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To: Region 3 Executive Committee
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Subject: Region 3 Life Member Coordinator Report

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 eleven 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 and Huntsville, Alabama Section. Most of these sections appear to be healthy and active. It appears that the Louisville Section and Orlando Section have not met their required number of LMAG meetings in the past few years, and may be in the process of deactivation and the Winston-Salem Section does not currently have a LMAG Chairman

According to the Life Member statics, that I currently have, 9 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 50.3% of the Life Members are currently represented by active Life Member Affinity Groups.

Last year we specifically targeted the Sections within Region 3 that have in excess of 100 Life Members to form LMAGs. During 2016 the Huntsville, Alabama Section was added to the Region 3 LMAGs and we are very happy to have them on board. One of the three groups which have more than 100 Life Members and do not have a LMAG is the Palm Beach Section. Up to a few years ago the Palm Beach Section had a very active LMAG but it went inactive. One of our goals for 2017 is to try and reactivate the Palm Beach Sections LMAG. The other two sections have more than 100 Life Members but no LMAGs are the Eastern North Carolina Section and the Hampton Roads Section. Several other groups like the Central Virginia Section and the Richmond Section fall just below the 100 Life Member thresholds. The plan for this year is to concentrate on encouraging formation LMAGs in these Sections.

In a recent LMC Meeting there have been discussions about permitting members over 60 years of age and having thirty years of IEEE membership to participate in LMAG activities. Many of these members fall short of the number of required years of IEEE membership to become Life Members but would like to be more 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 be discussing this topic in more depth in the very near future.

One of my major concern's, in recent years, 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. 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 should be examining during the coming year. The Region 3 Executive Committee does an excellent job in working at upgrading members to senior membership status. Maybe we can use some of this infrastructure and organization in the coming year to support expansion of Life Member communications and activities, within the Region.

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