2018-2019
Michigan Technological University Sigma Iota

A. Initiations

For our selection process we start by inviting potential candidates to an information session where we explain what Pi Tau Sigma is and the things we do. We also have the candidate introduce themselves and talk about their interests. These candidates are chosen based off of academic prowess, with a requirement of being in the top 25% of their class. After this we invite them to join our chapter, unless they show they will not uphold our ideals. For the initiation we follow the standard Pi Tau Sigma traditions and then celebrate with the new members by going to a local restaurant called the Ambassador. The fall initiation took place on October 23, 2018 with five new members joining. The spring initiation took place on February 27, 2019 with three new members joining.

B. Chapter Activities

This past year our Chapter has participated in multiple activities. For volunteering events we participated in Make a Difference Day, Copper Dog 150 and set up a spring cleanup for a local museum. For Make a Difference Day we raked, shoveled, and weeded to clean up a local cemetery. For Copper Dog 150 we had members helping with the dogs at the starting line, helping with set up and tear down, and with road crossing. For the museum spring clean up we raked a little, but it was mostly shoveling because of the harsh winters in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

In addition to volunteer work we also did a fundraiser by selling customized polos, jackets and tumblers. They had Michigan Technological University Mechanical Engineering logo embroidered or printed on them and we raised a lot of money for our organization. It was also a great way to spread our influence on campus and in our department.

For the past school year we had three general meetings per semester in addition to initiation. These usually consisted of volunteering updates, event planning, distributing graduation chords, and for voting. We tried and succeeded in keeping them concise because of all of our busy schedules, and because we conveyed a large amount of information through email.

C. Other

As an organization we are trying to be more involved on campus and more involved with each other. Some of the ways that we plan on improving these are by hosting pizza and studying sessions. Another improvement that we want to make is to improve our member's networks. To do this we are going to invite company representative to come and talk during the week of career fair. We also want to set up a resume blitz in the same week to help prepare for career fair.