

Life Member Coordinator

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Goals

Enhance and encourage interest in electrical and electronic engineering at secondary and tertiary (college) levels.

- Utilize the vast experience of LMs to impact the general public's knowledge of electrical and electronic engineering and increase understanding of the role of engineers.
- Foster collaborations in pre-university education and encourage students to consider taking up engineering as a career.
- Promulgate the history of electrical engineering together with information and related technologies.

Status

Administrative Status :

- No R8 LMAG is recently dissolved
- Our Region has the highest number of active LMAG : 13
- 23% of total R8 Sections have LMAG : more effort has to be done for increasing this percentage. Efforts are started with Sweden Section (LM counts 100)
- # total of meetings for R8 LMAGs : 32,(highest : 10 from France LMAG),
- Only the Greece LMAG had not reported 2 meeting for 2017,

Proposals to R8 OpCom : Following proposals that I presented to the R8 Directors (present, past and elect) during R8 Athene Committee meeting and presented also by our our Region 8 Vice Chair, Member Activities, Antoine Luque during 2018 Summer OpCom meeting, OpCom had very well received my initiatives and proposals. There was a proposal to create an LM full committee. OpCom estimates that LMs are an important segment in the Region, so the suggestion is to create a team of volunteers now, show activity and if this activity is sustained and the need is shown, the committee could be created in the near future. The OpCom approved Victor proposal for organising a meeting for LMAG responsables in R8 together with the R8 meeting, If this can be arranged, Region 8 can provide funds.

Milestones Activities in R8 :

- Many LMAGs in Sections in R8 participate with the History Committee to propose IEEE

Milestones : Examples

- - A milestone plaque was unveiled at Dundee University in Scotland on Thursday 5 April, 2018 at the university laboratories where Spear and LeComber carried out their experiments which led directly to the world of flat screens and smartphones we live in today
- A dedication ceremony was held on September 6, 2018 to honor an Engineering Milestone: The French Transatlantic Telegraph Cable, 1898. IEEE President James Jefferies unveiled two plaques (English and French versions) honoring the Cable at the French Cable Station Museum (FCSM) in Orleans, MA.
- The LMAG of France Section is working now to propose the Storage Battery (Plante, 1859) and Transformer (Gaulard/Gibb, 1881) as IEEE Milestones.

The message that was sent to R8 Section Chairs on August 13, 2018 :

In this message, it was recommended :

- that each Section should have a LM Coordinator to serve on the Section EXCOM to represent the interest of all older members.
- the inclusion on the Section website of the name and contact details of the Coordinator, and
- the provision of a space on the website for news of interest to Life members.

For the moment, I received only a reply from the Italy Section Chair and a message from the Egypt Section Chair promising me that he will sent the completed petition for forming an LMAG soon. I was not expecting having many replies on our messages beforemid Septembert due to summer vacation. I will send a message to each Section Chair especially for those Sections that have LMAGs for the same purpose hoping to receive answers before the R8 Belgrade meeting.

Formation of new LMAGs

- Only 13 of the 57 Sections in Region 8 have an LMAG.
- Potentially, another 20 or so have sufficient LMs to justify the formation of a new LMAG.
- The inclusion of the ?older members? referred to above would ensure the viability of an LMAG in those Sections with less than 20 LMS.
- A campaign has been launched to create new LMAGs this year

Outlook

It is agreed that the inclusion of older members approaching LM status, together with retired members, would transform the viability of the smaller LMAGs. Increased collaboration between LMAGs and other IEEE Operation Units in their Sections is very important as the Section can make use of the knowledge and experience of Life Members and also from the more time that they can devote for IEEE Section activities. More resources from MGA, Region 8, and Sections, would be needed if LMAGs wished to expand their activities. Sponsorship from industry and Government organisations is available for certain types of projects.

Points of Concern

Recommendations to R8 Sections Chairs : It is important that each Section nominate in its bureau a Correspondant (it is not necessary that the correspondant be himself an IEEE Life Member) to the R8 Life Members Coordinator, even if there is no LMAG formed yet in the Section. We suggest that a formal invitation to older members approaching LM status to join their Section's LMAG which would help to remove the confusion over who is eligible to participate in LMAG activities (i.e. not just LMs).

Make use of Life Members knowledge and experience : (Mentoring Opportunities/Engaging the Young)

- 1) Assist your Student Branches
 - Resource for soft skills for job interviews and early career know how
 - Student paper contest judging
 - Host book sharing day
- 2) Involvement with local school districts (pre-university)
 - Hosting Career Day
 - Science Fair Judging

Assisting the Section in:

- 1) New Unit Formations
 - LMs provide assistance in getting new student branches and Young Professional Affinity Groups.
 - LMs can be a reference point for new officers
- 2) Form Section Senate/Advisory Panel
 - Mix of past chairs and life members
- 3) Senior Member Elevations
 - Produce reference letters for local members

Other Issues to report