



IEEE Sweden Section Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2023

Section activities and achievements

IEEE Sweden Section is completing the process of the elections for 2024. The NomCom made nominations for chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary positions with online voting. The Section voters have a choice to support NomCom nomination, to abstain or write in own candidate. All candidates received majority of the votes.

The industrial relations officer, newsletter editor, SAC, WIE, YP representatives were installed by the board and to be confirmed at the AGM.

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.

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. After 2024, it is likely the end of the term for the current Chair, thus transitioning to the new leader is needed.

The section holds ExCom meetings monthly, which are all reported in the vTools system. Two Section Newsletters were published for 2023.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for March 20th, 2024, 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 26, 2023) 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.

Women in Engineering Affinity Group had their elections and they have a new chair in place. Young Professionals and SAC received a new active leader.

Out of the six registered student branches, three of them have been active (KTH, Chalmers and Linköping), the other three have been dormant for some time now. The Section is attracting more student members via selected award memberships. There are discussions to form a new SB e.g. in Luleå.

The Section has strong potential to form a LMAG and in search for its leader.

Board Activities

During 2023 the IEEE Sweden Section Board had 10 regular board meetings over the Zoom, one per month (except summer). The board organized the AGM and the Chapter Chairs workshop (hybrid mode, Linköping+Zoom). Further, the board supported chapters and affinity groups with their activities including budget planning and execution. Having a dedicated industry relations officer on the committee would have helped make better connections with Swedish industries. 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. Especially Norway-Sweden joint chapter on Reliability is active. Several members of the section represent IEEE in global committees.

The chair attended the Section Congress in Ottawa, Canada and R8 meeting in Bucharest in 2023. The Section technically co-sponsored several conferences in Sweden.

Awards and Recognition

Our Section received “Outstanding award for membership recruitment” by IEEE R8.

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 2024, we are record 2011 active members in the Section, of which 64 are Fellows or Life Fellows, and 424 are Senior Members or Life Seniors. The number of members at the Fellow level (+2 in past year) and at the Senior Member level have been steadily increasing during the past years.

IEEE Sweden Section Board FY 2023

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