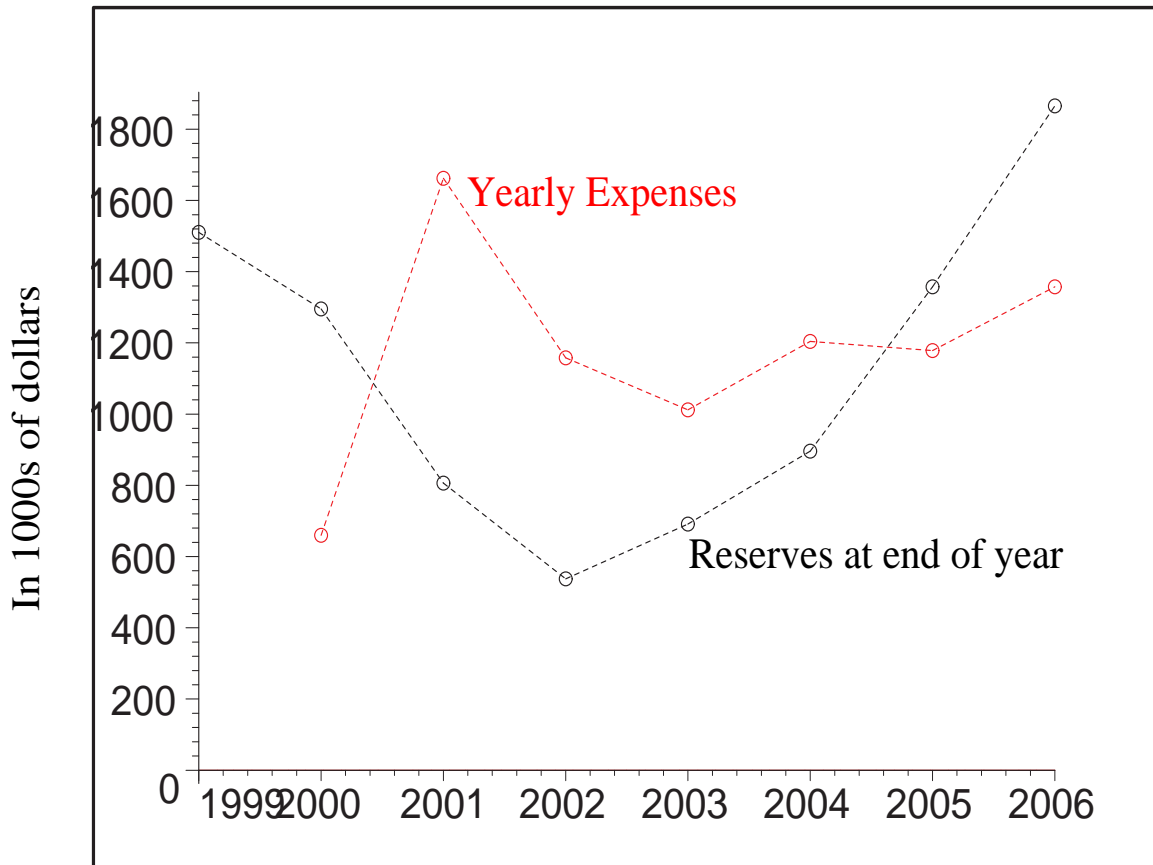


Treasurer's Report

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1 Our reserve: 1999 - 2006



2 Key Numbers for 2006 as of Mar 1st 2007

Loans outstanding (owed to us)	\$64.5K
Estimated "Cash" Reserve	\$1865.5K
Estimated 2006 Operating Surplus	\$370K
Estimated 2006 Investment Returns	\$138.1K

3 Conferences

- *2006 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, Seattle, USA:*
Essentially closed now. \$15K loan repaid. Surplus \$ 17992.32 (around 4 %)
- *2006 IEEE Information Theory Workshop, Punta Del Este, Uruguay*
Loan of \$ 5K

- *2007 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, Nice, France:*
Loan of \$ 10K
- *2007 IEEE Information Theory Workshop, Lake Tahoe, CA*
Loan of \$ 4.5K
- *2008 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, Toronto, Canada:*
Loan of \$ 30K

4 “One-time” Spending Opportunity

TAB has recently approved a new rule that was communicated to us earlier this week. It is now possible to spend half of the previous calendar year’s operating surplus in the current calendar year without going through a budget cycle and the resulting budget spending limit of 3% of reserves. For us, this works out to approximately \$185K. This is a “use it” or “lose it” opportunity in that these amounts cannot be carried forward except as part of our regular reserves that would need serious approvals to be tapped.

Next calendar year, the calculation would be based on this year’s operating surplus.

5 Funding Opportunity

The TAB has an internal deadline of March 26th for applications for IEEE-wide New Initiative money to fund projects greater than \$100K.

6 Risks going forward

There continues to be considerably uncertainty regarding two major sources of income to the society — our share of IEEE Xplore for the Transactions and our share of the revenue from Conference Publications.

There is going to be a new formula for covering infrastructure spending that aims to reduce our risks in the long run but will likely drop our Xplore revenue by upto 20% in the next few years. This will be offset by a reduction in the charges levied upon us for indirect infrastructure and the result is predicted to be a small net positive, although it is not clear what the actual impact will be.

Beyond 2008, there is likely to be a new formula for revenue from the Conference Publications in Xplore that takes into account how often those papers are read. The predicted impact of this for IT society is currently predicted to be strongly negative (a loss on the order of \$100K per year) to us, although this too could change depending on how popular the Conference Publications are in terms of clicks.

As a result, it is not advisable to relax financial discipline regarding conference expenses or registration fees. We need the conference surplus since it is the only completely reliable source of revenue within our control. The society’s current 10% surplus target is already below IEEE guidelines.