California Sigma Eta Alumni Association
Annual Report
2011 – 2012

MEMBERSHIP

The California Sigma Eta Alumni Association is a chapter-based alumni organization relating to the California Sigma Eta Chapter at California State University, Long Beach, and was founded on May 4, 2011. Membership in the alumni association is limited to honorary or alumni members of Pi Tau Sigma who were initiated by the California Sigma Eta Chapter, as well as undergraduate active members of the Chapter who are in their final semester of study prior to graduation. Obtaining membership in the alumni association is currently accomplished by the declaration of intent by the member concerned. We have nine members on our roster and are currently recruiting additional members from the graduating class of 2012.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Meetings

Our meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis, communication in the meantime taking place via electronic mail. Many of our current members live out of the area or out of state and are thus unable to attend meetings in person. As we continue to gain members, in particular those residing local to the campus, the frequency of meetings will likely increase to accommodate additional activity.

Finances

One of our intended purposes is to support the undergraduate Chapter through scholarships given by and in the name of the alumni association to deserving undergraduates. For this reason and for other incidental expenses, it will become necessary to open a bank account. Prior to doing this, we must first obtain a tax identification number (EIN) from the IRS, which will then require us to begin to file income tax returns. In order to obtain tax-exempt status, a lengthy application form and substantial fee must be submitted to the IRS. Our preference is to raise and have available sufficient funds to both obtain tax-exempt status and have a useful balance remaining in a future bank account at about the same time. Discussions are on-going regarding how best to do this, to wit assessing dues, performing fundraisers, and the like.

Social

Another of our intended purposes is to keep alumni of our Chapter in contact with each other and with the undergraduates, and to maintain a network for mutual benefit. Social activities will become increasingly important in accomplishing this goal, the frequency of which will increase as our membership roster increases. Our alumni association's principal strength is the energy and dedication of its members; our principal weakness is the low number of members, which limits our ability to accomplish our goals and objectives. Our priority is therefore the recruitment of additional members in order to increase our available resources to the point of being able to fully accomplish the objectives for which the alumni association was originally founded.

OTHER INFORMATION

Officers

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Website

http://alumni.csulbpts.org/

Our website contains an announcements page, calendar of events, contact information, membership roster, contact form, document archive, history, and other information relative to the alumni association, as well as a link to the undergraduate chapter's website, in addition to links to Pi Tau Sigma's national website and other links of interest relative to the campus.