**IEEE Life Member Affinity Group Award of the year**

1. **Description**
2. **The IEEE Region Life Members Affinity Group Award** is given annually to one Life Members Affinity Group (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 region during the period of 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year.

1. A global award, the **IEEE Life Members Affinity Group Achievement Award**, will be given to the outstanding LMAG among the current regional awardees.
2. **Schedule**
* Nomination deadline: 15 April
* Committee approval: May
* Recipient notified: June
1. **Awards**

a) **Global Award:** Plaque of Recognition and a subsidy of US $2,000 for future affinity group activities will be awarded to the outstanding Life Members Affinity Group. Expenses may be paid to a representative for travelling to an appropriate event to receive the award.

b) **Region Award:** Certificate of Recognition and a subsidy of US $500 for future affinity group activities will be awarded to the winning LMAG. The award will be presented during a region/section level event.

1. **Scope**

One award per region and one global award among region winners will be granted annually. However, awards need not be granted in a given year if no suitable nominations have been submitted.

1. **Eligibility**
* All LMAGs that are in good standing are eligible to receive any Life Member Affinity Group award. \*
* No LMAG is eligible to receive more than one Region LMAG award within a two-year period.
* No LMAG is eligible to receive the Global Achievement Award more than once every three years.
1. **Basis for Judging**

a) **Regional Awards**

A Life Members Affinity Group Region Awards Committee, a joint committee of region and LMC Members, will consider the excellence and the extraordinary contributions of the LMAG in that region. The criteria of selection of the award shall be based on the accomplishments in the following categories:

1. **LMAG Outreach, Engagement, and Community Involvement**
* Corporate engagement
	+ Pre-university STEM or CTE commitment
	+ University outreach
	+ Community participation
	+ Involvement with other IEEE organizational units and groups, e.g., Young Professionals, WIE, Student members, Student Branches, Sections and Chapters
	+ Relationships with other professional and technical societies
1. **Life Member Engagement**
	* Life Member Affinity Group Vitality as evidenced by one or a combination of the following:
* Performance at LMAG meetings and group activities – attendance and participation
	+ - Affinity Group/Chapter growth
		- Innovative programs for members
		- Volunteer activities
		- Growth of member involvement
		- Financial growth of the LMAG
	+ Collaboration with other Life Member entities and facilitate interaction among other Life Member Affinity Groups
	+ Documentation and promotion of LMAG activities, programs, and ideas that can be repeatable and deployed by other LMAGs
1. **Advancing the image of IEEE and the Life Members by communicating LMAG ideals, programs and IEEE initiatives through various channels including, but not limited to**:
* Web site
	+ - Newsletters
		- Social media
		- Blogs
		- Public broadcast and print media channels
1. **Providing general support of IEEE initiatives including**:
* Innovation, breadth, and type of activities
	+ - Contributions to the IEEE Life Member Fund
		- Conference involvement

b) **Global Award**

 The same above mentioned criteria will be used to select the Life

 Member Affinity Group Achievement Award among the Region winners.

VII. **Selection committees**

The region recipient will be recommended and selected by an LMAG Region Award Committee, a joint Committee with the Life Members Committee, chaired by the LM Region Coordinator, with three additional members appointed by the LM Region Coordinator and with one member being from the Life Members Committee (LMC).

The **Global (Achievement Award) recipient**, selected among the region winners, will be recommended by the Awards Committee of the Life Members Committee, and approved by the IEEE LMC.

* + - * 1. **Presentation**

The awards would be presented annually to the winners and announced at an event designated by the LM Region Coordinator for the region award, and by the Life Member Committee for the global Achievement Award. Presentation of the award will take place at, but not limited to, events including IEEE Region or Area meetings or even local IEEE section events, such as an annual section dinner or awards ceremony. The specific venue and timing of the presentation will be finalized between the LM Regional Coordinator or the Life Member Committee and the award recipients.

\*LMAGs that are in good standing generally demonstrate the following:

* least 3 of the Officer positions are filled and functional
	+ Holding a minimum of 2 meetings but work to achieve at least 6 meetings (that

 Include at least 3 technical meetings)

* + Holding or sponsoring at least one event involving students
	+ Having a current individual web site or be current with information on their

 Section’s web pages

* + Being active in their local community with various functions and events