

Region 3 Life Members Coordinators Report

As of 12 March 2010 the Life Membership status of Region 3 consists of 9 Life Members Affinity Groups servicing the 41 Sections in the Region. The total number of Life Members in Region 3 is approximately 3569. Of the 9 Life Member Affinity Groups 8 are active and one is currently inactive.

We currently have 9 Sections with 70 more Life Members per Section that do not have Life Member Affinity Groups.

At a recent meeting of the Life Members Committee held in San Jose, California. Several proposals were discussed that might of particular interest to the organization of Region 3 Life Member Affinity Groups.

- One of concepts discussed was having several sectional LM coordinators geographically distributed within an IEEE Region. The idea was to provide a more locally orientated support structure for Life Members within reasonable communiting distance of each of the Region's Sections.
- At the present time some Region 3 Section's have a Life Member population that is distributed over large geographical distances. These Section's might consider establishing several Life Member Affinity Groups, coordinated within a Section that services these geographically distributed member population. In other areas it might be possible to form one Life Member Affinity Group consisting of members from two adjacent Sections.
- In recent years there has been a movement within the Sections to be supportive and encourage members who qualify for higher grades to apply for the higher grades. This same logic applies to Life Members. Many of the Life Members are no longer in the work force and do not have the traditional support structure associated with applying for higher grade level in the IEEE. As Life Members normally meet the goal of 40 or more years of service, Life Member Affinity Groups were encouraged to help provide the support structure needed for Life Members to apply for higher grades within the IEEE.
- One of the goals of the Life Members Committee is an attempt to enable Life Members to attend IEEE Sponsored Technical Conferences at the same price paid by Student Members. Implementing this process appears to be tricky as many technical conferences are co-sponsored with non IEEE organizations.

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