

Rumblings From Canadian Life Members

1.0 Organizational Move

Commencing in 2003 the Western Canada LM Chapter Chair will be Om Malik of Calgary, Alberta. Om also sits on the IEEE LM Committee and in that role will provide us with a better link with our parent body. Many thanks to Mo Sachdev for filling this slot in the interim.

2.0 Two Major LM Chapters In The Incubator, Another Close

2.1 Vancouver Chapter

At the invitation of Gruja Blagojevic, Vancouver Section Chairman, a number of Life Members (LMs) from the area gathered for lunch on July 8, 2002 to explore the possibility of forming a Life Member Chapter. There are 130 LMs on the Section register and it was felt that many of them would welcome the opportunity to serve the Vancouver Section and IEEE further.

George Davies acted as Chair for the meeting and Wally Read, who was in the area at the time, attended serving as a resource person. A very open discussion took place and it soon became clear that a positive attitude prevailed. So we are off and running with the formation of a new LM Chapter in Canada. The application will have been filed by the time you read this and the first meeting is planned for October 9th. Ron Potts, Chair of the IEEE Canada Life Members Committee will be attending the inaugural event.

Congratulations Gruja, George and all who attended the organizing meeting. It truly is Vancouver's day in the sun.

2.2 Toronto Chapter

At an exploratory session with Toronto Section Chair Bob Hanna, Wallas Khella and Bob Alden, Ron Potts outlined his views on the value of an LM Chapter for Canada's largest IEEE Section and one which will shortly be celebrating its centennial. Again the concept was well received and quickly the conversation shifted to how fast they could mobilize and energize potential members.

Bob Alden and Wallas Khella stepped up to the mark and agreed to co-direct the organizational activities. With over 200 LMs on the roster it looks like full steam ahead for registration and a first meeting on October 29, 2002.

The Section has pledged its support and this first luncheon will provide the opportunity for prospective members to meet with Ron Potts and Neil Magrath, CCC representative to IEEE Canada's Life Member Committee. Well done guys.

2.3 Montreal Chapter

Montreal Section is taking the first steps toward forming its own LM Chapter with Arthur Yelon acting as initial Chair and Renato Bosisio as the Volunteer Representative to the Eastern Canada LM Chapter. We look forward to great results.

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