

# Welcome

Portions: You may take

Two sandwich halves w/ a bag of chips

Or

A bowl of soup w/ a baguette

Or

A bowl of Mac n Cheese w/ a baguette

**Sit at one of the 7 tables that I have set up!**

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# Announcements

- NEST Competition reveal in this room and on Zoom following the conclusion of NI3 (~7:45 PM)
  - Leadership panel tomorrow 4:45-5:45 PM, EECS 1012 (food) & Zoom
  - Blazin Coop social tomorrow 12:00-1:00 PM
  - Knitwits II this Thursday 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the EECS atrium
  - Cantina Social Friday 6:00 - 8:00 PM
  - Bun Chai social Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 AM
  - Grad Arcade/Hot Coco Night Saturday 6:00 - 8:00 PM
  - Cub Scouts Day this sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the EECS atrium
  - **Elections 11/18 starting at 6:00 PM in GGBL 2505 or Zoom**
  - The Breakfast Party 11/19 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Dude Connector
  - **Sign Up for Banquet**
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# Agenda

**01**

## **Overview of Convention**

What is convention,  
where is it, when is it, why  
do we attend, who  
attends

**02**

## **Key Takeaways**

Big ideas from this year's  
convention, key  
developments

**03**

## **Actionable Items**

Each table group will be  
assigned a member from  
convention to discuss any  
actionable items

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# Convention Overview

What is convention?

Why do we have/go to convention?

Who goes to convention?

When is convention?

Where is convention?

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# Big Ideas from Conventions

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# Actionable Items

Each table group will have a member who attended convection join them.

In your table groups have at least one person open the workbook ([tbpmig.org/ni3](https://tbpmig.org/ni3))

Follow the prompts to aid your discussion, and write notes as you discuss please!

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Sign-In Code

# TheBestPhunction

Stay after for the NEST Competition  
Reveal (and maybe a chocolate chip  
cookie!)

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Group w/ Aidan



**Group members: David Lu, Jaccob Bell, Katherine Shih,  
Chase Layman, Anna Dyachenko, Phurithat Tangsripairoje**

Discuss with your convention participant what they specifically did at convention, such as the events they attended or committees they were involved in.

Discussion Notes:

- Never heard of an honors society
- Did some research online, searched TBP on google
- Assumed it was a scam
- Better if there are family connections

Determination for joining:

- Time commitment
- More structured, knowledge up front
- Seemed very open
- Food
- Flexibility

What did they see other chapters doing or implementing differently than our chapter?

Discussion Notes:

- Reach out to first year students to get them to know
- On first-year student's radars
- Improved online presence

What ideas do they have for our chapter now after attending the convention?

Discussion Notes:

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Group w/ Catherine + Kevin

**Group members:**

Brian Ferguson, Tianyi Zhang (jtyzhang), Lexie Barnard-Davignon, Drew Boughton, Qingyu Hu

Discuss with your convention participant what they specifically did at convention, such as the events they attended or committees they were involved in.

**Discussion Notes:**

Kevin

- Rituals committee. Setting up initiation. Talked about logistics regarding the initiation script.
- Most of the time spent in business meetings / PD events.

Catherine

- Public Relations Committee
- How do we avoid emails going to spam folders? What's the main reason people join? How do we make TBP more appealing to prospective members (professional development very common, but not with MI-G). PR video to show people before they join.
- District 7 (MI and OH) meetings; didn't talk about much beyond updating people about committee happenings.

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- Committee meetings are assigned, business meetings are the entire convention; committees present what they have been working on, can make a motion for the group to vote on. Example: convention committee goes over bids submitted by various chapters for 2029 convention, business meeting discusses this at large, any member can propose a modification that has to be discussed / voted on.

What did they see other chapters doing or implementing differently than our chapter?

Discussion Notes:

Kevin

- Usually other chapters have less resources, people, and structure compared to MI-G. We have it good here.

Catherine

- Other chapters (often smaller), hold events open to the general public, MI-G events are generally open only to TBP members / electees. Doing this sort of thing could help with outreach

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- We initiate 60-90 people / semester, many other chapters may only get 5.
- Our conversion rate (initial email to initiated members) is ~9%. Smaller chapters can have 60-80% range. It is very rare to require service hours like MI-G does; we seem to have some of the highest requirements of any chapter, which means more events.
- Some other chapters have more faculties as active members / advisors
- Other chapters collaborate with other societies more
- Discussed what people think about open events - generally in favor, especially early in the semester

What ideas do they have for our chapter now after attending the convention?

Discussion Notes:

Kevin

- Many other clubs have inter-school events (social clubs included)

Catherine

- More open events, more joint events with other organizations

- Maybe working on more connections with other chapters in our district. There was a board game night with other chapters. Maybe an inter-chapter service event would be more impactful.
- Does Tau Beta Pi participate in any freshmen orientation activities? That can boost TBP's visibility (Added later from website sign-in feedback)

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- Perhaps attending initiations at other chapters.

Group w/ Nick

## **Group members:**

Discuss with your convention participant what they specifically did at convention, such as the events they attended or committees they were involved in.

### Discussion Notes:

- Good desserts, hit or miss meals (sometimes disappointing)
  - Presentations/awards during meals
- Districts give updates
- Business meetings, voting on final day
  - Different committees discuss what they want to vote on
- PD (Nick didn't go)
  - Communication, leadership, organization
  - Career fair type thing
    - Companies
    - Graduate programs
- Heated arguments, but kept order
- “Nice Groups” groups of 4-10, discussing how to improve chapters

What did they see other chapters doing or implementing differently than our chapter?

### Discussion Notes:

- Only a few chapters have a website
- TheBoatParty?

What ideas do they have for our chapter now after attending the convention?

### Discussion Notes:

- Still a work in progress
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Group w/ Alyssa



**Group members: Alyssa**

Discuss with your convention participant what they specifically did at convention, such as the events they attended or committees they were involved in.

Discussion Notes:

- Different committees in the convention
- The kind of professional development events at the convention
- Voted on bylaws at the convention
- Last year's NEST project and the consequent build phase
- What "quorum" means in the voting process

What did they see other chapters doing or implementing differently than our chapter?

Discussion Notes:

- PD events were more tailored towards building skills (i.e. Excel workshops, PowerPoint workshops, financial planning)

What ideas do they have for our chapter now after attending the convention?

Discussion Notes:

- Improving our own PD events outside of company info sessions

Group w/ Lexi

**Group members: Lexi, Marzuk, Yunseok, Joe, Audrey, Natalie, Justin, Ava :)**

Discuss with your convention participant what they specifically did at convention, such as the events they attended or committees they were involved in.

Discussion Notes:

What is a committee? Groups that meet to discuss certain business to bring to floor, with voting delegates assigned to committees, and nonvoting delegates being able to jump around. Lexi went to Rituals, Constitution and Bylaws, and a lot of miscellaneous Professional Development events, as well as checking in with lots of different committee members to see what was happening in all the committees.

What did they see other chapters doing or implementing differently than our chapter?

Discussion Notes:

We are significantly larger than other chapters, so we have a much greater variety of events and we have significant resources to be able to do more than most other chapters.

What ideas do they have for our chapter now after attending the convention?

Discussion Notes:

More personal/professional development (alumni mixer), and definitely checking in with our members to see more about what personally works for everyone and making sure we have events to help people do what they are passionate about. We all agreed that more PD is needed, and we liked the resume workshops.

Also, more work to make people see that TBP is legit/not a scam (one example - having the Dean of Engineering write/sign the invitation letter to TBP)

Group w/ Cap

**Group members: Cap, Chloe Brown, Aroni Gupta, Peter Cao, Surya Kalluri, Putu Sudarsana, Wei-Lun Huang, Elizabeth Reidy, Devavrath Raghunath**

Discuss with your convention participant what they specifically did at convention, such as the events they attended or committees they were involved in.

Discussion Notes:

- 5 minute pitch + poster
- NEST split into three committees:
  - Selecting award winner
  - Determining topic for next year
  - resolutions (determine if NEST should continue)
- NICE sessions: hang out with other people
- Engagement sessions: grad school prep, engineering futures
- Award banquets

What did they see other chapters doing or implementing differently than our chapter?

Discussion Notes:

- Many chapters are face funding challenges due to smaller size
  - others will focus more on fundraising, tech talks, grants, etc.
- Putting more effort into their group meeting for electees
  - Ex. making a song + costumes + act
    - Less funds, so community is a stronger draw to their student body
- How do smaller chapters engage their grad students?
  - Smaller chapter advisors are faculty, whereas ours are grad/post-grad
  - Many don't have any grad students > nobody to lead groups
- Retention rate

- Smaller schools have lesser number of eligible students, but a higher retention rate for electees (8/10 vs. 8/100) but lower retention for actives

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Discussion Notes:

- More ways to raise funds for the chapter in addition to career fair
- MI-G's current funding sources:
  - PD events (companies pay), dues, career fair (majority of revenue)
- Should try to engage eminent engineers more than we currently do
  - Eminent engineers: ways for post-grad industry professionals to join