Letter From the Historian

Welcome to our last general meeting of the semester! Congratulations to next semester’s officers and thank you to everyone who ran! If you are still interested in being more involved in the chapter next semester, I highly encourage you to apply to be K12 officer (by next Tuesday) or to be a chair/project lead next semester. As a former chair, I can say from experience that being a chair is incredibly rewarding (and frankly not a lot of work), so I highly recommend it.

In other news, please make sure to sign up for banquet (it is “required” and a lot of fun) soon so that spots don’t get filled up. I hope to see you all there!

Good luck!

Arjun Sundararajan

“One Minute Reads”

This is the last Cornerstone (and therefore one minute read) of the semester! Please send me feedback about the Cornerstone using tbpmi.ga/cstone-contrib so that we can make it even better for the semesters to come! In honor of April Fools Day being last Friday, enjoy a little bit about the origins of Rickrolling (thank you Denise). (As usual, my info is from Wikipedia)

If you are unaware, “rickrolling” is the practice of replacing a hyperlink of something with a link to a music video of Rick Astley’s 1987 hit “Never Gonna Give You Up”. The precursor to this started on 4chan in 2006 as “duckrolling” (which I think should make a comeback). Duck rolling was a very similar concept although instead of the link leading to a video of Rick Astley, it linked to an image of a duck on wheels. This turned into rickrolling in 2007 when a 4chan user posted the music video and claimed it to be the trailer for the highly anticipated Grand Theft Auto IV. The meme quickly replaced duckrolling and spread rapidly. By April 2008, an estimated 18 million Americans had been rickrolled, and the meme has (obviously) continued to this day with the music for “Never Gonna Give You Up” recently surpassing 1 billion views.
Initiation Requirements

- All 5 General Meetings, Elections, and Initiation
  - Only Initiation left! (April 19)
- Service Hours
  - Undergrads: 16 Service Hours total
    - At least 1 hour of tutoring
    - At least 3 hours of K12
  - Grads: 10 Service Hours total
- Social and PD Events
  - Undergrads: 2 Social and 2 PD
  - Grads: 3 Social Events
    - At least 1 Grad Social
- 2 Electee team meetings
- 2 Meetings with your TBPals group
- Character Evaluation
  - Electee Questionnaire on website
  - Upload your resume on website
  - Electee Interview
- Paperwork
  - $100 Membership dues (Let us know if this is an issue)
  - See Electee packet for other forms

If you think you will have a problem completing any of this by initiation please talk to Erik or Hrishi.