



THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2015 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

(Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

Constitution and Bylaws Amendments Approved by the Convention BUT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters

- 1. Restructure the Executive Council and the roles of Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.**
Constitution Article III, Secs. 2 (a) and 2 (i), Secs. 3 (a) to 3 (h), and Secs. 4 (a) and 4 (b); Article IV, Sec. 1, and Secs. 2 (a) to 2 (e); Bylaw I, Secs. 1.01 and 1.03; Bylaw II, Sec. 2.01; and Bylaw III, Sec. 3.02 *(pp. 18-21)*
- 2. Gave the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2014-15 to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama. An honorable mention was given to Ohio Iota at Ohio Northern University. *(p. 24)*
- 3. Gave the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2014-15 to Alabama Delta at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and an honorable mention to Indiana Beta at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. *(p. 24)*
- 4. Applauded the presentation of the J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to Arizona Beta at the University of Arizona and honorable mentions to California Eta at San Jose State University and Texas Mu at the University of Texas at San Antonio. *(p. 24)*
- 5. Applauded the announcement of the 2015 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor** to Lt. Col. **Orval A. "Rusty" Powell**, USAF Ret., Ph.D., P.E., *Colorado Delta '97*, recently retired professor of mechanical engineering and deputy for curriculum and assessment at the United States Air Force Academy. *(p. 14)*
- 6. Applauded the announcement of the 2015 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor Elizabeth A. "Beth" Stephan**, Ph.D., *Ohio Kappa '93*, South Carolina Alpha Advisor. *(p. 14)*
- 7. Applauded presentations of the 2015 Tau Beta Pi Laureates Ashley A. Armstrong**, *Indiana Gamma '15*, **Michael E. Holloway**, *Tennessee Alpha '16*, **Pedro P. Vallejo Ramirez**, *New York Kappa '16*, **Megan M. Waytashek**, *South Dakota Beta '15*, and **David M. Zoltowski**, *Michigan Alpha '15*. *(pp. 9, 13)*
- 8. Applauded the presentation of 32 Secretary's Commendations** for perfect chapter reporting in 2014-15 to: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Beta, California Nu, California Tau, California Psi, Colorado Beta, Florida Alpha, Florida Theta, Illinois Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Delta, Massachusetts Epsilon, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Kappa, New York Kappa, New York Xi, North Dakota Alpha, Ohio Beta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Lambda, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Mu, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, South Carolina Beta, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Utah Beta, and Wisconsin Beta. *(p. 10)*

9. Applauded the presentation of 82 **Membership Awards** for excellent membership work in 2014-15 to: Alabama Gamma, Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Beta, California Beta, California Delta, California Zeta, California Iota, California Xi, California Omicron, California Sigma, California Phi, California Omega, California Alpha Beta, California Alpha Epsilon, Connecticut Alpha, Connecticut Gamma, District of Columbia Beta, Florida Beta, Florida Delta, Florida Eta, Georgia Beta, Idaho Alpha, Idaho Beta, Illinois Beta, Illinois Epsilon, Indiana Alpha, Indiana Delta, Indiana Epsilon, Kansas Alpha, Kentucky Beta, Louisiana Beta, Louisiana Epsilon, Maryland Epsilon, Massachusetts Alpha, Massachusetts Delta, Massachusetts Eta, Michigan Alpha, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Iota, Missouri Alpha, Missouri Gamma, Nebraska Alpha, Nevada Alpha, Nevada Beta, New Hampshire Alpha, New Hampshire Beta, New Jersey Alpha, New Jersey Gamma, New Jersey Delta, New Jersey Zeta, New Mexico Alpha, New York Eta, New York Iota, New York Kappa, New York Xi, New York Pi, New York Tau, North Carolina Epsilon, Ohio Iota, Ohio Nu, Oklahoma Beta, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Gamma, Pennsylvania Zeta, Pennsylvania Eta, Pennsylvania Kappa, Rhode Island Alpha, Rhode Island Beta, South Carolina Gamma, Tennessee Epsilon, Texas Beta, Texas Gamma, Texas Delta, Texas Epsilon, Texas Eta, Utah Gamma, Vermont Alpha, Vermont Beta, West Virginia Beta, Wisconsin Alpha, and Wisconsin Gamma. *(p. 10)*
10. Applauded the presentation of 27 **MindSET Grants** for 2014-15 totaling \$2,700 to 14 chapters: Alabama Gamma, California Epsilon, District of Columbia Beta, Florida Theta, New Jersey Beta, New York Gamma, Ohio Epsilon, Puget Sound Alumni, Sacramento Alumni, St. Louis Alumni, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Texas Epsilon, and Washington Alpha. *(p. 13)*
11. Applauded the presentation of 31 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2014-15 to: Alaska Alpha, Arizona Alpha, California Psi, Illinois Delta, Illinois Epsilon, Indiana Delta, Indiana Epsilon, Maryland Delta, New Mexico Gamma, New York Kappa, Tennessee Alpha, and Wisconsin Alpha, and to the following 19 chapters that won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Epsilon, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Florida Theta, Georgia Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Kappa, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, and Texas Alpha. *(p. 13-14)*
12. Granted a new chapter to the East Carolina University to be known as North Carolina Zeta and initiated its first two members. *(p. 10,22)*
13. Made 11 changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that were deemed editorial in nature. *(p. 11)*
14. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2016 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2015 Convention with the exception of automobile mileage which is now set at \$0.30 per mile plus an additional \$0.05 per mile for each additional passenger member. *(pp. 12, 16)*
15. Adjusted the Convention Site bidding process for future Conventions and recommended that the new process be reviewed in three years. *(pp. 12-15,)*
16. Accepted the invitation from the Michigan Gamma Chapter to host the 2017 Convention in the Ann Arbor/Detroit area. *(p. 15)*
17. Recommended a Committee on Alumni Chapters be convened at the 2016 Convention. *(p. 15)*

18. Raised annual alumni chapter dues from \$25 to \$50 per chapter effective immediately. *(p. 15)*
19. Raised the initiation fee from \$45 to \$55 effective August 1, 2016. *(p. 16)*
20. Granted two appeals from MI A regarding the eligibility of students in their applied engineering sciences program and NY N regarding the eligibility of students in their computer science program. *(pp. 16-17)*
21. Accepted the status update regarding the general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws from the Governance Documentation Restructuring Committee (GDRC) and provided recommendations to the group. *(pp. 17-18)*
22. Made recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. *(pp. 22- 23)*

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