

# **Eta Kappa Nu Gamma Delta Chapter**

Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) is the International Honor Society for Electrical and Computer Engineers. Outstanding persons are elected to HKN primarily from the junior and senior classes of accredited undergraduate programs. Graduate students and distinguished professional engineers are also eligible. Eligibility depends on marked ability as evidenced by scholarship, personal character, useful voluntary services, and distinguished accomplishments, all of which indicate that the candidate will be, or is, a success in his or her profession.

On September 25, 1904, in a shady spot under a large cottonwood tree in the middle of an Agriculture Department field off the main campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana, Maurice L. Carr along with four classmates began forming a collegiate society of electrical engineering students. The initial purpose of this nascent society was one of employment -- a professional union. Within just a few years, however, a shift in that purpose changed HKN to an honor society with membership qualifications predicated primarily upon a collective favorable judgment of individual candidates, and on the likelihood of their eventual success in the engineering field.

Today, there are over 175 college chapters, many alumni chapters, and 200,000 members worldwide. HKN continues to grow and to influence the progress of the electrical engineering profession through the high ideals of scholarship, character, and service.

## **The Gamma Delta Officers**

Daniel Jennings, President  
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## Requirements for joining the Gamma Delta Chapter of HKN

The first requirement for eligibility into HKN is the demonstration of scholastic abilities and commitment. The remaining requirements, listed below, are used to establish and reinforce a candidate's character.

- Each candidate must complete at least 5 hours of community service. A community service form has been provided.
- Each candidate must have a character recommendation filled out by one faculty or staff member at WPI. The recommendation form has been provided.
- Candidates may not have any record of academic dishonesty at WPI. A consent form will be provided to you so a check may be run. If you do not wish a check to be run, that is your prerogative; however, you will not be considered for membership.

### Dues:

The dues for membership are a one time fee of \$85.00. This includes:

\$40 for National Charges

\$15 for Chapter Dues

\$30 for the Initiation Banquet (optional but recommended)

### Notes:

- Initiates are allowed to bring one guest to the banquet for an additional \$30.
- Please make checks payable to Eta Kappa Nu Gamma Delta Chapter. A single check for all of the dues is preferred.
- Financial assistance is available through confidential loans on a need-basis. Financial concerns should not be a reason to decline membership in HKN.

### Due Date

All reports and dues should be placed in a **single envelope with the candidates name ATTN Daniel Jennings** and placed in the **HKN mailbox in the ECE office by November 28th**. In the case of the recommendations, please address the back of the paper, and allow the faculty or member to mail it him/herself.

### Induction

Induction will be held on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in Kaven Hall 116 starting sharply at 5:00 PM**. The induction is a private ceremony and inductees are not allowed to bring guests. Inductees should be dressed appropriately (i.e. suit, shirt and tie, etc.). You must attend the induction in order to become a member of HKN.