Winter 2014

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Community Service

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Tutoring Coordinator

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Technology Coordinator

The Final Countdown

It’s starting to come down to the single digits. Motivation has long left the picture and apathy is increasing by the second. Well, this is true for a select few of us, about to leave and head out into the big, bad “real world”.

I wish our seniors nothing but the best. I hope that they succeed and stop by for a visit every now and again, if they don’t immediately flee the state in search for a place where winter doesn’t last until April.

For those of us remaining, it is time to choose our new leadership! Don’t feel shy if you are new, it’s tons of fun and you will enjoy getting to know your fellow members better. Officership is a great opportunity; I highly recommend it.

Changing gears a little: it’s actually somewhat nice out! I was expecting us to still be up to our eyebrows in snow still, but thankfully Mother Nature has decided to finally give spring a chance! What would spring be without the Tigers (and perhaps more unconventionally, the Red Wings. 23 consecutive playoff appearances for the win!)?

Finally, I have had a blast recording (some of) TBP’s shenanigans and working with my fellow officers. I hope our future team has just as good a time. With that, I am signing off. You stay classy, Tau Bates.
Birthdays

There ain’t no party like a Detroit party, so let’s celebrate!

Max Laws 5/2
Brien Dux 5/24
Amelia Zelenak 5/29
Adam Basha 6/10

Thank you, Maryssa! The first submission of the semester!
Behold it in all its glory. You get a gold star!
Some officer positions are opening up; do you think you have what it takes? You should!
Being an officer is tons of fun and great leadership experience. Check out the descriptions
below and feel free to enter the ring! (* = Year-long position)

**President**: El presidente. The Big Cheese. Our chapter’s Head of State; the officer is
required to show up to events and make us look good. And you get to pound the gavel at
GMBs. I hear that kind of power can be intoxicating, so be wary…

**Vice President**: The Vice President coordinates professional development events and
procures food for the general body meetings. Some of the events that the Vice President
sponsors is the Meet the College Luncheon, Engineering Futures, and select internship and
recruitment events on campus. Overall the Vice President’s job is to ensure that the President
is well fed and looks good in a suit or pant suit. The final and most important role of the Vice
President is to send out Google surveys to ensure that everyone feels that their input is
heard.

**Membership Vice President**: Ah, the MVP. We all know and love them. They are the
person who helps usher in our bright-eyed and bushy-tailed initiates to membership, even
when they become overwhelmed and panic-stricken.

**Corresponding Secretary**: If you’re looking for a position with minimal time and effort
required, but you still want to be the 4th most important Officer, then Corresponding
Secretary is the position for you! You’ll rank just behind the President, VP and MVP and you
barely have to do anything! Unofficially, this position only requires the abilities to read, type,
sign your own name, gather information from initiates, and meet deadlines. And if you’re
struggling to meet the deadlines, it’s probably the initiates’ fault! Slightly more officially, you
will be responsible for all communication between our Chapter and National Headquarters.
Your primary means of communication comes in the form of reports submitted online.
Occasionally you may have to send an e-mail or even (gasp!) a physical letter via snail mail.
While you’re only responsible for typing some info into the TBP website about once a month,
don’t slack off! The MI-E Chapter is anxious for another Secretary’s Commendation Award
and in order to receive this, you’ll need to submit all of these reports correctly and TIMELY!
But with the sage guidance of the former Corresponding Secretaries (oh hey there shameless
personal plug), you’ll do fine. Good Luck! Run for C-Sec!
**Treasurer**: The real power behind our chapter, they are the Head of Government. This makes sense, as the power should like with the money. As Treasurer, you’ll be in charge of coordinating fundraising, keeping track of our money and possibly playing with big bills, if you do your job well enough. You’ll also be shopping at Costco a lot keeping the store stocked for all to enjoy.

**Recording Secretary**: In recent time, the humble Recording Secretary’s duties have become more and more ambiguous. As Rec Sec, you get to publish the wonderful and entertaining Local Bent, take minutes at the General Body Meetings and you’re supposed to take minutes at weekly officer meetings, but the last few have just decided to ignore this requirement. Who knows, if you start ignoring other responsibilities, the Rec Sec may just be a pretty name!

**Historian**: As Historian, you will keep track of everything everyone does. And by everyone, I mean the officers. You will also, more likely than not, have to bug one (or more) of them for a project report. And take pictures, everyone loves pictures.

**Cataloger**: You are the decider. The guardian of the gates. You keep track of who has done enough to stay and active member and have the power to put them up for deactivation if they have ignored their solemn duties.

**Community Service Coordinator**: As Community Service Coordinator, you will be organizing volunteer events for members to take part in. You’ll get to know the community well and probably learn how to write a rousing email.

**Tutoring Coordinator**: The Tutoring Coordinator is in charge of finding tutors for the tutees (I can’t actually believe that is a word but I love every time I hear it). This means you’re in charge of one of our marketable services, besides community service, of course.

**Social/Publicity Coordinator**: Engineers like to have fun too! To prove it, you’ll be in charge of organizing fun events for everyone to enjoy, like dodgeball on trampolines and eating ice cream. Who doesn’t love ice cream?

**Room Tech**: The Room Tech keeps the room clean! They also maintain the website, as well as our Twitter page, and occasionally leaves a passive-aggressive note on undated food in the fridge. Plenty of #swag is required for this spot.

Fun game: Guess which officer descriptions were actually written by the current officer! Ok, it may not be that fun, but I did enjoy writing about the other officers.
Comics & Games

The Sudoku puzzles seemed to be a hit last time, so here are some more!

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Part of getting your PhD is learning to learn whatever you need to learn to make your research work. It's about stepping out of your comfort zone and learning new skills!

Also, you're cheaper than hiring a real programmer. So I've learned.
For all our seniors:

Congratulations
you made it
out of bed

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