To: Engineering Technology Community

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Subject: The Professional Order of Engineering Technology

Forming a Chapter of the POET

The main purpose of the Professional Order of Engineering Technology is to recognize achievements and successful completion of education by students in the Engineering Technology programs at institutions of higher education. It promotes and recognizes entry into the Engineering Technology profession and engenders desirable qualities of personality and character among its inductees.

There is once in a lifetime induction to graduating students or graduates of Engineering Technology programs. Persons who have outstanding achievements in the field or have rendered valuable service to the profession may also be bestowed with this honor. All prospective members must be nominated and approved by the full-time faculty of the engineering technology program.

This is the 100th anniversary year of ASEE and by organizing the POET induction ceremony, the Engineering Technology community bestowed a distinct identity to the Engineering Technology professionals. Wayne State University, Division of Engineering Technology became a founding institution of POET and organized its first POET induction on Tuesday, May 11, 1993. That day also marked the 20th founding anniversary celebration of Engineering Technology at WSU.

To form a chapter of POET, please fill out the application form and send a check for 25.00 made payable to Professional Order of Engineering Technology. The cost of a certificate and pin for each inductee is 5.00.

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Chapter Application

1. Name of Institution ____________________________________________
   Sponsoring Program ____________________________________________
   Address ______________________________________________________
   City/State/Zip _________________________________________________

2. Institution's Representative
   Name ____________________________________ Phone ______________
   Title ____________________________________
   Program __________________________________

3. Accreditation
   A. The institution has been approved by the following State/Regional
      accrediting body:
      ____________________________________________________________________
      Year ______________
   B. If the institution has not been accredited, indicate whether application
      has been made for such accreditation:
      Yes __________ No __________
      Agency applied to _________________________________________________
   C. If the curriculum from which the institution will be drawn is accredited, list the discipline(s), accrediting body, and date of accreditation (ABET, NAIT, NATTS, etc.)
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CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name, Colors, and Insignia

Section 1. Name

The name of this Society shall be the Professional Order of Engineering Technology, Inc., hereinafter designated by the letters POET.

Section 2. Colors

The colors of the Society shall be green and burnt orange.

Section 3. Insignia

Insignia of the Society, such as letterheads, emblems for wearing on clothing, pennants, jewelry, and similar articles may be authorized by the Board of Directors of the Society.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Classes of Members

Membership in the Society shall consist of the graduating students who have fulfilled the requirements as outlined in this constitution, and any of the following categories of members: (1) alumni members, (2) faculty advisor or sponsors, and (3) honorary members. A member of the Society in any of these categories shall be entitled to the full rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 2. Election of Members

All prospective members must be nominated for membership by the full-time faculty of the Engineering Technology program. Upon nomination, members shall pay appropriate dues and participate in the induction ceremony to join the Society.

Section 3. Qualifications for Membership

(a) To be eligible for membership in the Society, a student must be graduating from or must be a graduate of an Engineering Technology program.

(b) Those persons who have rendered outstanding achievement to the Society or the profession of Engineering Technology should be considered for honorary membership.

Section 4. Resignation and Expulsion of Members

(a) Any member, not holding an elective office, who wishes to resign from the Society should submit a written resignation. The Leader of that Chapter shall accept or decline the resignation at his/her discretion.

(b) Any member whose conduct reflects discredit to the Society shall be expelled from the Society upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.
Suggested Induction Ceremony

Opening Remarks

Guest Speaker

History and Purpose of POET

Awarding of Certificates

[As the name is called, each inductee comes forward and signs certificate at a table with pens, pins, certificates]

Pinning

[Once the certificate is signed, person 2 would pin the insignia on. The inductee would proceed to a waiting area]

Obligation

[Person (4 or 2 or 1) would ask inductees to raise right hand and lead the group in reciting the obligation]

Closing Remarks

Adjournment [social hour]

Note: Each chapter shall maintain a roster of inductees.