



# Life Membership in IEEE

- ▶ Members qualify for Life membership if they are at least 65 and have been members long enough that the sum total of age and years of membership is at least 100 years.
- ▶ Life members do not pay dues
- ▶ The number of Life members in the Region is growing steadily

# Life Member Affinity Groups (LMAGs) in Region 8

- ▶ Benelux (159)
- ▶ Croatia (22)
- ▶ France (99)
- ▶ Germany (212)
- ▶ Greece (31)
- ▶ Hungary (18)
- ▶ Israel (126)
- ▶ Italy (153)
- ▶ Slovenia (16)
- ▶ Spain (68)
- ▶ Switzerland (194)
- ▶ UK and Ireland (304)
- ▶ Lebanon (7) formed in June 2017

# What do LMAAGs do?

- They help to retain older members and maintain contact by means of technical meetings, social events and general interest talks
- Organise activities such as history of technology events (e.g. IEEE Milestones), technical updating meetings, volunteering in local schools to raise awareness of engineering opportunities via projects, and mentoring

# Resources

- Each LMAG receives a rebate from MGA of \$200 per year allocated through the Section to support technical and social activities.
- Grants of up to \$1,000 are available from the IEEE Foundation for special events and projects.
- Joint activities with other IEEE and non-IEEE entities can be readily arranged by LMAGs, and enjoy the full privileges and prestige of the Institute

# Forming New LMAGs

- ▶ The following Sections should ask their Life members to form an LMAG now
  - ▶ Austria ( 30)
  - ▶ Denmark (42)
  - ▶ Egypt (41)
  - ▶ Finland (30)
  - ▶ Norway (44)
  - ▶ Poland (23)
  - ▶ Portugal (18)
  - ▶ Sweden (102)

# Formation of LMAGs

- The MGA webpage gives the details of how to submit a petition, signed by 6 higher Grade members, to form the LMAG.
- The LMAG can include not only Life members but also other higher Grade IEEE members.
- A minimum of 2 meetings/events per year is sufficient to remain in good standing.

# Actions for Section Chairs

- Discuss with your Section MD officer about starting your own LMAG, so you can better serve the Life members in your Section.
- Go to the Region 8 Life member web pages for further details of how to form your LMAG. It is a very simple process.



# Service to Older Members

- ▶ Is your Section aware of the need to improve your service to older members?
- ▶ Retired members, or 'nearly retired' members can be encouraged to remain active by including them in your Life member activities.
- ▶ They are a valuable resource, able to take on volunteer roles.

# Contact

Contact the Regional LM Coordinator  
(Charles Turner) if you need help with  
any Life member issues

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