

# R5 SAC Activities in 2020

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# SAC Activities in 2020 (1)

1. Represented R5 in the MGA SAC meeting in Portland in Jan 2020; participated in the breakout session on establishing virtual speakers for student branches; for details on virtual speakers, see <https://students.ieee.org/search-virtual-speakers/>
2. Thanks to Fiaz Bhuiyan (the student representative in the committee), a Facebook page was setup to facilitate discussions among student members/branches in R5 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IEEERegion5/>
3. The R5 student paper competition was held virtually in April 2020; thanks to Abu Asaduzzaman (the competition coordinator in the committee) for managing this competition

## SAC Activities in 2020 (2)

4. Presented a Leadership Workshop virtually at the Region 5 Conference in April 2020 for the student branches; slides sent to all the student branches -  
Workshop covered four major steps student branch leaders could take in order to make their branches more successful: planning and reporting, effective communication, fundraising, and connecting to section
5. Put together a webpage to provide useful information (e.g., how to file reports and new officers, forming a new branch, receiving rebate, presentations, etc.) to the student branches/chapters in one place  
[www.utdallas.edu/~kehtar/StudentActivitiesRegion5.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/~kehtar/StudentActivitiesRegion5.html)  
This webpage can be reached from the R5 student activities website

## SAC Activities in 2020 (3)

6. Presented a talk virtually to YP (Young Professionals) section/area chairs in July 2020 – meeting organized by Ashwini Gokhale, R5 YP Chair – the presentation addressed ways to enhance interaction among student branches and YP affiliation groups

Recommendation – To have joint meetings (can be done virtually) between YP section/area officers and student branches covering what YP is about and benefits to students by staying involved in IEEE after graduation

7. The R5 student activities webpages were updated;  
thanks to Ian MacMillan (R5 Webmaster)

## SAC Activities in 2020 (4)

8. Presented a talk virtually to section chairs in July 2020 – meeting organized by Joe Redfield, R5 Membership Development Chair - the presentation addressed ways to enhance engagement of sections with their student branches

Recommendation – To have joint meetings (can be done virtually) between section officers and its student branches/chapters covering an overview of the section and ways the section can help its student branches/chapters with their activities including budget related issues

## SAC Activities in 2020 (5)

9. R5 Director, Jim Look, asked the committee to come up with a solution to increase student participation in the R5 paper contest

After much discussion, it was decided to change the format from written paper format to poster format making participation by students easier; enabling competition among high-ranked posters already done by students for senior design, undergraduate courses, or undergraduate research at local universities in Fall, Summer, or Spring semester of a calendar year – a presentation on this new format was made in the Oct 17 R5 ExCom Meeting

10. Competition rules were modified to reflect the new poster format; these rules are posted at this Region 5 conference website: <https://r5conferences.org/student-poster/>

# Region 5 Conference 2021

Because of COVID-19, the student poster competition will be held virtually in April 2021.

The Robotics, Circuit Design, Ethics competitions are planned to be held virtually in April 2021. More information on these competitions and their coordinators will be provided by Ian MacMillan.

Thank you for your attention