

# Life Member Coordinator Report

## 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 Life Members.
- \* For qualifying Life Members, society fees are also 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 to establish an IEEE LM Affinity Group [www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities/geo\\_activities/forms\\_petitions/DF\\_IEEE\\_MIG\\_MCT\\_63099](http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/forms_petitions/DF_IEEE_MIG_MCT_63099) must be submitted and approved by the IEEE LM 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](http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/life_members/group_management.html)

## 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.

## Keeping Life Members Active and Engaged

The Life Member Committee

[www.ieee.org/societies\\_communities/geo\\_activities/life\\_members/life\\_members\\_committee.html](http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/geo_activities/life_members/life_members_committee.html) believes that keeping Life Members 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 Life Members 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 to Jacob Baal-Schem [j.baal.schem@ieee.org](mailto:j.baal.schem@ieee.org)

## Life Member Groups in Region 8

During 2011 Sections having enough Life Members have been contacted and invited to form LM Groups and **new Life Member Groups have been formed in Greece, Hungary and Slovenia**.

Now we have LM Groups in 10 Sections.

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### Great Potential to Form New LM Groups

The number of Life Members in Region 8 is growing. In many other Sections in our Region we have enough Life Members to form LM Groups. There is a great potential to form new LM Groups.

**I am inviting Sections in Region 8 having enough Life Members to form LM Groups.**

Here are the counts of Life Members on 14 September 2012.

Section	Count of Life Members on 14 Sep 2012	Section Name	Count of Life Members on 14 Sep 2012
Austria	20	Malta	1
Benelux	108	Nigeria	2
<b>Croatia, LMG</b>	15	Norway	33
Cyprus	3	Poland	18
Czechoslovakia	2	Portugal	6
Denmark	32	Qatar	1
Egypt	31	Rep of Macedonia	1
Finland	26	Romania	9
<b>France, LMG</b>	67	Russia NW	1
Germany	167	Saudi Arabia	5
<b>Greece, LMG</b>	24	Serbia & Montenegro	6
<b>Hungary, LMG</b>	13	<b>Slovenia, LMG</b>	12
Iceland	3	South Africa	11
<b>Israel, LMG</b>	106	<b>Spain, LMG</b>	43
<b>Italy, LMG</b>	105	Sweden	86
Jordan	5	<b>Switzerland, LMG</b>	159
Kenya	1	Turkey	11
Kuwait	2	<b>UK&amp;RI, LMG</b>	219
Latvia	1	Ukraine	3
Lebanon	3	UAE	4

### What LM Groups Can Do?

Life Member Groups should organize and report (on-line using v-Tools) at least two meetings during the calendar year to remain active. All meetings are counted (technical, social, administrative).

Life Member Groups can cooperate with Chapters, GOLD Affinity Groups and Student Branches in common projects.

Life Members can help in Section Operation and especially in Membership Recruitment, Retention and Recovery.

Life Members often know a lot about history. They can help in LM Group and Section history activities and participate in the Milestone program.

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.

### **Outstanding LM Groups in Region 8**

During years 2009-2011 some of our LM Groups (Israel three times, Croatia and UK&RI twice, Italy once) have been recognized by the IEEE LM Committee as Outstanding Life Member (LM) Affinity Groups. The Outstanding LM Affinity Groups identification is 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).

### **Future activities**

- A proposal has been sent to MGA and Region 8 that at the occasion of Sections Congress 2014 one day should be a "Life Members Day" with special lecture and activities for IEEE Life Members.
- Life Members will be incited to write "First Hand Histories" to be stored in IEEE GHN, in order to commemorate their activities and their participation in Technological developments.
- Life Members will be invited to assist their section to initiate IEEE Milestone Proposals on events performed in their area more than 25 years ago.
- Holding up to date the Region 8 Life Member web page.
- It is intended to get more information on Life Members and their activities in "Region 8 News".

### **Best practices**

- IEEE Sections have been reminded that IEEE Life Members should pay a reduced fee (Student fee or lower) at IEEE sponsored events.
- IEEE Sections should incite older members to continue paying their dues until the age of 65 in order to enjoy the advantages of becoming Life Members.

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