PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

Michigan Tech Sigma Iota

A. Initiations

Eligible junior and senior mechanical engineering undergraduates are invited to attend an informational Smoker. The history, current activities, and opportunities of Pi Tau Sigma are presented at the smoker. The smoker is held two weeks prior to the scheduled initiation ceremony. Initiates are required to perform two hours of community service between the smoker and initiation. Initiations were held on November 30, 2010 and March 22, 2011.

The initiation ceremony is headed by the President and Vice President and all Pi Tau Sigma members are invited to attend. The President and Vice President read from the Pi Tau Sigma initiation booklet and recite the Engineering Code of Ethics. The initiates are asked to pledge their commitment to upholding the integrity of the engineering field and then sign the initiation booklet. The ceremony is then concluded by a communal dinner.

B. Chapter Activities

Goals for 2010-2011

The chapter goals for 2010-2011 were to continue the expansion, participation, and attendance of our membership, attend a national chapter of Pi Tau Sigma event, continue the helpME service, and promote student-faculty interaction through social events. Fundraising and social events were to be the main goal of the 2010 – 2011 academic year in order to raise awareness of the society and increase membership participation. There are many ideas that we will be working towards: selling grilled cheese sandwiches in the academic buildings during lunch hours, selling pasties during Winter Carnival, contribute in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program, and Spring Fling as a social again.

2010-2011 Chapter Activities

To increase the presence of Pi Tau Sigma on campus, members organized a grilled cheese sandwich sale in the main entryway of the Mechanical Engineering- Engineering Mechanics Building on Fridays . Additionally during the Winter Carnival fair, coffee and baked goods were sold throughout the ‘All Nighter’.

A corn hole /water balloon dunk tank device was designed and erected for the Spring Fling Festivities. The structure was not used during spring fling due to the cold weather. A picture of the device and the Pi Tau Sigma students involved in its design and construction is shown below.

Fig. 1: Michigan Tech Pi Tau Sigma corn hole / water balloon dunk tank design and construction team.

Plans for 2011-2012

The chapter plans are to invite more companies and corporations to sponsor our meetings and bring in representatives other universities to talk about graduate school opportunities. We will also hold a graduate school question and answer meeting with the Michigan Tech Graduate Advisor. To increase our presence on campus and raise funds, brats will be sold outside the Mechanical Engineering Building on Fridays. Graduate students will also be invited to join Pi Tau Sigma at Michigan Technological University.

C. Other

Transfer of Responsibilities

Outgoing officers passed information on to the new officers by word of mouth and through documentation established years ago. Electronic copies of old documents were passed along by use of a flash drive and also backed up on a network computer file.

Chapter Officers
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