

# New Initiatives III

1013 DOW – 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

**Sign-in code:**

- I. Welcome and Dinner (6:30 - 6:40)
  - A. Purpose: To discuss new ideas and generate more interest in the chapter
  - B. Structure: Split into discussion groups; discuss both ideas and ways to execute
  - C. Upcoming events
    1. Knitwits afterwards
    2. Pizza Crawl
    3. IM Sports
    4. Ice Skating
    5. Cub Scouts Day
    6. Fourth General
- II. Today's topics (6:40 - 7:20)
  - A. Elections
    1. Elections are on November 27th
    2. How elections work
      - a) Nominations
      - b) Call For Closure
      - c) Speech
      - d) Discussion
      - e) Vote
      - f) Repeat
    3. How can we improve the efficiency of elections?
  - B. TBP Beyond U of M
    1. National Association
      - a) Programs
        - (1) District Program
        - (2) the Student Advisory Board
        - (3) Engineering Futures
          - (a) Collaborate with Wayne State University (in Detroit) to host Engineering Futures events on Saturday with TBP members there.
          - (b) Wayne State already does this activity, have them invite us to their events as a starting point.
        - (4) The Alumni Chapter Program
        - (5) TBP Laureate

- b) Endowment
- 2. TBP District 7 (Michigan and Ohio, excluding the UP)
  - a) Should have joint events
    - (1) Tailgates with students from schools that we are competing against.
    - (2) Reach out to them and ask what activities they typically do and find some common grounds so we can collaborate.
    - (3) Social events with Ohio state such as Cedar Point
    - (4) Service events in Detroit with Wayne State members, working with shelters, etc.
  - b) Alumni Association AAAAAAA...AAAAC (TBP Alumni chapter based in Ann Arbor, most members in there are from MI-Gamma)
    - (1) Networking
      - (a) Professional development events to get to know the companies they work for. An opportunity to talk to them about their experiences, more beneficial than the career fair. Get an idea of what they did to be successful in their careers and get to their current employment status. Might be a good idea to hold events like this across different universities.
      - (b) Coffee hour talks for smaller groups with similar interests.
      - (c) "Take a TBP member to work" day - shadow Alumni in their positions at work.
      - (d) Collaborating with Alumni for service events, either by setting up TBP specific events or participating in their company organized events.
      - (e) Panel with alumni members during general meetings.
      - (f) Have alumni from other areas travel to Michigan to recruit for their company.
    - (2) Tailgates
      - (a) Tailgates with TBP chapters that we are playing during the football game on that day.
    - (3) Social activities (not sure if they're interested in social activities with younger college students)
      - (a) BDUBS with Alumni - FREE FOOD!
      - (b) Pinball Pete's mixer

**Elections Group A:**

- 1. The thing that takes the longest is the discussion
  - a. Can we make it unanimous consent for all of the uncontested elections?
    - i. Votes: 10/10

- b. Get a microphone for questions??
  - i. V: 10/10
- c. Put a time limit on discussions?
  - i. V: 6/10
  - ii. 2-3 minutes per person running.. No time limit for president
- d. Can we do questions for all candidates at the same time?
  - i. V: 6/10
- e. Limiting number of positions that a person can run for?
  - i. V: 3/10
  - ii. If someone wants a leadership position we should let them run for whatever positions if they don't win their first position...
- f. Could we make it so that we go directly to a vote right after the speeches and if a winner has a 10% margin, we don't need to discuss.
  - i. V: 2/10
  - ii. More front-loaded on the speech, shouldn't rely on others to say why they are qualified...
- g. Limit the number of people that can run for a position?
  - i. V: 0/10

### **Elections Group B:**

At elections, there are around 12-17 officer positions open. Some are semester-to-semester, others are full year

Start with president, then go VP, grad VP, treasurer, first ones. From there it's whoever wants to close the others

Typically 2-3 people run for each position

Speeches are about 1-2 minutes each

Discussions afterwards take a while. 10 mins and then can be extended with a vote (if contentious). Once discussion concludes, then we vote using iClickers note, counting by hand took a lot longer

Once votes counted, come back into, go until fill all of the position

Typical meetings last 1-2 hours but can last more, plan for it to take about 3 hours

**For elections that aren't contested, we still have them give a speech and then vote - possible improvement to not take time for uncontested election**

Big time sinks can be taking a while to talk about each candidate

**Have each candidate post platform on TBP website with main goals and distribute this information to members, still having short speeches, but giving more prior information**

We still have vote of no confidence, usually seen in advisor elections

Could speed along, have unanimous uncontested elections at beginning of meeting

**Electees can vote and run for office - maybe should advertise that more**

If two candidates are both running, can still have vote of no confidence?

**No confidence** - is it majority or plurality? - advisors is majority

Officer, means nobody voted for them if less than half but still more than anyone else

Discussion after nominees have given speeches, people have to write that they want to speak on the board - but would probably not work since people might realize they want to speak over the course of the discussion

1 whole meeting, encouraged to stay whole time, but understand people might have to leave - need to have a certain fraction of membership present

Advisory board - 7 people governing body of chapter, made up of President, VP, secretary, 3 regular advisors and 1 chief advisor, they vote to deactivate members not present in the room, but bad thing to have to do

Usually around 100 members show up to voting meetings to start with

Have a representative for each candidate to speak on their behalf when they leave the room - but that already happens naturally

There is a period allotted for asking questions to the candidate

Only term limit is on President - can now serve two semesters if re-elected

Other positions can be **reelected**