South Dakota State Tau Chi

South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
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Goals for 2008-2009

The chapter goals for this year were to increase the chapter size and involvement in community activities. Our chapter also wanted to promote engineering to middle school students.

Activities

As a fundraiser, the chapter sold programs at the homecoming football game with the other mechanical engineering societies.

Chapter members volunteered their time to tutor underclassman engineers. The chapter tutors were available to the underclassmen for approximately 8-10 hrs/week to answer questions in classes such as statics, dynamics, mechanics of materials, thermodynamics, etc.

To promote engineering and to get young students interested in becoming engineers, the chapter purchased cheap hovercraft kits and took them to a Brookings middle school to allow the students to build the kits and learn more about engineering. The activity was a success and the teacher would like the chapter to do it again next year.

In the spring of 2009 PTS cleaned a four mile stretch of road along I-29 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. The event was successful and many members attended.

In February, Chapter President Matt Fritz attended the National Convention at the University of Michigan. The convention gave many ideas about chapter improvement and activities that could be performed to promote engineering and improve chapter involvement.

Other activities included member participation in the Mechanical Engineering Advisory Council, Joint Engineering Council, and the Mechanical Engineering Banquet Planning Committee.

Graduates

Matt Fritz
Aaron Geffre
Jason Hup
Garrett Hansen
Oscar Hernandez
Jared Peterson

Awards & Recognition

None

Names of New Members

Fall 2008Pledges

William Bryant
Oscar Hernandez

Spring 2009Pledges

Sunil Gaddam
Matthew Heiberger
Jason Hup
Ozan Ozdemir
Sankara Praveen
David Schiller

Transfer of Responsibilities

The current chapter officers met with the 2009-2010 officers during which time the current officers transferred all materials, both electronic and paper, to the new officers to use for next year.

The current officers also passed on some tips and ideas for the new officers to use to gain more involvement and to promote engineer.

Plans for 2009-2010

Our chapter would like to continue the goals and activities that were stated for 2008-2009. We would like to continue to see more involvement with our chapter members. Activities, such as the hovercraft kits, can be used again with a different set of students to get them interested in becoming engineers.

The 2009-2010 chapter president is Chris Jerred. His email address is ccjerred@jacks.sdstate.edu.

Chapter Officers

President	Matt Fritz
Vice President	Adam Fergen
Treasurer	Aaron Geffre
Secretary	Jeff Kreul
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