A Letter From the President

I hope this message finds you well - we certainly have been doing well here at MI-G! We've gotten off to a great start this semester, including running an incredibly successful Book Swap and Career Fair. After Second Comity, we also have approximately 50 undergraduate and 16 graduate electees that have now all gone through the interview process. As always, we have a variety of service projects planned, including providing technological help to retirement home residents at Sequoia Place, building/renovation work with Habitat for Humanity, and the annual Cub Scouts Day.

The officers have been an incredibly great group to work with; I'm pleasantly surprised by how little I've had to worry! Ten of the officers are new to the officer corps and they've been doing great things. I'm very excited for this semester as well as the future of the chapter.

Ryan Chen
President, Tau Beta Pi, Michigan Gamma
SWE/TBP Career Fair

One September 23 and 24 the Michigan Gamma chapter and the Society of Women Engineers hosted the 29th annual SWE/TBP career fair. We had just over 300 companies register the career fair and an actual attendance of 299 companies during the fair, making it the largest SWE/TBP Career fair to date. The career fair was also attended by more than 3000 undergraduate and graduate students and alumni.

The planning for the 2013 SWE/TBP career fair started back in January after the election of the SWE and TBP Co-Directors. A lot of planning went into the fair and many changes were made. For starters we did a complete remodel of our website in both looks and functionality. Our website’s company registration system now has the ability to create invoices and process payments. We also choose a new caterer for the fair, Grand Traverse Pie Company. And I would like to say that many of the company recruiters were pleased with the pie in their lunches. The Career Fair also made use of the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Building for the first time in a few years. Despite its distance from the north campus diag, companies located in the building were well attended and we plan to use the FXB for next year’s fair as well in order to accommodate more companies. Our Publicity Committee also did a lot of work at the beginning of the semester publicizing the fair via flyering, posters, and social media. This resulted in the largest attendance at our career fair receptions that I have seen. These receptions are a "no resumes allowed" event and serve as a casual setting for students to meet and talk with recruiters the evening before they attend the fair.

All and all, the 2013 SWE/TBP Career Fair was a success. We had high attendance and were able to raise a considerable amount of money for both organizations at the University of Michigan. All that is left for us directors to do is look back at the career fair and establish ways to prevent any hiccups that occurred from happening in the future and then pass the torch off to the next set of career fair directors.

Mike Boyd & Natalie Eyke
External Vice Presidents

Bookswap 2013

With another semester comes another TBP Bookswap. Like always, this semester’s bookswap was a success. There was over $11,000 in books sold! This money went right back to the student sellers to be able to buy more books for this semester. It was another successful Bookswap to help out our fellow College of Engineering students.

Marc Biondo
Service Chair