



IEEE Sweden Section Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2021

Section activities and achievements

IEEE Sweden Section is in the process of the elections in March. For 2022, the NomCom made nominations for all except the secretary position. The Section voters have a choice to support NomCom nomination, to abstain or write in own candidate. However, since we follow local tax office regulations, the fiscal year formally ends at the end of March, when the AGM is conducted and the board hands over the responsibilities to the new board. As we didn't have a candidate for a secretary position, the new candidates are actively being searched for to be installed by the AGM.

Traditionally, the Vice-Chair takes over the Chair role, but it also depends on the results from the voting. We do take into consideration new suggestions made by members in the section. For 2022, the Chair is probably continuing since the past Chair served for several years now and wished to step down. The Nomination and Appointment Committee collected feedback and volunteers for Board positions for 2022.

The section holds ExCom meetings monthly, which are all reported in the vTools system. In 2021, the section held 10 executive meeting, attended by most of the board members. Three Section Newsletters were published for 2021.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for March 24th, 2022, in a hybrid format (Linköping+Zoom). A newly installed IEEE Fellow will deliver a technical talk.

Major Chapter Meetings and Events

The Section has fifteen registered chapters, six student branch chapters and two affinity groups (WIE and YP).

The Annual Chapter Chairs workshop (held October 29, 2021) is a forum for all chapter, affinity group, student branch chairs to discuss events that could be done in collaboration. The meeting has been tradition since 2016 and is a reason for successful operation of the chapters. During the meeting, chapters are also briefed about the budget process for the coming years, making sure the budget is submitted, approved at the right time and the section treasurer has all the input needed to submit to the IEEE HQ.

Both, the Young Professional and Women in Engineering Affinity Groups have had their elections and they have a new board in place. There were several activities conducted by both. Meanwhile, the *Women in Engineering Affinity Group* conducted the WISE-IEEE seminar was held on the 14-December-2021.

Out of the six registered student branches (KTH WIE, KTH PE, Blekinge WIE, Chalmers WIE and Chalmers EP), three of them have been active (KTH, Chalmers and Linköping), the other three have been dormant for some time now. The Section plans to attract more student members via selected award memberships.

Board Activities

During 2021 the IEEE Sweden Section Board had 10 regular board meetings over the web, one per month. The board hosted the AGM and the Chapter Chairs workshop (hybrid mode), taking suggestions from the local bodies related to spread of COVID19. Further, the board supported chapters and affinity group with their activities including budget planning and execution. Having a dedicated industry relations officer on the committee also helped make better connections with several Swedish industries, while also giving the possibilities to host talks and events with them. We continue to support the younger generation of engineers in every way possible.

International Activities

The section works in close collaboration with other Nordic sections- Norway, Finland, and Denmark. We have two joint chapters with the other three sections named above and it is working out well. Several members of the section represent IEEE in global committees.

Awards and Recognition

Lina Bertling, past chair of the IEEE PES Sweden Chapter, was named as the 2021 Power Woman of the Year 2021.

Gerard Duff, the current Young Professionals Affinity Group Chair, received a special recognition for bringing technical education and inspiration that echo globally through IEEE Region 8 Virtual Student and Young Professional Congress 2020. He was presented with a plaque.

Members

After an initial dip in the number of members in the beginning of year, there has been a steady recovery in the past months; and as of February 2022, we are 1,893 active members in the Section, of which 59 are Fellows or Life Fellows, and 391 are Senior Members or Life Seniors. The number of members at the Fellow level and at the Senior Member level have been steadily increasing during the past years.

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