PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2013-2014
Rochester Delta Pi

A. Initiations

The Rochester Delta Pi Chapter used the metrics put in place by national to identify potential members. Potential candidates were selected initially based upon class rank, with only the top thirty five percent of third, fourth, and fifth year students being considered with year level determined by number of credits. Once identified, interested candidates attend an informational meeting. Chapter officers present the students with an overview of the Society as a whole and to the Rochester Delta Pi chapter specifically. In addition to the national guidelines, our chapter requires initiates to polish a bent and meet with each Mechanical Engineering faculty member individually, prior to initiation. Faculty members sign a signature book as proof of their meeting with and approval of new members. Bent sanding events were held on October 23rd and 25th for the fall initiates, and March 13th and April 3rd for the spring initiates. These bent sanding sessions also allowed for officers to meet with candidates and assist them with their bents while answering any questions the initiates had about our organization. Initiates present these items to the chapter officers at the initiation ceremony. After the history of the society has been told and the oath to uphold the core values recited, initiates are invited to sign the chapter's ceremonial signature book. After the completion of the formal ceremony, all new members and current members along with all initiated members of the Mechanical Engineering faculty are invited to dinner at a local restaurant.

This year, a total of eleven new members were initiated at two ceremonies:
Fall Initiation:
Friday, November 15th, 2013
Initiated 3 members
Spring Initiation:
Friday, April 11th, 2014
Initiated 8 Members

B. Chapter Activities

Fall Picnic (September 20th): Chapter members met for a picnic to catch up with each other after the summer quarter.

Paintball Event (November 11th): This social event was planned with ASME. This allowed for a fun social opportunity where our two organizations were able to network and get to know one another.

Winter Decorations for College of Engineering (December 6th): This holiday event was held along with members of ASME and Tau Beta Pi. PTS and TBP put in equal amounts of effort to plan and setup for the event. Chapter members decorated a holiday tree outside of the mechanical engineering building and also hung paper snowflakes in the hallways of the engineering building. This event was an opportunity for members to get together and celebrate the holidays before winter break. Refreshments were served and members watched holiday movies.

Spring BBQ (May 9th): Chapter members met for a spring BBQ to catch up with each other before the end of the year, along with members of ASME and Tau Beta Pi.

Senior Thank You Pig Roast (May 15th): The annual senior pig roast is held by Pi Tau Sigma with assistance from ASME and some financial support from the mechanical engineering department. Pi Tau Sigma conducts all planning and organization, while ASME members help fill volunteer slots on the day of the event. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the seniors and all of their accomplishments. This year's pig roast was very successful with approximately 150 people being served. The flyer can be seen below:

Pizza Sales: Pizza sales are the main source of income for our chapter. This fundraiser is one that all engineering clubs participate in. This year Pi Tau Sigma participated in ten pizza sales and made over $1,000. All members are trained in food safety every year in order to work at this fundraiser.

Community Service Efforts:

The chapter participated in numerous community service events throughout the year, which included:

E^3 Engineering and Technology Fair (April 9th): Chapter members volunteered to work shifts at the 24th year of the fair, wich began in 1991 and was organized by, and is funded by, engineering societies of the Rochester area and local industries. Its purpose is to increase interest in engineering and technology in middle school students (Grades 6 – 8), who not only learn team and process concepts as a result of their projects, but also learn about careers in engineering from professional engineers and engineering students at the Fair. A picture of the fair from 2013 can be seen below:

Rochester MS Walk (May 4th): Walk to support MS research. Several members participated in the walk and raised money for the cause.

RIT Color Run (May 4th): Run to support on-campus organizations. Several members ran, and their entrance fees went towards the cause. A picture of members (Timothy Southerton and Samantha Huselstein) during the run can be seen below:

Imagine RIT (May 3rd): Imagine RIT is RIT's annual Innovation and Creativity Festival. Our chapter worked with ASME to put on a "Fluids are Fun" exhibit where children were able to come and play with simple engineering activities. ASME worked to plan and organize the stations, while ASME and PTS members put in equal efforts to setup and run the events on the day of, for approximately 8 hours. Chapter members were able to utilize their engineering skills while hoping to garner interest in engineering by young children. An image of the "High-Speed Balloon Drop" exhibit can be seen below:

Chapter Meetings were held regularly throughout the year with all club members invited via email.
September 12th
November 6th
Dec 12th
March 6th
May 1st

Stoles and cords were distributed to graduating members in good standing who had purchased them to wear at their graduation. This helps enhance our visibility in the community.

National Convention: This year club President, Danielle Howe, and Vice President, Wunna Kyaw, attended the convention in College Station, TX. Thanks to generous sponsorship by the RIT Mechanical Engineering Department many of the costs were defrayed. A report out was created to detail the lessons learned and new ideas for the chapter. Many new connections were made with other chapters in the area.

Chapter Initiatives:

Google Group:
A Google Group was created for the chapter. This was created in order to allow for increased organization and chapter communication. It helped us to keep better track of our roster of active members.

Facebook Group:
Chapter members were encouraged to join the National Pi Tau Sigma Group as well as the RIT version. The RIT group currently has 25 members.

Roster of Active Members:
A detailed roster of active members was created, in order to keep track of our members, when they're graduating, and what requirements they've completed. Active membership in our chapter requires the completion of social and community service activities as well as participates in chapter meetings and pizza sales. However, there was never an accurate record kept of who was attending what. Therefore, this database was created in our Google Group so that all members are able to check the database to see what requirements they still need to complete. A portion of the spreadsheet can be seen below:

1	Active Members	E3 Fair with ASME 4/9	Imagine RIT with ASME	Other Community Service	Initiation Dinner Social 4/11	Holiday Social
2						
3	Alex Resnick					
4	Andrew Greeley		X			
5	Andrew Hintermeier					
6	Anthony Henning					
7	Arielle Mizov					X
8	Austin Frazer					
9	Brian Church		X			
10	Brian Grosso				X	
11	Christopher Freeman					
12	Colin Payne-Rogers				X	
13	Collin Burkhart		X			
14	Daniel Mount					
15	Danielle Howe	X				X
16	David Anderson				X	
17	Dawei Liu					
18	Elise Bernstein					
19	Elizabeth Fischer		X			X
20	Eric Paterno					
21	Felix Liu					
22	Gebelange Jayasekera					

C. Other

Amendment to Chapter By-Laws- RIT switched to semesters for the first time this academic year. As a result, the chapter reviewed the by-laws and voted on appropriate changes that helped assimilate the chapter into the semester system. The changes were passed.