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Last election was held in February 2019. New board was appointed in January 2021. We anticipate holding elections in the fall 2021. We do have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair, but that is not required. Very few activities have been carried out in the section to retain and recruit members during the past year mostly due to strict COVID restrictions.

Students

There is one student chapter in Iceland. As far as we now, the student chapter has not held any meetings since fall 2019. The last chair of the student section has moved abroad without holding elections. History repeats itself repeatedly. The section jump starts the student chapter with some start-up money. Students hold one or two meetings over the year and leave their post once they graduate and move on with their live.

Affinity Groups

There are no affinity groups in the Iceland Section, but potential to form at least YP.

Chapters

The only active chapter in the section is the Signal chapter. However, there is a potential to start chapters in for example Power, Robotics, Communication, and Computer fields.

Industry

None for the past year.

Activities since the last report

Our section has been, more or less, dormant for some time due to lack of leadership and the pandemic. In December three former chairs stepped up to revive the section. Since the last report we have pulled together an ExCom of former volunteers and held board meetings. Due to the pandemic the first in person meeting was held this past Monday. Outcome of the meeting is firm direction for the section during 2021.

Planned activities

We will revive the student branch this spring and evaluate the possibility of establishing another student branch at the University of Reykjavik. We have also planned to hold student membership drive for the fall cohort. To retain members, we have contacted all arrear members and encouraged them to renew their membership. We will also try to reach inactive members and encourage them to renew again and participate. We have planned three to five technical meetings for this year using ZOOM if necessary. One more thing we are planning for this year is senior membership drive. Last SM drive was very successful, and SM are more likely to stay active.

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities

We firmly believe the Iceland section will recover this year. Region 8 will most likely be dealing with the pandemic for the remainder of the year 2021. We would like to suggest to the region to identify speakers and possibly assist sections in the region to hold technical meetings on-line, such that they will count towards the technical meeting requirements of the sections.

Any other issues of interest