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To: Region 3 Sections
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Region 3 consists of 41 Sections in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Areas of Indiana, and the Country of Jamaica. There are Life Members in each section.

There are currently ten active Life Member Affinity Groups in Region 3. These Life Member Affinity Groups are located in the Florida West Coast Section, the Atlanta Georgia Section, the Orlando Florida Section, the Melbourne Florida Section, the Eastern Tennessee Section, the Northwest Florida Section, the Daytona Florida Section, the Winston-Salem North Carolina Section, the Alabama Section and the Louisville Kentucky Section. Most of these sections appear to be healthy and active. The Melbourne Section informed me that they have a new LMAG Chairman, Dr. Mike Thursby, and the new Winston-Salem LAMG Chairman is Norman Crump. It appears that the Louisville Section and Orlando Section did not meet or report their required number of LMAG meetings in 2015, and may be in the process of deactivation.

Twelve of the Sections in Region 3 have 100 or more Life Members, six of these Sections are represented by Life Member Affinity Groups. The remaining Sections in Region 3 contain less than 100 Life Members each. In Region 3 about 42% of the Life Members are currently represented of active Life Member Affinity Groups.

Last year we specifically targeted the Sections within Region 3 that have in excess of 100 Life Members to discuss forming LMAGs. One of these groups, the Palm Beach Section once had a very active LMAG group but has been inactive for several years. The other Sections in Region 3 with more than 100 Life Member, that do not have LMAGs are: Eastern North Carolina Section, the Huntsville Section, the Hampton Roads Section, the Central Virginia Section and the Richmond Section. The plan for this year is to concentrate on forming LMAGs in these Sections.

In a recent LMC Meeting there was a discussion about permitting members over 60 years of age with thirty or more years of IEEE membership to participate in LMAG activities. Many of these members fall short of the number of required years of IEEE membership but would like to stay active in Section Activities. This is an important group of long term members that we would not like to lose and could be of great help in LMAG outreach activities. I am sure that the LMC will discuss this topic in more depth in the very near future.

One of my major concern's, is the lack of communications between the LMAGs and between the LMAGs and IEEE Headquarters. In some cases the Sections do not report all of the LMAG activities to IEEE Headquarters including changes in the LMAG Chairman and reportable meetings. In addition we currently do not have an easy method to

coordinate activities and provide support between LMAGs within the Region. This is a problem that we will work on during the coming year. In today's highly technical age interaction between LMAG is certainly a possibility, interaction between the Regional Coordinator and the Section Chairs should be easy. This is a problem that must be solved in order to coordinate activities.

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