IEEE Toronto Section - Life Members Chapter

Inaugural Luncheon Meeting - Wednesday, October 30, 2002

Since IEEE life member activities are new in Canada, this page has been prepared to provide information for interested members.

Definition of Life Members

IEEE members (all grades) who have reached 65 years of age and whose "age plus years of IEEE membership" equals or exceeds 100 on January 1.

Number of Life Members by Section - Canadian total = 1022					
Western Canada	266	Central Canada	396	Eastern Canada	360
Vancouver	118	Toronto	225	Ottawa	161
Victoria	44	Hamilton	65	Montreal	150
Winnipeg	37	London	32	Canadian Atlantic	24
Southern Alberta	32	Kitchener/Waterloo	28	New Brunswick	12
Northern Canada	17	Kingston	26	Quebec	9
South Saskatchewan	9	Peterborough	20	Newfoundland	4
North Saskatchewan	9			St Maurice	0

Proposed Life Member Activities

work with the Section executive to:

1. maintain a local inventory of life members, updating contact addresses,
2. host meetings and social events of interest,
3. organize computer and Internet familiarization workshops for life members,
4. submit articles to Region and Section newsletters,
5. promote recognition of the history of our technologies within IEEE Canada,
6. promote historical articles in the Canadian Review,
7. actively participate in commemorating the Section centennial in 2003.

Our Canadian Life Member Coordinating Committee

Ron Potts - Chair and Central Canada representative
Wally Read - Eastern Canada representative
Om Malik - Western Canada representative

This committee has made remarkable progress in stimulating awareness and interest and in generating activity. Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal have specific chapter formation activities at present. Other Sections are canvassing their membership and almost all Sections have identified an individual to work with the coordinating committee. It is likely that Ottawa and Winnipeg will form their own chapters and that other Sections with smaller numbers of life members will form joint chapters with their neighboring Sections

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Cooperation with the Engineering Institute of Canada
Len Bateman, Winnipeg Section, is the chair of the EIC Life Members Organization and is the liaison between our two groups. As the EIC ceased the practice of individual membership some time ago, the current IEEE Canada life member activities are seen as being complementary and continuing. In addition, IEEE Canada is now part of the EIC as its constituent society for Electrical, Electronics, and Computer Engineering.

Life Member Chapter Formation Details
Life Member (LM) Chapters are required to maintain a membership of at last six (6) members and hold a minimum of two programs per year, or to maintain a level of activity acceptable to the Regional Life Member Coordinator.

The first step is to obtain a life member to act as the organizer for the Chapter and to obtain at least the minimum number of life members to sign on and be willing to participate in assisting the Section with possible life member activities. A Chair and a Vice Chair are the (minimum complement of) officers of the Chapter. For particular planned activities, additional volunteer leaders need to be identified.

Funding for forming LM Chapters is provided by IEEE Life Member Committee through the LM Chapter Coordinator.

- All expenses exceeding $150 must be approved by the LM Chapter Co-ordinator and submitted to the IEEE Regional Activities Department.
- Chapter activity expenses are not specifically defined but can be submitted as a project for approval. However the guidelines for LM Chapter operation have project proposal forms which require an annual Project Plan and Financing Request approved by the LM Chapter Chair, Regional LM Chapter Chair and Regional Director.

Reporting Forms - are available from IEEE - they include:

- Chapter Formation Petition
- Chapter Meeting Report
- Chapter Project Reporting
- Project Plan and Financing Request

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