

About EMAG Ltd – Board directors

Alex Henney

Alex Henney, born 1940, studied engineering at the Universities of Bristol and Virginia (where he was a Fulbright Scholar) and economics at the London School of Economics. He had a varied career in McKinsey & Company; chief housing officer of the London Borough of Haringey; seconded to the civil service; advisor to P&O Developments and architects DEGW; board member of London Electricity; international adviser on electricity markets and regulation. Currently has a Leverhulme Fellowship to write a **history of the British electricity industry 1990-2010.**

Alex Henney was appointed chairman of EMAG (for the second time) at the EMAG board meeting on 20th March, 2012.

Paul Braithwaite Company Secretary and General Secretary

Born 1946. Two grown-up daughters. Lives in London. Hobbies: bicycling and being a local Councillor in Camden, which leaves minimal spare time.

Masters Degree from London Business School (1972). Career in marketing, including M&S, EMI and RCA, prior to becoming a director in Saatchi & Saatchi in the late 1970s. In 1984 started own marketing consultancy, specialising in leisure. In 1993 started founded a childrens' educational shop chain: "Fun Learning". Now non-exec chairman, with six shops in the South East. Became an ELAS member in 1984.

Joined EMAG's committee in summer 2000. Worked 'pro bono' on EMAG for two years, including a year as chairman. Removed my own funds from Equitable in July 2002 and simultaneously stepped down from chairing EMAG. Subsequently, retained by EMAG committee as a consultant general secretary to co-ordinate EMAG's activities part-time. Concentrates on general management, political campaigning with lobbyists Bell-Pottinger, supervises EMAG's website and acts as board co-ordinator. Maintains an ELAS archive and writing a book about the scandal.

Paul Weir, communications director

Born London, 1952. Educated at Hatfield Grammar School, then diploma in Advertising Administration at University of Hertfordshire.

After turning down a job writing TV commercials with Ogilvy & Mather, joined New Musical Express as journalist and also wrote for several other IPC magazines. Started to work in music PR. Moved to Cheltenham in 1975 and worked in a number of PR agencies as account director, primarily in architecture, property, house building, healthcare and engineering sectors. In 1990 set up own PR consultancy where I still work now.

As a victim of the Equitable Life scandal, became involved in campaigning from 2001, first of all as a committee member of ELJAG (late joiners), then as adviser to ELTA. Also worked on a voluntary basis with EMAG in close cooperation with Paul Braithwaite. In 2008 I was hired by EMAG, in a professional capacity, to work on the development of the regional campaign and latterly the national PR campaign. In summer 2010, I was invited to become a volunteer director of EMAG. My professional involvement continues.

Betty McCann, Treasurer

On leaving National Westminster Bank I had no pension provision to speak of. I decided to make provision and for the last couple of decades I have restricted my outgoing and instead put all my available income into various Pension Plans. I was looking forward to retiring with a manageable income but not anymore. Trying to keep up to date with the Equitable debacle I decided to offer my services as Treasurer to EMAG.

I was appointed to the committee of EMAG in 2001. I was employed with the same company for more than 20 years in various roles including Administration Manager, Project Management, Service Delivery and Network Manager. In 2001 I graduated with a BSc Honours in Technology through the Open University. I live in Sussex and enjoy Bridge, Skiing and travelling.

John A Newman

Born Hertfordshire 1946. Educated at St Albans School and then took a degree in Mathematics at St Johns College, Cambridge University.

Articled to Coopers & Lybrand in 1967 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1970. Thereafter a career in taxation and financial advice. From 1994 General Partner and Director of Smith & Williamson becoming a consultant in 2004, which he remains. Professionally he was an elected member of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales – ICAEW – 1987 to 1993 and 1995 to 1997. Member of the Council of the Association of Accounting Technicians 1989 to 1999. President of the Association of Accounting Technicians 1996/1997.

His career has meant he has a wide range of financial and international experience ranging across banks, investment management firms and international professional entertainers.

In 2004 he became Chairman of EMAG having attended many committee meetings previously. He is a victim of the Equitable Life scandal having lost on his with profits pension.

Colin Downes

Born Birmingham 1953. Took a degree in Economics and Business Studies at Sheffield University and later qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant whilst working as an accountant specialising in capital investment appraisals for British Gas. Employed as an Industry Auditor for British Gas he gained a Masters in Business Administration at Aston University. A qualified Internal Auditor a career followed from 1989 as Internal Audit Manager for the RAC, covering all roadside and insurance operations. In 1996 he established an audit function for £750m turnover Midlands Co-operative Society following the merger of two Co-operative Societies. As Head of Risk Management for what is the largest independent Co-operative Society he is responsible for all internal audit, loss prevention and risk management reviews across a diverse business including retail, funeral, travel, transport and property trading activities.

His 40-year career has meant he has a wide range of financial and operational trading experience operating at senior management for the past. Additional, he has worked as a lecturer and governor in further education.

He was co-opted by the board of EMAG in December, 2010. He is a victim of the Equitable Life scandal. In his spare time he enjoys a wide range of activities which have included climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, sky- diving, wing-walking and fire walking amongst charity fund raising stunts.

Jeff Worsley

(Appointed 17 November, 2011)

After leaving grammar school in Lancashire Jeff trained and worked as a metallurgist at cable manufacturer BICC before going into teaching general science in a school in Widnes, Cheshire.

He then started his computer career in 1964 working in various capacities from computer programmer, systems analyst, computer consultant, director and general manager of a software company.

In his forties Jeff decided to embark on ocean sailing activities initially around the Mediterranean and then Transatlantic voyages to the West Indies, The Bahamas and North America in a 40ft ketch.

On his return he was employed by the Civil Service for 10 years assisting with the introduction of computer-aided data gathering and analysis for National Statistics.

Since retiring he has had more time to devote to EMAG's campaign for justice.