

IEEE Region 8 Life Members Report – March 2011

IEEE Life Membership Qualifications

IEEE "Life" status is an automatic process based on an individual's membership record. To qualify for Life member status, a member must be at least 65 years of age and have been a member of IEEE or one of its predecessor societies for such a period that the sum of his/her age and his/her years of membership equals or exceeds 100 years.

Benefits of Life membership

- * Dues and regional assessments are waived for a Life Member.
- * For qualifying Life Members, society fees are waived.
- * Individuals may receive reduced member rates at IEEE sponsored conferences.
- * Life Members continue to receive the same benefits that are available to other IEEE members.

IEEE Life Members Affinity Groups

An IEEE Life Members Affinity Group is a local Unit of an IEEE Organizational Unit, constituted by IEEE members who have obtained Life Member status and established by petition, and concerned to represent and fulfill the needs of the local IEEE Life Members.

A petition www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/forms_petitions/DF_IEEE_MIG_MCT_63099 to establish an IEEE Life Members Affinity Group must be submitted and approved by the IEEE Life Members Committee Chair, Region Director, and Section Chair.

For IEEE Life Members Affinity Group Management and Procedures

visit www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/life_members/group_management.html

Life Member Groups in Region 8

We have LM Groups in only 7 Sections: Croatia, France, Israel, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and UK&RI Section. In many other Sections in our Region we have enough Life Members to form LM Groups. Let us form new LM Groups in our Sections during 2011. Here are the counts of Life Members on 28 February 2011:

Section Name	Count of Life Members	Section Name	Count of Life Members
Austria	15	Malta	1
Benelux	81	Nigeria	1
Croatia	14	Norway	32
Cyprus	1	Poland	18
Czechoslovakia	4	Portugal	3
Denmark	31	Qatar	1
Egypt	24	Rep of Macedonia	1
Finland	23	Romania	3
France	66	Saudi Arabia	3
Germany	144	Serbia & Montenegro	3
Greece	22	Slovenia	8
Hungary	7	South Africa	6
Iceland	3	Spain	41
Israel	88	Sweden	73
Italy	92	Switzerland	149
Jordan	3	Turkey	10
Kenya	1	UK&RI	195
Kuwait	3	Ukraine	2
Latvia	1	UAE	1
Lebanon	1		

LM Group Officers Positions

Officers of the Life Members Group shall be at least a Chair and a Vice Chair. Each member of the Life Members Group Committee shall have attained IEEE Life Member status and be an IEEE member of Member, Senior Member, or Fellow grade.

Congratulations to the 2010 Outstanding Life Member Affinity Groups

The IEEE Life Members Committee (LMC) announced the recipients that have been recognized as 2010 Outstanding Life Member (LM) Affinity Groups. The Outstanding LM Affinity Groups were identified based on the number of LM events held, the average attendance at those events, and the number of contributors to the IEEE Life Members Fund (LMF). Three Lm Groups from Region 8 have been recognized:

Section	LMG Chair
Croatia	Aleksandar Szabo
Israel	Jacob Baal-Schem
Italy	Valerio Cimagalli

The LMC believes that keeping LMs active and engaged is a key component to the success of the IEEE in local IEEE activities. This engagement can be conducted through the local Section and/or Technical Chapter but the LMC believes that having a local LM Affinity Group is a more effective method in keeping LMs active. If your Section does not have an LM Affinity Group, you are encouraged to discuss the formation of an LM Affinity Group with your Section leadership.

Why Establish a Life Members Group

While many Life Members remain active in IEEE projects at various levels of IEEE, the Life Members Committee encourages the formation of Life Members Groups in Sections because the Committee believes more Life Members will remain involved if there are Life Members Groups.

Life Members Groups enable Life Members to retain active IEEE associations, contribute to the social good in their communities, advance the professional interests of IEEE and allow members to enjoy each other's company.

If you have any questions concerning LM group formation don't hesitate to send me an e-mail a.szabo@ieee.org

What LM Groups Can Do

Life Member Groups can cooperate with Chapters, GOLD AG and Student Branches in common projects. Life Members can help in Section Operation and especially in Membership Recruitment and Retention.

Life Members often know much about history and can help a lot in LM Group and Section history activities.

Life Members Groups are authorized by the IEEE Life Members Committee an annual budget, not exceeding US\$1,000, towards meetings or activities acceptable to the Regional Life Members Coordinator. The funding will be provided upon actual expenses. Prior to any Life Members Group expenditure requiring additional Life Members Committee funding, the approval must first be obtained from the Regional Life Members Coordinator.

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