

Member Engagement - Life Member Groups



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Facts of Life (Members)

- ❑ **You get more grey-haired**
- ❑ **You are too OLD to be GOLD**
- ❑ **The more hope you have to be a Life Member**

One thing about being a Life Member –

You get into heated discussions about pension plans.

What is a Life Member?

- ❑ **Must be at least 65 years of age**
- ❑ **Age plus years of membership must equal or exceed 100 years.**
- ❑ **You do not apply. This is automatic based on age + membership years.**
- ❑ **Those who qualify will be notified by mail in the 4th quarter of qualifying year.**
- ❑ **“Life” status begins on Jan 1 of following year**

Life Member Group

- **MGAB Affinity Group**
(formerly chapters) - are referred to as **Life Member Groups**
- **Associated with one or more sections**
- **Life Members Committee is its parent organization**
- **Has at least six members**
 - **Need not all be Life Members**

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Life Members by Region (as of March 2008)

Region	#	Region	#
1	4,953	6	5,919
2	3,738	7	884
3	3,361	8	964
4	1,879	9	175
5	2,194	10	762

Total = 24,829

Life Member Groups by Region

Region 1 8

Region 2 5

Region 3 8

Region 4 3

Region 5 5

Region 6 3

Region 7 9

Region 8 5

Region 9 6

Region 10 2

A good thing about being a Life Member -

Your eyes won't get much worse.

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Why form a LM Group?

- **Life Members can be very helpful at the Section level in not only providing advice and assistance with the operation of the Section, but also pursue projects, such as history, Milestone, Historic Landmark, etc**

Importance of Life Member Group to the Section. Life Members -

- Can be very helpful in the Section level in providing advice and assistance with the operation of the Section.
- Can also pursue projects, such as history, Milestone, Historic Landmark, etc
- Are encouraged to participate in the Section activities, including as Section officers

A good thing about being a Life Member -

Your joints are more accurate than the TV weather.

Importance of Life Members to the IEEE Section

- **Availability of experienced people**
- **Many are willing and have time to assist in projects**
- **Many have educational and professional experience**
- **Have knowledge related to development of technologies**

Importance of Life Member Group to the Section. Life Members

- **Can serve as Section or Regional Life Member Coordinators**
- **Add a \$200 Rebate to Section (2 meetings per year required)**
- **Adds a LMC allocation of up to \$500/year**
 - **Reimbursement of actual expenses for approved programs in the Section**

A good thing about being a Life Member -

You can live without sex, but not without your glasses.

Importance of LM Group to Section: Life Members can

- **Join the RE-SEED program (Retirees Enhancing Science Education)**
- **Assist at IEEE conferences in the area**
- **Provide broad interest programs in history and technology**
- **Provide tech support to public service programs**
 - **Schools, local government**
- **Assist Membership Development Committee**

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Importance of Life Member Group for Life Members

- Annual Institute dues are waived
- Society dues waived when LM has been a member of a Society for 5 or more years
- All applicable Institute & Society publications continue to be received
- Reduced fee at IEEE Conferences
- At annual dues time you can make a tax deductible donation to the Life Member Fund (US only).

Importance of Life Member Group for Life Members

- **Provide Life Members with an opportunity to meet and discuss topics which are of interest to members within the geographic area**
- **Encourage LMs to take an active part in the activities of the Section**
- **Encourage networking among themselves**
- **Establish Section/Group programs specially geared to the interests of the Life Members**

Importance of Life Member Group to the Section. Life Members -

- **Renew acquaintances and friendships**
- **Work on worthwhile programs**
- **Help with IEEE conferences – administration, registration, monitoring, etc. (Side benefits here include free attendance, meals, etc.)**
- **You get out of the house**

A good thing about being a Life Member -

There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

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IEEE Life Members Committee Functions

- Represent the interests of IEEE life members
- Publish a Life Members Newsletter
- Solicit donations to the Life Members Fund
- Make grants to support projects
- Support Life Member Groups
- and coming soon
 - Organize IEEE Tech Tours

IEEE Life Members Fund Invests in Programs That:

- ❖ **Encourage/Enhance Interest in Engineering, Science, & Math Education**
- ❖ **Utilize the vast experience of Life Members to impact the general public's knowledge of engineering**
- ❖ **Foster collaborations in pre-college education**
- ❖ **Promulgate the history of electrical and information technologies**

A good thing about being a Life Member -

You can have a party and the neighbors don't realize it.

Regional Life Member Coordinators 2008

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Starting a Life Member Group (or any IEEE Affinity Group)

- Collect six IEEE members
 - Agree to join the group when established
 - Need not be life members
- Select an organizer
 - Will become interim Chair
- Complete petition
- Secure Section ExCom approval
- Send petition to IEEE MGA Managing Dir.

Getting Started

When approval has been received:

- Elect a Chair and Treasurer
 - Chair must be Life Member
- Perhaps elect an Activities Coordinator
- Hold at least two meetings per year
- The job is never done without the paperwork:
 - Meeting report after every meeting
 - Financial report after 31 December
 - Officer report within 21 days of an election

In summary, the general goals of Life Member Groups are:

- **Help to enable life members to retain active IEEE associations**
- **Contribute to the social good in their communities**
- **Advance IEEE's professional interests**
- **Enjoy each other's company**

A good thing about being a Life Member -
Your computer won't be obsolete before you are.

Member Engagement – through Life Member Groups

Anything you'd like to add to
the benefits I have named?

- A good thing about being a Life Member – your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

Member Engagement – through Affinity Group Activities

I would be happy to try to answer any questions you may have.

A good thing about being a Life Member –
Things you buy now probably won't wear out.

Some good things about being a Life Member

1. Your brain cells are down to a manageable level.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends – because they can't remember them either.
3. Your joints are more accurate than the TV weather.
4. Your investment in health insurance is paying off.
5. Your eyes won't get much worse.
6. You sing along with elevator music.
7. You quit trying to hold your stomach in.
8. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
9. You have a party and the neighbors don't realize it.
10. You get into a heated argument about pension plans.
11. You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.

More good things about being a Life Member

1. You can live without sex, but not without glasses.
2. You can eat dinner at 4:00 p.m.
3. Things you buy now probably won't wear out.
4. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. Friends call you at 9pm and ask "Did I wake you?"
7. No one expects you to be a hero.
8. It's very hard for anyone to make a sexual harassment charge stick.
9. In a hostage situation, you will be released first.
10. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
11. Your computer won't be obsolete before you are.

**Thanks to the IEEE staff for their
continuing help, and –
Have a good morning.
It's always morning somewhere!!
Enjoy the rest of Sections Congress '08**