PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2012-2013
New York Delta Pi

A. Initiations

The Rochester Delta Pi Chapter used the metrics put in place by nationals 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. Faculty members sign a signature book as proof of their meeting with and approval of new members. Bent sanding events were held where officers met with candidates and assisted them with their bents while answering any questions they 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 are invited to dinner at a local restaurant.

This year, a total of twenty-six new members were initiated at three ceremonies:
Fall Initiation:
October 27th, 2012
Initiated 8 student members
Winter Initiation:
February 15th, 2013
Initiated 3 students and 1 professor
Spring Initiation:
Thursday, April 25th, 2013
Initiated 14 students

Dr. Schrlau was initiated in the winter to act as a co-advisor with Dr. Walter.

B. Chapter Activities

Fall Picnic (October 7th)- Chapter members met for a picnic to catch up with each other after the summer quarter.

Winter Decorations for College of Engineering (December 7th)- 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.

Senior Thank You Pig Roast (May 8th)- The annual senior pig roast is held by Pi Tau Sigma with assistance from ASME and some financial support from the mechanical engineering department. 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 100 people being served.

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 twelve pizza sales and made over $1000. All members are trained in food safety every year in order to work at this fundraiser.

Graduate Seminar- Discussion with business owner and entrepreneur

Food Link Can Drive- Canned goods were collected from members and donated to a local agency that provides food for the poor.

Mixer Event (February 7th) – Club members and community members were invited to listen to graduate students from the college of engineering discuss their research. Refreshments were served as well.

Mechanical Engineering Social (April 5th)- Rochester Delta Pi chapter agreed to pay half the price of admission for members to attend the mechanical engineering departments social.

End of the Year Picnic (May 7th) – Club members met for a picnic to celebrate the end of the school year and relax together before the summer.

Chapter Meetings were held regularly throughout the year with all club members invited via email
September 30th
November 1st
Dec 12th
February 3rd
April 10th

Cords and stoles 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 Treasurer, Andrew Hintermeier and member Nicholas Hensel, attended the convention in Ohio. Thanks to generous sponsorship by the RIT Mechanical Engineering Department many of the costs were defrayed. A detailed report out was given to both the chapter and the Department Head Dr. Edward Hensel on the lessons learned and new ideas for the chapter. Many new connections were made with other chapters in the area.

Chapter Initiatives

Linkedin Group

A Linkedin Group was created and all past members from the RIT chapter were invited to a Linkedin Group. This will assist graduates and current members in networking.

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 27 members.