



# History & Life Members

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# Facts of Life



- **The more you get gray-haired**



- **The less chances you have to join  
GOLD**



- **The more hope you have to become  
A Life Member**



- **The more you get interested in HISTORY**

## Presentation subjects

■ **Electrotechnology History and LM**

■ **Who is a Life Member?**

■ **Privileges of Life Members.**

■ **Importance of LMs to Chapter**

■ **History activities - Milestones**

■ **History Advisory Council (HAC)**

■ **Possible activities of ComSoc Life Members**

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## History of Electrotechnology

- The roots of Electrotechnology are in Europe (Hertz, Marconi, Tesla...)
- Electrical Communication was born in England (Cooke, Wheatstone)
- Major technological developments occurred in EAME – e.g. Cern
- Region 8 formed a History Council
- Main activities – by Life Members



# Who is a Life Member?

- One must be at least 65 years old
- Be a dues paying member for enough years so that when added to age, it totals 100 or more

**Active Life Member status requires annual confirmation of willingness to receive services/publications**

**As of June 2009 – >1000 LMs in R8**

# Privileges of Life Members.

- Annual Institute dues are waived
- Society dues waived when a member for 5 or more years
- All applicable Institute & Society publications continue to be received
- Differential fee at IEEE Conferences

# R8 History Advisory Committee

- **Representatives from R8 Sections**
- **Advise on projects related to History**
- **Advise on History link at R8 Web site**
- **Meet in conjunction with reg. meeting**
- **UKRI LM Group as activities focal point**



# IEEE History activities

- IEEE History Committee
- IEEE History Center at Rutgers
- The Virtual Museum
- >60 Milestones (e.g. Lempel-Ziv) installed in many countries
- Oral interviews
- GHN – Global History Network

## What is the Global History Network?

**The IEEE Global History Network (GHN) intends to be the world's premier site for the documentation, analysis and explanation of the history of electrical, electronic, and computer technologies, the scientists, engineers and business people who made these technologies happen, and on the history of the organizations to which these men and women belonged.**

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# Importance of Life Members to the ComSoc Chapter

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



# Possible activities of Chapter Life Members

- Assistance in making science & math attractive to students
- Talks on technical history
- Witnessing technological developments (e.g. radar)
- Assist in researching subjects of historical importance

# LM Affinity Groups

**Life Members are organized in Affinity Groups**

**Petition requires only 2 Life Members**

- Life Member Affinity Group operates as a Section Chapter
- Should have at least a Chair and Vice-Chair
- Receives financial support from the Section and from the IEEE LMC
- Section should have on its Committee a LM officer

# The Life Member Fund

- LMC manages the Life Member Fund, supported by donations of LMs.
- **Supports projects within IEEE, e.g.:**
  - Student paper contests
  - Technological literacy programs
  - The IEEE Virtual Museum
  - IEEE Milestones within Sections
- **IEEE Foundation and LM Fund can support History projects (e.g. HISTELCON 08 in Paris)**

## Engaging LMs to participate in Section and Group activities

- Section & Chapter should encourage LMs to participate
- Sometimes requires assistance
- LMs should be invited to present their experience and knowledge
- Section Chair should encourage the forming of LM Affinity Group

**Thanks for your attention.**

**IEEE Life Members  
Committee hopes for a  
good partnership with  
ComSoc Chapters**

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