the Council early in 1938 was 41, namely:

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| 1. A president | 7. <i>Transactions</i> editorial committee of three |
| 2. Three vice-presidents | 8. <i>Colloquium</i> editorial committee of three |
| 3. A secretary and four associate secretaries | 9. Three AMS editors <i>Amer. Journ. Math.</i> |
| 4. A treasurer | 10. Three ex-presidents |
| 5. A librarian | 11. Fifteen elected members. |
| 6. <i>Bulletin</i> editorial committee of three | |

Those mentioned in nos. 1–9 inclusive (23) are called the officers of the Society. Since an individual may be an officer in more than one capacity, for example an editor also president, the total number of individuals in the complete Council may be less than 41. Elsewhere in this v. are details concerning, and complete lists of, all those who have ever been the officers mentioned in nos. 1–9. A few only of these facts need be summarized here.

The Council originated with the Constitution, ratified 6 Dec. 1889, which set forth that the Council should be composed of five members, elected annually, three officers (president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer), and two others. Presidents were elected annually until Dec. 1900 when biennial periods commenced and have been continued ever since. All living ex-presidents were members of the Council from Apr. 1900 to the end of 1923; beginning with 1924 they have been members of the Council only “for a period of six years after the expiration of their respective presidential terms.” There will thus be at most three ex-presidents as members of the Council; of course any ex-president is eligible for membership as one of the fifteen elected members. A vice-president was elected annually for the years 1889–1897, and two vice-presidents for biennial periods during 1898–1923. Since the beginning of 1924 there have always been three vice-presidents, each elected for a biennial term.

A secretary-treasurer was elected annually for the years 1890–1891. The offices of secretary and treasurer were then separated and each of these officers was elected annually for the years 1892–1923, and biennially since then. An ex-secretary who has served as secretary for ten or more years is, *ex officio*, a member of the Council. For biennial periods an “assistant secretary” was elected for 1924–1927; two “associate secretaries” for 1928–1929; three associate secretaries for 1930–1937; four associate

secretaries for 1938. After the incorporation of the Society in May 1923 a Board of Trustees was created which, from 3 May 1924, consisted of five members to be elected by the Society for biennial periods. At present the only member of the Board of Trustees, who is also a member of the Council, is the Society's secretary. The present function of the Council is "to formulate and administer the scientific policies of the Society and to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees;" see chapter III.

The two annually elected editors of the *Bulletin* for the years May 1892-1894 were members of the Council, and officers of the Society. The same was true when this number was increased to three, for the years 1895-1923. For the years 1924 and later the editors of the *Bulletin* were, normally, elected for triennial periods. The editors of the *Transactions* have been members of the Council since Oct. 1907, but they were not classed as officers of the Society until 1921; from 1924 these editors were also elected for triennial periods. Since 1929 the editors of the *Colloquium Publications*, elected for triennial periods, have been both members of the Council and officers. The representatives of the Society on the board of editors of the *Amer. Journ. Mathems.* have also been both members of the Council and officers, beginning with 1928; they are elected for quinquennial periods.

Apart from officers, for the years 1890-1891, there were two annually elected members of the Council; for 1892-1894, five; for 1895-1900 nine, three annually for three-year terms, beginning in 1896; for 1901-1923, twelve, four elected annually; and for 1924-1938, fifteen, five elected annually. In all, there have been 174 different elected members of the Council; their names and periods of service are given below. In other parts of this v. similar information is to be found for all others who have ever been members of the Council. The president, vice-president and fifteen members of the Council are not now eligible to immediate reelection.

ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1890: H. J. Messenger, M. I. Pupin—91: D. A. Murray, J. H. Van Amringe—92-93: T. Craig, W. W. Johnson, J. E. Oliver, J. K. Rees, J. H. Van Amringe—94: H. B. Fine, E. H. Moore, S. Newcomb, Charlotte A. Scott, R. S. Woodward—95: T. Craig, E. McClintock, M. Merriman—95-96: H. B. Fine, E. H. Moore, O. Stone—95-97: S. Newcomb, Charlotte A. Scott, H. S. White—96-98: E. W. Hyde, W. W. Johnson, B. O. Peirce—97-99: A. Baker, G. W. Hill, E. McClintock—98-00: W. W. Beman, A. W. Phillips, J. M. Van Vleck—99-01: M. Bôcher, J. Pierpont, Charlotte A. Scott—00-02: O. Bolza, S. Newcomb, L. A. Wait—01-03: E. W. Brown, H. B. Fine, T. F. Holgate, W. F. Osgood—02-04: P. Ladue, G. A. Miller, P. F. Smith, E. B. Van Vleck—03-05: J. Harkness, H. Maschke, I. Stringham, H. W. Tyler—04-06: M. Bôcher, F. Cajori, M. B. Porter, J. H. Tanner—05-07: E. R. Hedrick, T. F. Holgate, E. O. Lovett, L. A. Wait—06-08: C. L. Bouton, L. E. Dickson, E. Kasner, E. J. Townsend—07-09: G. A. Bliss, E. W. Brown, M. W. Haskell, A. G. Webster—08-10: R. E. Allardice, M. Mason, G. D. Olds, M. B. Porter—09-11: H. B. Fine, O. D. Kellogg, F. R. Moulton, E. J. Wilczynski—10-12: D. R. Curtiss, L. P. Eisenhart, J. C. Fields, P. F. Smith—11-13: H. F. Blichfeldt, J. L. Coolidge, C. J. Keyser, J. W. Young—12-14: A. B. Coble, E. W. Davis, O. Veblen, E. B. Wilson—13-15: F. C. Ferry, W. B. Ford, R. C. Maclaurin, J. Westlund—14-16: C. N. Haskins, L. M. Hoskins, E. V. Hunt-

ington, H. L. Rietz—15-17: G. D. Birkhoff, O. E. Glenn, R. G. D. Richardson, W. H. Roever—16-18: G. A. Bliss, R. D. Carmichael, W. B. Fite, F. S. Woods—17-19: G. C. Evans, L. A. Howland, G. H. Ling, R. L. Moore—18-20: R. C. Archibald, D. Jackson, D. N. Lehmer, J. B. Shaw—19-21: H. E. Hawkes, W. A. Hurwitz, A. C. Lunn, C. N. Moore—20-22: T. H. Hildebrandt, E. Kasner, W. A. Manning, H. H. Mitchell—21-23: T. H. Gronwall, O. D. Kellogg, Florence P. Lewis, A. D. Pitcher—22-24: J. W. Alexander, H. Blumberg, L. L. Dines, F. R. Sharpe—23-25: E. T. Bell, W. H. Bussey, J. C. Fields, A. Ranum—24: H. W. Tyler—24-25: J. L. Coolidge—24-26: H. Bateman, G. A. Bliss, S. Lefschetz, C. L. E. Moore, Anna J. Pell-Wheeler—25-26: V. Snyder—25-27: G. A. Campbell, E. W. Chittenden, A. J. Kempner, H. E. Slaught—26-28: T. Fort, Olive C. Hazlett, J. F. Ritt, E. B. Stouffer, N. Wiener—27: D. Buchanan—27-29: A. A. Bennett, J. W. Glover, J. Pierpont, H. S. Vandiver, G. E. Wahlin—28-29: W. C. Graustein—28-30: W. B. Carver, L. Ingold, F. D. Murnaghan, W. L. G. Williams—29: E. P. Lane—29-31: H. F. Blichfeldt, D. Buchanan, B. H. Camp, J. R. Kline—30: L. P. Eisenhart—30-31: C. G. Latimer—30-32: T. C. Fry, C. H. Sisam, H. E. Slaught, J. L. Walsh, W. Weaver—31-33: H. C. M. Morse, J. Pierpont, K. P. Williams, W. A. Wilson—31: J. D. Tamarkin—32-33: A. Emch, E. H. Moore—32-34: C. R. Adams, T. R. Hollcroft, C. C. MacDuffee, W. E. Milne—33-35: G. D. Birkhoff, G. A. Bliss, L. M. Graves, E. Hille, G. Y. Rainich—34: L. E. Dickson—34-36: J. R. Carson, L. R. Ford, R. L. Jeffery, O. Ore, W. Weaver—35-37: A. A. Albert, H. Hotelling, R. E. Langer, D. V. Widder, R. L. Wilder—36-38: J. Douglas, M. H. Stone, J. M. Thomas, T. Y. Thomas, R. M. Winger—37-38: W. L. Ayres, G. A. Hedlund, H. L. Rietz, W. Weaver, G. T. Whyburn—38: P. Franklin, A. D. Michal, J. v. Neumann, J. L. Synge, W. J. Trjitzinsky.