PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Phi Psi

A. Initiations

Since our chapter is small, our only requirement to join is to be in the top quarter of your junior (3rd) year or to be in the top third of your senior (4th) year. If the person meets this requirement, we will send an invite to an introduction meeting. This intro meeting takes place during the 2nd or 3rd week of the quarter. When the initiate comes to the meeting, we give them an intro about who we are and how to become a full member. To become a member, the initiate must complete 5 hours of community service, assemble the plaque and bent, and attend the initiation banquet.

When the member completes the requirements and shows up to the banquet, we have a dinner and they are presented with their membership card and certificate. We always have 2 banquets, one during fall quarter and one during spring quarter. This year, our fall banquet took place on December 5th, 2010. During the fall banquet, we initiated 19 members. Our spring banquet took place on May 22nd, 2011. We initiated 17 members.

B. Chapter Activities

This year, we held meetings every other week during the quarter in which we would have a speaker from industry talk to us about who they are, what they do, and how to prepare for life after college. Although we haven't had many industries participate in our meetings, we have built up a list of contacts from those industries. These contacts came from meeting with engineers and HR reps during job fairs. We hope to build upon this year in having more industries participate during these meetings so that people from industry will know who Pi Tau Sigma is as well as boost member participation in the club. So far, during these meetings, we have had about 5 to 7 members come in to watch these meetings.

During the spring quarter, we did a service project in which we went to a local high school and taught the students there about what engineers do and demonstrated some engineering concepts, like the gyroscopic effect. We used this project as a community service project, although we only had one initiate go, accompanied with the 3 other board members. We have had this project in the past, and we are trying to bring this project back so that students will develop an interest in the sciences as well as know who Pi Tau Sigma is. We hope to expand on this service project as well, hopefully making it our base project for the club.

For the 2010-2011 Pi Tau Sigma convention, we sent 2 members, the President and the Vice President. During the convention, we were able to talk to other chapters and get some ideas about how to boost member participation for our chapter. We were apart of the national convention committee and discussed where the next convention would take place and voted on where future conventions would be held.

C. Other

We have introduced our new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. As of now, we don't hold elections for our board positions due to lack of member participation. However, this new board is young and hopefully will be able to stay in power for a while, bringing continuity to our chapter. In addition, we plan to take on tutoring and mentoring as another service project, which will hopefully bring in more revenue to our club. We hope to continue the meetings with people from industry as well as hold socials to boost member participation. We're trying to implement a requirement in becoming a President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary, in which you must have held a lower board position from before. This is to ensure that those members will stay for at least 2 years and will keep continuity in our chapter. The lower board positions we have are industry chair, community service chair, fund raising chair, and a social chair.