

# 2026 IEEE Life Member Affinity Group (LMAG) Achievement Award Instructions

## 1. Description

- a) The Regional IEEE Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) Achievement Award** is given annually to one LMAG in each of the IEEE Regions to recognize those substantive initiatives, projects or achievements that have left an undeniable imprint on the fabric of IEEE Life Members operations, the IEEE Life Members Fund, IEEE members in general, or the public image of IEEE. The award will be based on the programs that took place in the LMAG during the period of 1st January to 31st December of the preceding year.
- b) A global award, "Global IEEE Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) Achievement Award",** will be given to one outstanding LMAG selected from amongst the current year LMAG awardees of all regions.

## 2. Schedule of Cutoff Dates in 2026

- Nomination Call issued on: 1 March
- Nomination deadline: 15 April
- Regional Committee approval: 30 Apr
- LMC Awards Committee approval: 31 May
- Recipient notified: June.
- Certificate / Plaque delivery: July
- Prize money sent: July.
- Certificate / Plaque of Recognition at an event: To be determined by LMC Awards Committee.

Each region LMAG award winner and the global award winner can opt for receiving certificate or plaque. Cutoff Time for the above is 11:59 PM New York (Eastern) time zone on specified dates.

## 3. Awards

- a) Region Award:** Certificate or plaque of Recognition and a prize money of US \$500 for future affinity group activities will be awarded to the winning LMAG. The recognition award certificate or plaque is to be presented during a regional or section level event.
- b) Global Award:** Certificate or plaque of Recognition and a prize money of US \$2,000 for future affinity group activities will be awarded to the winner of outstanding Life Members Affinity Group. Expenses may be paid for the winning LMAG representative designated by the LMAG Chair for travelling to an appropriate event to receive the recognition award.

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## 4. Scope

One Regional award per region and one global award from amongst regional awardees will be granted annually. However, awards may not be granted a given year if no suitable nominations have been submitted.

## 5. Eligibility

All LMAGs that are in good standing are eligible to receive a Life Member Affinity Group (LMAG) Achievement award. No LMAG is eligible to receive Regional LMAG Achievement Award more than once within two consecutive years. **So, an LMAG that had won regional LMAG award in the previous year is not eligible for the current year LMAG award nomination.** No LMAG is eligible to receive the Global LMAG Achievement Award more than once within three consecutive years. **An LMAG that had won global LMAG award in the previous year is not eligible to receive the global LMAG award for the next two years.** [Examples: (1) A regional winner of 2021 IEEE LMAG Achievement Award is not eligible for the regional LMAG award nomination for 2022 IEEE LMAG Achievement Award; (2) A global LMAG award winner of 2021 IEEE LMAG Achievement Award is not eligible for winning the global 2022, and 2023 IEEE LMAG Achievement Awards.]

LMAGs chaired by the Jury Members (LMC Awards Committee Chair and Members of the Awards Committee) are not eligible to be considered for this award.

Nominations received after closing date and time shall be rejected.

## 6. Selection Committees

### a) Regional Awards Committee

Regional Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) Achievement Awards Committee (or regional panel of judges) constituted by Regional Life Member Coordinator as Chair and a minimum of two other life members in the region, will judge the Nominations received and select one LMAG in the region as winner of the Regional LMAG Achievement Award.

The Regional Awards Committee shall consider the extraordinary contributions of the LMAG to the Life Members in that region. Regional Awards Committee may also consider credit for Website and Newsletters if any for the regional LMAG winners.

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## **b) Global Award Committee**

Awards committee of the Life Members Committee will select a global Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) Achievement Awardee from amongst the eligible regional winners of all regions.

## **7. Presentation**

Presentation of the regional award will take place at an IEEE Region or Area meetings or even local IEEE section events, awards ceremony, or any other IEEE event. The specific venue and timing of the presentation will be finalized between the Regional Life Member Coordinators and the award recipients.

The global award shall be presented at a Life Members global or possibly at a regional event. The specific venue and timing of the presentation will be finalized between the Life Members Awards Committee Chair, Regional LM Coordinator and the global award recipient.