PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2012-2013
University of Minnesota Gamma

A. Initiations

New members are initially invited to apply to Pi Tau Sigma at the University of Minnesota based on their class rank. The top fourth of the junior class and the top 3rd of the senior class are invited to apply. Selectees then may fill out and turn in an application, which is reviewed by the current PTS executive board. If the application is acceptable, the member is allowed to join Pi Tau Sigma. A copy of the application is provided at the end of this report.

Once the new members have joined, they are required to attend 3 events each semester in order to be considered an "active" member. They are also required to attend the initiation ceremony. After the initiation ceremony, usually a grill-out celebration is held depending on the weather. If the initiation is in the winter, an indoor activity is held instead. The dates of the initiations for the past year are shown below:

Fall Initiation Date: Friday, December 12, 2012
Spring Initiation Date: Thursday, May 8, 2013

B. Chapter Activities

Throughout the year, University of Minnesota Gamma Chapter partook in a variety of activities. All members of PTS are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting, at which many of the events and activities are discussed and planned.

We try to volunteer in community events every year. A group is organized to attend Feed My Starving Children every semester; however, in the fall it was cancelled due to facility overcapacity. Members of PTS are also responsible for assisting with the graduation ceremony each semester. This includes setting up and taking down equipment, contacting all the speakers, and providing food and beverages. One member of PTS is also the 'MC' for the graduation.

Throughout the year, we have member social events such as video game night or board game night. This year we also conducted a tour of a local engineering company, "EcoLab," in Eagan, Minnesota. We toured the R&D campus and met with engineers there. We also held a guest lecture with one of the University of Minnesota's distinguished professors, Ephraim Sparrow. This event was held in conjunction with the engineering fraternity, Theta Tau.

At the end of every semester, members of PTS distribute the teaching evaluations to every class. This is large task because members must communicate with the professor and attend a class of the professor's choosing to carry out the evaluations. Also at the end of every semester, we hold elections for the following positions:

- President: Organize and conduct meetings

- Vice President: Assist the president and new member recruitment
- Treasurer: Manage group's funding
- Secretary/Event Coordinator: Organize events and manage group website

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Membership Application Form

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Circle one: (home work cell)

Email Address: _____

Have you completed at least 12 credits at UMN? _____Yes _____No

What Activities are you interested in? (Circle those that apply.)

Help with ME Graduation

Recruitment

Fundraising

Planning social activities

Help with faculty evaluations

Why are you interested (briefly) in joining Pi Tau Sigma?