

## Kuwait Section

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### Section Vitality

- The call for Section board members nomination was announced via IEEE vTools eNotice on January 8, 2022 for the IEEE active members.
- The last Section elections was held on April 5, 2022, IEEE Kuwait Section Board Meeting No. 2/2022 announce the new section board Chaired by Dr. Mansour Jaragh, vice-chair Dr. Adel Zerai, Secretary Dr. Abdullah Alqallaf, Treasurer Dr. Ali Alfayly and MD Eng. Fadhel Abulhasan. The rest of the board are listed in the meeting report.
- The date of next elections will be announced on December 2023 and it will be held on January 2024.
- The section will discuss the practice of having Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair on our upcoming meeting.
- The Section had held 3 ExCom meetings and 3 upcoming meetings are scheduled for the year 2022.
- Kuwait Section Membership Development had been recognized for meeting both its recruitment and retention goals for the 2022 membership year.
- The section had organized social events to conduct a membership recruitment and to encourage members to renew their membership as well as reminding non-renewing members before the deactivation date via the registered email.
- Kuwait Section keep providing all the supports for Kuwait YP branch, ComSoc Kuwait chapter, other Affinity groups, Kuwait University student chapter, other private universities students branches.

### List of the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained are as follows.

#### The section technical support

The section provides technical and financial support for the IEEE entities in Kuwait to participate in the activities locally and regionally.

- The section had provided technical support to the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) for holding the Computer Applications & Technological Solutions “CATS 2022” conference on March 12 - 14, 2022, in Kuwait under the theme of “Impact of Covid-19 on computer applications and technological solutions”.

COVID 19: Computer Applications & Technological Solutions conference - CATS 2022

<https://cats.gust.edu.kw/>

- Kuwait section is technically supporting the 2023 IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON) which will be held on May 1, 2023, Kuwait in collaboration with the American University of Kuwait (AUK).
- The ComSoc Kuwait chapter under Kuwait section provides technical support for the 2022 IEEE Middle East & North Africa COMMunications Conference (MENACOMM 2022) that will be held on 6-8 December 2022 in Amman the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The 4<sup>th</sup> version of the IEEE MENACOMM 2022 conference is technically co-sponsored by IEEE ComSoc chapters in the MENA region including Kuwait chapter.

<https://menacomm.org/>

- The section provides financial support for Kuwait University student chapter and other private Universities branches for their activities and promoting the IEEE to recruit members and student members under these entities.

## Section Student Branches (SB) and Affinity Groups

### Affinity Groups

#### Affinities

Kuwait Section Affinity Group, YP (YP80057)

### Student Branches

American University of Kuwait (SBC15371)

Australian College of Kuwait (SBC115501)

Kuwait University (SBC94941)

## List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

**Event:** Open day for the Electrical and Electronics Engineers in calibration with the social committee at EE Dept.

**Category:** Nontechnical > Social **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 29 Dec 2021 **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** Field trip to Al-Sheqaya Renewable Energy station

**Category:** Technical **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 15 Feb 2022 **Time:** 09:30 PM to 03:00 PM **Location:** Al-Sheqaya, Kuwait

**Event:** Multicultural events with Kuwait Student Chapter (KSC)

**Category:** Nontechnical > Social **Hosts:** YP80057 - Kuwait Section Affinity Group, YP meeting

**Date:** 28 Mar 2022 **Time:** 12:00 PM to 03:00 PM **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** New excom meeting

**Category:** Administrative>ExCom **Hosts:** YP80057 - Kuwait Section Affinity Group, YP meeting

**Date:** 01 Apr 2022 **Time:** 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM **Location:** shwikh, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Celebration of Holyday in calibration with the social committee at EE Dept.

**Category:** Nontechnical > Social **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 11 May 2022 **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** Electrical Circuit workshop for beginners

**Category:** Technical **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 01 Jul - 1 Aug 2022 **Time:** 01:00 PM to 04:00 PM **Location:** South Surra, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** AutoCAD workshop for beginners

**Category:** Technical **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 03 Jul 2022 **Time:** 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM **Location:** South Surra, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Field trip to Control Center – Ministry of Electricity and water (MEW)

**Category:** Technical **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 31 Jul 2022 **Time:** 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM **Location:** South Surra, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Field trip to Zain Telecommunication company

**Category:** Technical **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 01 Aug 2022 **Time:** 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM **Location:** shwikh, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

## Section Rebates

The Kuwait section and all other affinity groups including the chapters and student branches had reported all the required and activities (technical and social) on time. However, due to laws and regulations in the local banking system in Kuwait, we did not receive the rebates for several years of the section and all other affinity groups including the chapters. Some solutions had been proposed by IEEE including the section Opening a new IEEE Concentration Banking (CB) account to resolve this matter and our treasurer, Dr. Ali Alfaily, working closely with IEEE officers to establish the account.

## Chapters

Kuwait section is working on motivating and financially supporting the chapters and SB chapters to restart their activities after the COVID-19 circumstances.

### List of Chapters and SB Chapters in Kuwait Section

#### Joint Chapters

Kuwait Section Jt. Chapter, C16/COM19/CAS04 (CH08797)

#### Student Branch Chapters

Kuwait University, C16 (SBC94941)

## Industry

As for the industry involvements, the IEEE Kuwait Section had held several fruitful meetings with the public authority of industry (PAI) and the Kuwait society of Engineers (KSE). The discussions were aiming to demonstrate the needs and challenges facing the young professionals and engineers and to bridge the gap between the new graduates and the industrial sector as well as to provide the link with the industry in Kuwait.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The section believes on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. As listed in the IEEE OU Analytics, the section members are from different gender, age, religion, geographical, employment. The section along with the student branches had conducted several the cultural and social activities events under the name “Multicultural Events” at the academic institutions on the local levels.

## Planned activities

The following are some of the future activities and initiatives planned by the Section and other affinity groups.

- 1-IEEE Day (will take place in October)
- 2-CyberSecurity workshop with collaboration with Kuwait University (local) and Bahrain University (regional) Student Branches. (Planned to be held in November)
- 3-Knowledge-cafe meetings for networking and sharing experiences. (Monthly)

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

-We recommend that region 8 summarizes all the sections reports and highlight the positive aspects and the points that are worth pursuing and present this summary in the upcoming region 8 meeting. We believe that other sections might benefit from the experience of other sections.

- Highlights on the distinguished sections and their successful stories to be imitative by the other sections in R8 or even other regions.
- The engagement of the R8 sections in the semi-annual meetings with hosted sections to enrich their experience.
- Having simple and clear rules for the awards nominations and the involvements of the Sections in the R8 subcommittees.