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**

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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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and the
History of Electrotechnology

- The roots of Electrotechnology are in Europe (Hertz,Marconi,Tessla…)

- 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 31 March 06 – 883 LMs in R8

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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

History activities - Milestones

- **IEEE History Committee**
- **IEEE History Center at Rutgers**
- The Virtual Museum
- 60 Milestones (e.g. Lempel-Ziv) installed in many countries
- Oral interviews
- Books and Articles

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**

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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**

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LM Affinity Groups

Life Members are organized in Affinity Groups

- 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**
  - **RE-SEED – Retirees Enhancing Science Education through Experiments & Demonstrations**
- **IEEE Foundation and LM Fund can support History projects**

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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