Students and Young Professionals Webinar Q&A Session Notes  
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1. Will there be access to the presentation?
   1. Yes. The presentation deck can be found at: <http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/students/student_webinars.html>
   2. For a copy of the recording, please send an email to [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org)
2. For follow up questions please contact:
   1. [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org) for student related questions
   2. [young-professionals@ieee.org](mailto:young-professionals@ieee.org) for Young Professional Affinity Group related questions
3. Are there online resources for Student and Young Professional members/volunteers?
   1. Student Resources
      1. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IEEESTUDENTS>
      2. Website: [www.ieee.org/students](http://www.ieee.org/students)
   2. Young Professionals
      1. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ieeeyp>
      2. Website: [www.ieee.org/yp](http://www.ieee.org/yp)
   3. These resources house all relevant information including volunteer resources, access to recorded webinars, announcements for future webinars, etc. If you have any questions, please forward them the email addresses listed in question 2.
4. Will there be a certificate for this webinar?
   1. This particular webinar is not part of any formal training or certificate program. A confirmation of your registration/attendance will be sent along with the presentation and the recording. If a proof of attendance is needed, please send a request to [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org) and one will be provided.
5. What can a student branch do to increase student attendance at meetings?
   1. Invite all students to your events, regardless of membership. This is a good way to recruit as well.
   2. For a list of student members, volunteer leaders can visit the Section Vitality Dashboard at [www.ieee.org/vitalitydb](http://www.ieee.org/vitalitydb). For assistance, please contact student-services@ieee.org.
   3. Speak to your local Engineering department to see if they are willing to provide a list of students who are enrolled in their programs.
   4. Host a membership drive and poll current and prospective members to see what their interests are. Use this information to tailor the future meetings and projects.
   5. Run a member interest survey. A template is available via vTools surveys (<https://surveys.vtools.ieee.org>). Once the data is collected be sure to act on it and use the information to again tailor your offerings to the student interests.
   6. Based on the interests of your audiences, subcommittees can be formed to run projects and focus on specific technical interests.
   7. Make the meetings more fun. Ideas include hosting pizza parties, social events, etc.
6. Please provide some examples of the humanitarian programs offered by IEEE
   1. IEEE EPICS Program – For details please visit: [www.ieee.org/go/epics-high](http://www.ieee.org/go/epics-high)
   2. For more IEEE Educational Activities programs visit [bit.ly/EAResources](http://bit.ly/EAResources) for one page fliers on each available program.
   3. IEEE SIGHT – Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology: <http://www.ieee.org/special_interest_group_on_humanitarian_technology.html>
   4. IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology conference - <http://www.ieeeghtc.org/>
   5. For information on other efforts, The Institute has a site dedicated to these efforts: <http://theinstitute.ieee.org/benefits/humanitarian-efforts>
   6. IEEE Robotics and Automation Society - <http://www.ieee-ras.org/educational-resources-outreach/humanitarian-efforts>
   7. Engineering for Change – online forum to connect, collaborate, solve challenges and share knowledge to improve the quality of life all over the world. <https://www.engineeringforchange.org/home>
   8. Check with your Regional contacts for their humanitarian efforts: <http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/students/activities_committee.html>
   9. Visit [www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org) and search for “IEEE Humanitarian activities” for additional opportunities.
7. Where can I find more information on IEEE webinar programs?
   1. The following is a list some of the IEEE resources for webinars . Be sure to check with each Society’s page as well.
   2. Student Webinars: <http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/students/student_webinars.html>
   3. Young Professional Webinars: <http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/gold/gold_webinars_index.html>
   4. IEEE USA Webinars: <http://www.ieeeusa.org/careers/webinars/default.asp>
   5. Technical Activities Training: <http://taops.ieee.org/>
   6. IEEE Center for Leadership Excellence – Volunteer Position Training: <https://ieee-elearning.org/CLE/>
   7. Check the respective Facebook accounts for announcements
8. How do I find out what Section I’m in?
   1. Log into myIEEE and do one of the following:
      1. Click on communities and your Section info should be there.
      2. In the Greeting area, there is a drop down box with an option to retrieve your Section details including contact information.
9. Do IEEE members who are not students, have access to the online version of Potentials?
   1. Although IEEE Potentials is a Student Member benefit, all members can access Potentials articles as they are archived in IEEEXplore: [www.ieee.org/potentials](http://www.ieee.org/potentials)
10. How can a student branch raise funds?
    1. This can vary. To speak with Student Services, please connect via: [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org). Otherwise, here are a list of ideas:
    2. Host fundraising events
    3. Host events with an admission fee
    4. Request funds from your Section – Would require the branch volunteers to become familiar with the Section leadership. Will need to submit a proposal with the request for funds and then provide a post project/event report out. See question 8 for details.
    5. Reach out to local companies for sponsorship. For industry contacts, use IEEE memberNet ([www.ieee.org/membernet](file:///C:\Users\snscott\Downloads\www.ieee.org\membernet)).
    6. Reach out the IEEE Student Activities Committee (http://www.ieee.org/membership\_services/membership/students/activities\_committee.html) many of which have industry connections.
    7. Identify what the Student Branch can offer (i.e. access to the future employees, possible interns)
11. Does IEEE offer funding and/or assistance with fundraising for Student Branches?
    1. Yes, there are multiple avenues for this.
    2. To be eligible for funding based on membership the prior year, please visit: <https://sbr.vtools.ieee.org/>.
    3. Contact the respective team at IEEE to request/apply for funds
       1. IEEE Educational Activities [www.ieee.org/education](http://www.ieee.org/education)
       2. IEEE Societies [www.ieee.org/societies](http://www.ieee.org/societies)
       3. Technical Activities <http://www.ieee.org/societies_communities/technical_activities/index.html>
       4. IEEE women in Engineering [www.ieee.org/women](http://www.ieee.org/women)
       5. For an answer to your specific needs send your inquiry to [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org).
12. I’m a new Student Activities Chair. How do I get started?
    1. First, identify the student branches in your section. To do this:
       1. Report your position: <https://officers.vtools.ieee.org/>
       2. Find local Student Branches: <http://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/students/branches/DF_IEEE_MIG_MCT_70595>
       3. Visit the IEEE Student page: [www.ieee.org/students](http://www.ieee.org/students)
       4. Utilize the Section Vitality Dashboard for communicating with your members: [www.ieee.org/vitalitydb](file:///C:\Users\snscott\Downloads\www.ieee.org\vitalitydb) using your IEEE login credentials. If you cannot access this tool, contact your Region/Section chair to request access
       5. Check out the Center for Leadership Excellence for Training (<https://ieee-elearning.org/CLE/>)
       6. Need materials for an event? Order a Membership Development kit from IEEE MGA at: <http://ewh.ieee.org/forms/md/supplies.php>
       7. Review the available resources for Student branch volunteers at [www.ieee.org/students](http://www.ieee.org/students)
       8. Club fairs at colleges/universities are a good way to gain exposure for the IEEE.
13. What else can a Local Robotics and Automation Chair do if they are interested in working with other local volunteers and/or societies?
    1. Don’t be afraid to reach out to your fellow volunteers using all of the tools listed above to see where you can partner on programs, activities and events. Most of them are more than willing to network and get involved.
    2. Like the Section and Branches, the societies often have resources available for their respective volunteers. Use the following link to connect with all IEEE Societies as well as many of the IEEE Affinity Groups: [www.ieee.org/societies](http://www.ieee.org/societies).
14. Can I submit a paper to IEEE
    1. Yes. There are multiple avenues for this as there are numerous publications, contests, etc. Please contact [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org) for assistance in identifying the best avenue to submit your paper.
15. What support does IEEE offer branches for specific technical workshops in up and coming technologies like Raspberry Pi, DSD, etc.
    1. Student Branches would need to request/apply for funding. Some potential avenues include contacting the respective IEEE Society under which the technology resides, and your Region/Section volunteer leadership.
    2. Visit [www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org) and search for IEEE workshops focused on the specific technology you are interested in.
    3. If you are looking for something specific, contact IEEE Student Services at [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org).
16. Some Student branches are listed as “active,” however they are not reporting meetings, activities, etc. for their Student Members.
    1. The Student Branch may not be reporting their activities to IEEE Headquarters or could be stagnant. If you have concerns or an issue, please submit them to [student-services@ieee.org](mailto:student-services@ieee.org).