

**MINUTES OF THE 107th CONVENTION  
THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Hyatt Regency Lexington & Lexington Center, Lexington, KY  
September 27-29, 2012

Voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and Association officials registered for the Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on September 27. Final registration of those who attended the business meetings was as follows:

**Official Collegiate Chapter Voting Delegates:**

AL A	William B. Young	DC A	Corine M. Jackman	MA A	Michelle P. Tran
AL B	Christine E. Evans	DC B	Travis J. Dichoso	MA B	Gustavo N. Goretkin
AL Γ	Austin G. Johnson	DC Γ	Shelly Bagchi	MA Δ	Nathaniel B. Eckman
AL Δ	Crystal D. Laws	FL A	Luis E. Alvarez	MA E	Rachael E. Tompa
AL E	Daniel B. Martin	FL B	Luis G. Cardona	MA Z	Connor W. Tobias
AK A	Najmus Saqib	FL Γ	-----	MA H	Benjamin S. Szewczyk
AZ A	Spencer L. Broderick	FL Δ	Nicholas B. Heintze	MA Θ	Peter E. Trearchis
AZ B	Sean J. Lucas	FL E	David J. Cowan	MA I	-----
AZ Γ	Gabriel J. Murray	FL Z	Spencer E. Freeman	MI A	Ashley D. Roberts
AR A	Ross M. Liederbach	FL H	Kaitlyn S. Kliewer	MI B	Kelsey R. Michael
CA A	Hamilton Nguyen	FL Θ	Frank A. Silva	MI Γ	Michael J. Hand III
CA B	Jeffrey A. Kowalski	FL I	Yuvraj Dewan	MI Δ	Eva N. Berndt
CA Γ	Bridget Vuong	GA A	Susan M. Hastings	MI E	Amani A. Aikayyali
CA Δ	Michelle C. Chong	GA B	Kevin T. Eck	MI Z	Mariam K. Said
CA E	Shannon J.M. Tan	ID A	Neil J. Wimer	MI H	-----
CA Z	Silvia Garcia	ID B	Jacob S. Rymer	MI Θ	Kimberly A. Romstad
CA H	Daniel T. Kruusmagi	ID Γ	Timothy R. DeWeese	MI I	Craig A. Cowing
CA Θ	Joseph R. Malcomb	IL A	Jerry C. Sun	MI K	Mikkhael A. O'Dell
CA I	Alexander D. Soto	IL B	Luis A. Larco	MI Λ	Lauren J. Hickox
CA K	Joshua J. Chacona	IL Γ	Seth F. Nelson	MN A	Nathanael T.S. Chan
CA Λ	Brendan J. Edwards	IL Δ	Christopher M. Douglas	MN B	Alexander M. Engel
CA M	Arianna N. Lasche	IL E	Kyle A. Goetzelmann	MS A	Henry Li
CA N	Adam M. Al-Ansari	IL Z	Dusanka Kangrga	MS B	Charles S. Jenkins
CA Ξ	Jessica M. Valadez	IN A	Lauren H. Logan	MO A	Tyler J. Burns
CA O	Linda N. Lee	IN B	Emily M. Yedinak	MO B	Brennt E. Courtney
CA P	Olga E. Jumbo Sanchez	IN Γ	Matthew P. Charnley	MO Γ	-----
CA Σ	Carolyn E. Mills	IN Δ	Benjamin B. Macy	MO Δ	Kelsey A. Knoche
CA T	Chau T. Diep	IN E	Will D. Lindquist	MT A	Annelise E. Weinmann
CA Y	Jordan L. Wagoner	IA A	Katherine M.S. Brown	MT B	Michelle N. Boyle
CA Φ	Eduardo N. Ramos	IA B	Zihan Zhu	NE A	Sarah J. Wallis
CA X	Myles W. Cupp	KS A	Alexandra R. Hyler	NV A	Sarah R.M. Hardage
CA Ψ	Justin Z. Ow	KS B	Christopher T. Desch	NV B	Maria D. Ramos
CA Ω	Martha R. Cuenca	KS Γ	Nathan T. Love	NH A	Britta C. Moore
CA AA	Chris M. Privitera	KY A	Melody G. Burkhart	NH B	Theodore R. Summers
CA AB	Sean Engineer	KY B	Matthew V. Dirkes	NJ A	Alexander H. Lee
CA AΓ	Robert T. Hartsock	KY Γ	Reed I. Gonzalez	NJ B	Marc Triebwasser
CA AΔ	Jason T. Ragland	LA A	-----	NJ Γ	Utkarsh Raj
CA AE	Alvin P.M. Javier	LA B	Angela M. Czesak	NJ Δ	Aman Sinha
CO A	Joseph D. Whalen	LA Γ	Rachel A. Hanks	NJ E	Jaclyn M. Navara
CO B	Andrew S. Accountius	LA Δ	Ashley A. Picou	NM A	Curtis A. Tade
CO Δ	Andrea D. Fasen	LA E	Krishna Regmi	NM B	Thomas E. Bauer
CO E	Molly K. Zimmerman	ME A	Jennifer L. Leach	NM Γ	Samuel W. Chesebrough
CO Z	Evan P. Rishel	MD A	Ahmed H. Aly	NY A	Hannah C. Chao
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NY K	Ankit N. Medhekar	OR A	Omri Almog	TX Z	Bryan R. Deagle
NY M	William B.R. Harris	OR B	Michael J. Woodruff	TX H	David W. Baker
NY N	Lauren B. Stutzman	OR Γ	Noa A. Yates	TX ⊖	Alma C. Gutierrez
NY ⊚	Monica P.R. Dahl	PA A	-----	TX I	Moriah M. Momsen
NY O	James A. Rosado	PA B	Kathryn L. Kirsch	TX K	Oluwamayowa D. Macaulay
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NY P	Josephine Chiu	PA Δ	Samantha E. Leong	TX M	Ricardo Rodriguez
NY Σ	Kaye P. Bortle	PA E	Nirav Giri	UT A	Satya K. Bellamkonda
NY T	Alexander N. Hantman	PA Z	-----	UT B	Grant E. Harper
NY Y	Brett R. Krueger	PA H	Alexander P. Thompson	UT Γ	Jesse C. Housekeeper
NC A	John A. Wagner	PA ⊖	-----	VT A	David W. Marsee
NC Γ	Jake A. Sganga	PA I	Kevin P. Tomko	VT B	Benjamin R. Deschaine
NC Δ	Jeffrey B. Hunt	PA K	Keliang He	VA A	Ryan N. Van Dyk
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ND A	Gerardo A. Zamora	PR A	Dennis A. Negron-Rivera	VA Γ	Mennatoallah M. Youssef
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OH B	Remo J. Malarik	SC A	Jackson G. Turbeville	WA A	Cezanne Camacho
OH Γ	Aric S. Augustine	SC B	Taylor R. Garrick	WA B	Gage L. Pepin
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OH Z	Madison R. Herman	SD B	Gregory M. Tanner	WV A	Carl W. Shaffer
OH H	David P. Montminy	TN A	Christopher R. Potter	WV B	Kendra K. Harper
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OH ⊚	Claire E. Dobbertin	TX B	Ross G. McFall		
OK A	Matthew A. Granato	TX Γ	Kathleen M. Wiest		

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AR A	Brent A. Bell	GA A	W. Tyler Piersol	MT A	Bradley G. Adams
AR A	Kelley F. Coakley	GA B	William R. Grey	NE A	Karleen M. Crone
AR A	Stephanie G. Cone	ID A	Darby J. Hoss	NV B	Suchan Lamichhane
AR A	William A. Curbow	IN Δ	Jesse R. Fosheim	NJ Δ	John K. Subosits
AR A	Emily K. Shields	IA A	Grant E. Anderson	NM B	Daniel T. Birdsell
AR A	Benjamin R. Sissons	IA A	German A. Parada	NY B	William F. Finch
CA A	Yue Fu	KS Γ	Josiah M. Bigelow	NY ⊚	Christopher P. Bednarz
CA A	Sebastian F. Ruf	KY B	Rea M. Rostosky	NY Π	Elizabeth M. Fischer
CA E	Richard Q. Hill	LA Δ	Ashley M. Josephson	NY Π	Nicholas C. Hensel
CA ⊖	Inseo Park	MA ⊖	Elizabeth C. Canty	NY Π	Steven M. Smith
CA K	Kevin T. Phan	MI B	Ellesse N. Bess	NY Π	Victoria G. Snell
CA Λ	Frank W. Chang	MI Γ	Michael J. Boyd	NY P	Ilya Borukhov
CA N	Joseph M. Arias	MI Γ	Nicholas J. Cobane	NY T	Jennifer Lui
CA P	Timothy S. Enserink	MI Γ	Christopher T. McMullen	NC A	Michael D. Bissette
CA P	Eric C. Kemp	MI Γ	Ariella K. Rose	NC A	Elizabeth E. Hunter
CA P	Kayla Lawler	MI Γ	Nathan M. Rowley	NC E	Malcolm A. Blow
CA P	Sierra L. Spitulski	MI E	Zahraa F. Bazzi	NC E	Ayanna N. Kennedy
CA P	Jonathan M. Stokes	MI E	Aliya M. Jawad	OH A	Stuart R. Long
CA AE	Julie A. Brown	MI E	Katie M. Latimer	OH B	Aaron E. Rumburg
CO E	Dominic J. Arnone	MI E	Pawel J. Popiel	OH Z	Grace E. Gosser
DE A	Matthew J. Sinnott	MI E	Nigil G. Valikodath	OH I	David B. Cramer
DC A	Paul D. Alade	MI Z	Andrew T. Middleton	OH I	Elizabeth C.G. Gall
FL Z	Matthew J. Walsh	MI I	Gabriel A. Church	OH I	Brooke E. Hayden

OH I	Courtney M. Hetrick	SC Γ	Jonathan M. Hager	TN Γ	Rebecca A. Forbes
OH I	John E. Toolis	SC Γ	Michael R. Lacey	TN Γ	Hannah K. Ross
OR A	Gregory E. Stearns	SC Γ	Jan C. Morales Gonzalez	TX A	David A. Babin
OR Γ	Jordan L. Heintz	SD A	William H. Lichtenwaldt	WA Δ	Matthew L. McCauley
PA B	Emily A. Wolf	TN A	Ian H. Little	WI Δ	Jordan L. Loos
PA E	Ritesh Maharjan	TN A	Arian S. Nasab	WY A	Matthew M. Melton
RI B	Brittany M. Alphonse	TN B	Alayna V. Boland		
SC A	Melanie R. Payne	TN Γ	William T. Bruning		

### Collegiate Chapter Advisors:

AL E	Sally J. Steadman	KY A	Bruce L. Walcott	MI A	Paul D. Plotkowski
CA Γ	Annika C. Matta	LA E	Janet S. Elias	MT A	Abigail M. Richards
CA Y	Susan L.R. Holl	MD E	Kwame J. Marshall	NV B	Jagadeep Thota
CA Y	Patrick D. Homen	MD E	Gbekelolouwa B. Oguntimein	NY T	Kirstie T. Caesar
CA X	Sam Rokni	MI Γ	Daniel E. Becker	NC Δ	Jacob W. Chesna
CA AE	Kathleen A. Kramer	MI Γ	Paul Kominsky	NC E	DeRome O. Dunn
CO Z	Kurt P. Rouser	MI Γ	Elson Y. Liu	OH I	Laurie K. Laird
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DC A	Robert E. Efimba	MI Δ	Sandra A. Yost	OH N	Harwood A. Hegna
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ID A	David C. Drown	MI E	Evan J. Hamalainen	PR A	Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez
ID Γ	George A. Murgel	MI ⊕	Gregory F. Hickman	SD B	Alex Moutsoglou
IA A	Bradley J. Coffman	MI I	Andrew E. Toy	TN G	David H. Huddleston
IA A	LeVern W. Faidley	MI K	Barry L. Frost III	TX E	Dustin T. Burge

### Alumnus Chapter Delegates:

Bluegrass Alumnus	Kevin M. Wieman, KY A '10	Ohio's North Coast	Edward D. Basta, OH E '82
Chicago Alumnus	Erin V. Boutwell, VA E '05	Sacramento	Jonathon F. Tai, CA AΓ '10
DC Alumnus	David S. Kaplan, PA Γ '03	SE Michigan	Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, MI E '00
Great Smoky Mtns.	Timothy D. Wheelock, TN A '93	West Michigan	Thomas M. Yackish, IN A '60

### Alumnus Visitors & Laureates:

Timothy D. Anderson, KY Γ '12	Kenneth L. Martin, NM A '83	Donald L. Smith, MI E '78
Brian E. Cooper, KY B '88	Jason D. Metzger, MD Γ '12	Rodger F. Smith, WI A '64
Robert E. Gable, CA Γ '56	Martha S. Polston, TN A '79	Adina D. Sterling, OH Γ '01
Tricia E. Gomulinski, SD A '98	Steve A. Polston, KY B '70	Lee T. Todd Jr., KY A '68
Carl J. Kirpes, IA A '12	Steven D. Prendergast, IN Γ '12	John Y. Walz Jr., LA B '82
Harry W. Lange, MI Z '75	Derrick K. Rollins, IA A '79	Kyle E. Zobek, IN Δ '12
Thomas W. Lester, IN A '70	Ray A. Rothrock, TX Δ '77	
Steven Limpert, AZ B '12	Nicholas A. Such, KY A '09	

### Hosts:

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Chair Brandon J. Isaac (KY A). Other Kentucky chapter members and initiates assisting at the Convention were: R.A. Adams, I. Anyaegbunam, M.W. Byrn, N.S. Brabon, A.B. Combs, J.I. Forshee, J.M. Frilling, K.D. Gardner, J.D. Grabau, C.N. Greenwell B.M. Ivanchak, S.C. Karlage, A.C. Lyvers, L.M. Martin, M.C. Renz, S.L. Schal, A.L. Shearer, F.M. Simmons, D.L. Smith, D.S. Spencer, C.A. Stevens, A.H. Wade, K.F. Ward, S.T. Weinman, S.T. Whitfield, and N.T. Winquist.

The 2013 Convention arrangements leaders from Iowa Alpha were in attendance.

### Representatives of the petitioning societies:

The College of New Jersey	Penn State Erie
Faculty: Manish Paliwal, NJ Δ '03	Faculty: William C. Lasher, MI Γ '76
Student: Kunal Jani	Student: Matthew Erdman
Student: Elizabeth Parriott	
Student: Ashley Polhemus	St. Louis University
Student: Parth Shah	Faculty: Jessica E. Wagenseil, CA Ψ '97
	Student: Yolatl Ruiz de Gordo

**Officials of the Association in attendance were:**

<b>Association Officials</b>	<b>District Directors</b>	<b>Engineering Futures Facilitators</b>
President Larry A. Simonson	District 1 Lynn B. Farrington Matthew V. Paragano	Cheryl Cheng Dirk J. Colbry
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Director of Engineering Futures Russell W. Pierce	District 5 ----- District 6 Kassy M. Lum Dee Anne Stirm Ellen S. Styles	
Director of Rituals Edward J. D'Avignon	District 7 Ellie R. Armstrong Wesley R. Repke	
Executive Director Curtis D. Gomulinski	District 8 Bruce A. DeVantier Ricardo K. Komai	
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Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling	District 11 James C. Hill District 12 Christopher F. Benson George K. Miyata Gregory M. Newcomb	
Parliamentarian John R. Luchini	District 13 Jeffrey G. Dabling Matthew T. Pittard District 14 Timothy M. Edgar Ian J. Frank District 15 Joseph R. Burnett Kimberly R. Stillmaker District 16 Neal T. Bussett Scott V. Eckersall	
<b>Headquarters Staff</b> Angela R. Boles Rebecca M. Davis Betty A. Harless	Sherry L. King Dylan S. Lane Patricia M. McDaniel	David S. Roberts Raymond H. Thompson

**OPENING BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Patterson Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Lexington, Lexington, KY**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2012**

**President Larry A. Simonson called the Convention** to order at 2:54 p.m. In accord with the Bylaws, Secretary C.D. Gomulinski served as Secretary of the Convention.

The Secretary reported that a **quorum** was present although final registration was incomplete; 219 voting delegates and Association officials were registered at this time.

President Simonson welcomed delegates and encouraged them to have a productive and educational Convention. He declared the Opening Business Meeting closed at 2:56 p.m.

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**District Meetings** convened at 3:00 p.m.

**Meetings of all Convention Committees** were held in rooms of the hotel and the Lexington Center starting at 4:10 p.m. Engineering Futures Facilitators presented **Engineering Futures orientation meetings** for all non-voting delegates. **Appointment of delegates to the Convention Committees** had been made by the Secretary in advance as required by the Bylaws, and the committees were given instructions and information about their assignments. *Standing* committees are specified in the Constitution. Committees select their own chairs, and Association officials serve as advisors for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

**Petitions Committee:**

William B. Young, AL A  
Sean J. Lucas, AZ B  
Michelle C. Chong, CA D  
Daniel T. Kruusmagi, CA H  
Arianna N. Lasche, CA M  
Molly K. Zimmerman, CO E  
Travis J. Dichoso, DC B  
Spencer E. Freeman, FL Z  
Kyle A. Goetzelmann, IL E  
Matthew P. Charnley, IN G  
-----, LA A  
Jacqueline M. Penichet, MD G  
-----, MA I  
-----, MI H

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-----, MO G  
Theodore R. Summers, NH B  
Marc Triebwasser, NJ B  
Curtis A. Tade, NM A  
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Jake A. Sganga, NC G  
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Andrew C. Bambeck, OH Q  
Bronson J. Lamoncha, OH L  
Noa A. Yates, OR G  
-----, PA Z  
Jackson G. Turbeville, SC A  
William B. Ward, TN D

Bryan R. Deagle, TX Z  
Satya K. Bellamkonda, UT A  
Caitlin M. Ryberg, WA G  
Peter N. Doval, WI G  
Darby P. Hacker, WY A

Ellie R. Armstrong, District 7  
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Director, Advisor  
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Director, Advisor

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Myles W. Cupp, CA C  
Sean Engineer, CA AB  
Alvin P.M. Javier, CA AE  
Amber M. Sorensen Van Cleave, CT G  
Christine E. Gregg, DE A  
Shelly Bagchi, DC G  
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Yuvraj Dewan, FL I  
Benjamin B. Macy, IN D  
Nathan T. Love, KS G  
Reed I. Gonzalez, KY G  
Ashley A. Picou, LA D

Benjamin S. Szewczyk, MA H  
Kimberly A. Romstad, MI Q  
Mikkhael A. O'Dell, MI K  
Alexander M. Engel, MN B  
Brennt E. Courtney, MO B  
Kelsey A. Knoche, MO D  
Sarah J. Wallis, NE A  
Aman Sinha, NJ D  
Jaclyn M. Navara, NJ E  
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Kaye P. Bortle, NY S  
Calvin S. Wheeler, ND B  
Remo J. Malarik, OH B  
Aric S. Augustine, OH G  
David P. Montminy, OH H  
Matthew A. Granato, OK A  
Netaji R. Kesana, OK B  
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Cesar A. Figueroa, TX E  
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-----, WI A

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 Matthew V. Dirkes, KY B  
 Grace L. Thompson, MD E  
 Gustavo N. Goretkin, MA B  
 Eva N. Berndt, MI D

Tyler J. Burns, MO A  
 Sarah R.M. Hardage, NV A  
 Hannah C. Chao, NY A  
 Lisa Liu, NY I  
 Brett R. Krueger, NY U  
 Omri Almog, OR A  
 Nirav Giri, PA E  
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 Jessica E. Kim, TN B

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 Director, Advisor

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 David S. Kaplan, DC Alumnus  
 Timothy D. Wheelock, Great Smoky Mts.

Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, Southeast Michigan  
 Edward D. Basta, Ohio's North Coast  
 Jonathan F. Tai, Sacramento Alumnus  
 Thomas M. Yackish, West Michigan

Joseph R. Burnett, District 15  
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 Gregory N. Newcomb, District 12  
 Director, Advisor

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 Kurt P. Rouser, CO Z  
 Stacy A. Kanaan, CT A  
 Robert E. Efimba, DC A  
 Philip T. McCreanor, GA B  
 David C. Drown, ID A  
 George A. Murgel, ID G  
 Will D. Lindquist, IN E  
 Bradley J. Coffman, IA A  
 LeVern W. Faidley, IA A  
 Bruce L. Walcott, KY A  
 Janet S. Elias, LA E

Kwame J. Marshall, MD E  
 Gbemeloluwa Oguntimein, MD E  
 Daniel E. Becker, MI G  
 Elson Y. Liu, MI G  
 Pritpaul S. Mahal, MI G  
 Paul Kominsky, MI G  
 Sandra A. Yost, MI D  
 Dalal A. Abed, MI E  
 Evan J. Hamalainen, MI E  
 Gregory F. Hickman, MI Q  
 Andrew E. Toy, MI I  
 Barry L. Frost III, MI K  
 Paul D. Plotkowski, MI L  
 Abigail M. Richards, MT A  
 Jagadeep Thota, NV B  
 Kirstie T. Caesar, NY T  
 Jacob W. Chesna, NC D

DeRome O. Dunn, NC E  
 Laurie K. Laird, OH I  
 Robert K. Ward, OH I  
 Harwood A. Hegna, OH N  
 Rebecca L. Rosenbauer, PA E  
 Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez, PR A  
 Alex Moutsoglou, SD B  
 David H. Huddleston, TN G  
 Dustin T. Burge, TX E  
 Mennatoallah M. Youssef, VA G

Solange C. Dao, Vice President,  
 Advisor  
 Bruce A. DeVantier, District 8  
 Director, Advisor  
 James C. Hill, District 11  
 Director, Advisor

**Curriculum Review: (ad hoc):**

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 Ross M. Liederbach, AR A  
 Shannon J.M. Tan, CA E  
 Martha R. Cuenca, CA W  
 Luis E. Alvarez, FL A  
 Jacob S. Rymer, ID B  
 Seth F. Nelson, IL G  
 Michael J. Hand III, MI G  
 Michelle N. Boyle, MT B  
 Thomas E. Bauer, NM B

Bridget E. Hegarty, NY D  
 James A. Rosado, NY O  
 Alexander N. Hantman, NY T  
 Victor J. Zimmer, OH M  
 Claire E. Dobbertin, OH X  
 Neil I. Abcouwer, PA G  
 Christopher R. Potter, TN A  
 Moriah M. Momsen, TX I, Chair  
 Grant E. Harper, UT B  
 David W. Marsee, VT A

Gage L. Pepin, WA B  
 Carl W. Shaffer, WV A

Timothy M. Edgar, District 14  
 Director, Advisor  
 Daniel A. Kamat, District 10  
 Director, Advisor  
 Matthew T. Pittard, District 13  
 Director, Advisor

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Joseph R. Malcomb, CA Q  
Adam M. Al-Ansari, CA N  
Chau T. Diep, CA T  
Robert T. Hartsock, CA AG  
Evan P. Rishel, CO Z  
-----, FL G  
Kevin T. Eck, GA B  
Luis A. Larco, IL B  
Christopher T. Desch, KS B  
Connor W. Tobias, MA Z  
Peter E. Trearchis, MA Q  
Ashley D. Roberts, MI A

Amani A. Aikayyali, MI E  
Lauren J. Hickox, MI L  
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Joseph S. Paradiso, NY B  
Deboleena Kanjilal, NY H  
Monica P.R. Dahl, NY X  
Daniel R. Crossen, NY P  
John A. Wagner, NC A  
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Zahi M. Kakish, OH K  
Michael J. Woodruff, OR B  
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Carolyn A. Mariano, TN E  
Maria S. Sylte, TX A  
David W. Baker, TX H  
Ricardo Rodriguez, TX M  
Jesse C. Housekeeper, UT G  
Eric C. Larson, WI D

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Director, Advisor  
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JoAnna M. Male, PA L  
Antonio Garcia, TX L

Kassy M. Lum, District 6  
Director, Advisor  
Jason Rogan, District 2  
Director, Advisor

**The Headquarters display** was viewed during the Convention in the foyer of the Patterson Ballroom. Refreshments were served from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Lexington Center where a **Recruiting Fair** was staffed by: Aerotek, Altec Industries, Belcan Advanced Engineering, Big Ass Fans, BNSF Railway, Ceraydne, Inc., Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science, Cypress Semiconductor, Cummins Inc., Electro-Motive Diesel, Inc., EMC, Gallatin Steel, GEICO, International Paper, Iowa State University College of Engineering, Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, Lehigh University, Lexmark International, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University Graduate School, MIT Lincoln Laboratories, National Oilwell VARCO, NCEES, Northwestern University, Parsons Brinckerhoff, PPI, Princeton University School of Engineering, Raytheon, Sandia National Laboratories, Teach For America, The George Washington University School of Engineering, University of Kansas School of Engineering, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan College of Engineering, University of Pennsylvania, United States Marine Corps, Vanderbilt University, and White Stratus.

**Professional Development Sessions** were held in rooms of the hotel and the Lexington Center starting at 5:00 p.m.

**The Welcoming Dinner** of the Convention was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Patterson Ballroom; seating was by Districts. The meal featured a roasted and sliced sirloin and oreo cheesecake which was enjoyed by 450 people. President Larry A. Simonson and Ronald M. Hickling served as masters of ceremonies. Tau Beta Pi Vice President Solange C. Dao welcomed delegates on behalf of the Association. University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto and former President Lee T. Todd Jr., thanked delegates for coming to Lexington and encouraged them to explore all that Lexington had to offer and to enjoy their visit to campus on Saturday. Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering, John Y. Walz Jr., and former Dean, Thomas W. Lester, were introduced. David Cox, greeted the group on behalf of NCEES, urged students to take the FE exam while still in school, and stated that it was the pleasure of NCEES to sponsor the Convention and Welcoming Dinner and provide each delegate with a free t-shirt. Matthew Bennett of GEICO welcomed the group and stated his organization's pride in supporting Tau Beta Pi scholarships, the Convention, and the Saturday banquet for the delegates. Rodger F. Smith, member of Tau Beta Pi's Trust Advisory Committee, introduced the keynote speaker, Ray A. Rothrock, general partner at Venrock. Mr. Rothrock encouraged delegates to utilize their engineering education to pursue a career in a field they find exciting and rewarding. He shared his journey from practicing nuclear engineering to sales and marketing and finally to a career in venture capital. He told delegates that his lifelong interest in building things led him to a career in venture capital where he helps build companies.

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### **FIRST BUSINESS MEETING**

**Thursday, September 27, Patterson Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Lexington, Lexington, KY**

President Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and recognized former Executive Councillors E.D. Basta, E.J. D'Avignon, J.R. Luchini, R.W. Pierce, M.S. Polston, E.S. Styles, and R.L. Werneth. Councillor Huggins defined the Tau Beta Pi *applau* and introduced members of the Executive Council, Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre, Jr., Director of Engineering Futures Russell W. Pierce, Director of Rituals Edward J. D'Avignon, Executive Director Gomulinski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger E. Hawks, Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling, Parliamentarian John R. Luchini, and District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators present in standing groups.

**The President's Report** for the Executive Council for 2011-12 was presented by Dr. Simonson. It is a part of these minutes and will be published in the Winter 2013 **BENT**.

**The Report of the Director of Fellowships** was given by Mr. Pierre, who reviewed the history and importance of the Fellowship and Scholarship Program and recognized the assistance of the Executive Council, Executive Director, Ray Thompson, and Headquarters staff. He said that 40 Fellows and 200 Scholars were selected last year on a competitive basis, acknowledged the support of generous alumni and the Fellowship Board, and encouraged the delegates to apply for either program, to join the Fellowship/Scholarship group on Facebook, and to read the FAQs at [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).

**The Report of the Director of Engineering Futures** was given by Mr. Pierce, who encouraged the delegates to take advantage of the Engineering Futures Program and the skills taught and to schedule sessions on their campuses. The Engineering Futures program offers five different modules to help teach students the "soft skills" necessary to be a truly productive and successful engineer. He said that last year 40 Facilitators conducted 263 sessions for nearly 3,300 students of 102 chapters. He was proud to announce that Engineering Futures held its first international session in Doha, Qatar, in April 2012.

The President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association constitute the Committee on Order of Convention Business, according to the Bylaws. An **agenda** for the order of business had been prepared and was sent to all delegates in advance. **It was adopted** on a voice vote on motion by Secretary Gomulinski, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G), as follows:

**Opening Business Meeting:**

- Official opening of the Convention
- Quorum report of the Secretary-Treasurer

**First Business Meeting:**

- Introduction of Association Officials
- President's report for Executive Council
- Report of Director of Fellowships
- Report of Director of Engineering Futures
- Adoption of Convention Agenda
- Assumption of the chair by the permanent Convention Chair
- Convention orientation and Parliamentary Procedure

**Second Business Meeting:**

- Continuation of Convention orientation
- Report of and action on Petitions Committee
- Report of and action on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Report of and action on Financial Affairs Committee
- Report of and action on Rituals Committee
- Report of and action on Convention Site Committee
- Report of Awards Committee
- Report of and action on Curriculum Review Committee (*ad hoc*)

**Third Business Meeting:**

- Report of and action on Chapter Advisors Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on MindSET Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on Member Benefits, Image, & Insignia Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on Website Development Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on Alumnus Chapter Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Action on Petitions Committee
- Action on Financial Affairs Committee
- Action on Convention Site Committee
- Action on Rituals Committee
- Action on Curriculum Review Committee
- Action on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- New Business

**Final Business Meeting:**

- Presentation of 2012 McDonald Mentor
- Presentation of 2012 Outstanding Advisor
- Presentation of 2012 Laureates
- Final Report of Award Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Official adjournment

President Simonson announced that the Executive Council had appointed Ronald M. Hickling as permanent Chair of the Convention, in accord with the Bylaws. He yielded the gavel to Mr. Hickling who announced that Dr. John R. Luchini would serve as Convention Parliamentarian, *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* would be followed at the business meetings subject to the provisions of the Constitution & Bylaws, and closure would be reached on all business issues. Mr. Hickling explained that the fundamental principles of parliamentary procedure and additional training would be provided during the Second Business Meeting.

Chairman Hickling declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 8:34 p.m.

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**Committee Meetings** were held in rooms of the hotel starting at 8:45 p.m. Professional Development sessions continued at 8:45 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Refreshments were served from 9:00-9:45 p.m., sponsored by Gallatin Steel.

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**A Continental Breakfast** was available at 7:30 a.m. Friday morning in several areas of the hotel.

**District and Engineering Futures orientation meetings** reconvened at 8:00 a.m.



**Committee meetings and Engineering Futures Sessions** reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

**Lunch** was served in the Patterson Ballroom at 11:30 a.m., and seating was by committee groups. A total of 430 people enjoyed the grilled chicken breast with marsala sauce and carrot cake. After the meal, Mr. Gomulinski presented a summary of the Executive Director's Report for 2011-12, which was given to each Convention registrant on a flash drive (and appeared in the Fall 2012 BENT).

Secretary Gomulinski and Vice President S.C. Dao presented 33 **Secretary's Commendations** for perfection of Headquarters reports and timely payment of fees in 2011-12 to: Alabama Epsilon, California Omicron, California Rho, California Tau, California Phi, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Epsilon, Florida Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Iowa Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Kentucky Beta, Maryland Beta, Massachusetts Zeta, Michigan Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Kappa, Minnesota Alpha, Minnesota Beta, Montana Alpha, New York Pi, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Zeta, Ohio Eta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, South Carolina Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Utah Beta, Virginia Alpha, and Wyoming Alpha.

Assistant Secretary Hawks presented key tips to assist chapters in their responsibilities of the membership process, urged each chapter to initiate one more electee than the previous year, and presented 50 **Membership Awards** to the following chapters: Arizona Beta, California Alpha, California Delta, California Zeta, California Mu, California Omicron, California Omega, California Alpha Beta, Colorado Alpha, Connecticut Alpha, Connecticut Gamma, Delaware Alpha, District of Columbia Alpha, District of Columbia Gamma, Florida Alpha, Florida Eta, Georgia Beta, Idaho Gamma, Illinois Beta, Illinois Epsilon, Iowa Beta, Kentucky Beta, Maryland Epsilon, Massachusetts Epsilon, Massachusetts Eta, Massachusetts Iota, Michigan Iota, Michigan Kappa, Michigan Lambda, Missouri Delta, Montana Alpha, Nevada Beta, New Jersey Alpha, New York Delta, New York Eta, New York Nu, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Nu, Ohio Xi, Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania Kappa, Pennsylvania Lambda, Rhode Island Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Eta, Utah Alpha, Virginia Beta, Virginia Delta, and Washington Gamma.

The Convention **group photograph** was taken by R.H. Thompson, TBP Systems Administrator, at 1:00 p.m. inside the Lexington Center on the original Rupp Arena floor. Photographs were delivered before the Saturday evening banquet.

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## **SECOND BUSINESS MEETING**

**Friday, September 28, Patterson Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Lexington, Lexington, KY**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. The **Tellers' Committee**, comprised of non-voting delegates and advisors, had been appointed by Chairman Hickling as follows: J.M. Bigelow (KS G Alt.), M.J. Boyd (MI G Alt.), G.A. Church (MI I Alt.), S.G. Cone (AR A Alt.), C.T. McMullen (MI G Alt.), Y. Ruiz de Gordo (Petitioner), E.K. Shields (AR A Alt.), and A.E. Toy (MI I Adv.). Secretary Gomulinski reported that registration was ongoing with 250 voting delegates registered and provided voting totals required for various actions. Parliamentarian J.R. Luchini continued the review of the fundamentals of *Robert's Rules*.

C.S. Jenkins (MS B) **moved** seconded by CA AD **for the Convention to interpret the written ballot requirement of the Constitution as being satisfied by a text ballot**. P.S. Mahal (MI G Adv.) spoke against the motion as he felt text votes could be spoofed. M.G. Burkhart (KY A) spoke in favor stating that paper ballots could be spoofed as well. Several delegates indicated that their trial text vote had not been counted. A.S. Accountius (CO B) inquired if voting twice would spoil the vote. Chairman Hickling initially indicated that it would, but upon clarification from the Tellers' Committee, reported that only the first text vote cast from a cell phone is counted. N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) asked if a vote can be counted twice, and Mr. Hickling indicated that a text vote can only be recorded once per question. Mr. Hickling directed any delegate whose vote had not been counted to register their phone with the Tellers' Committee. Mr. Hickling requested that the body suspend the rules that would prevent the reports from Rituals and Curriculum Review be taken up out-of-order while delegates register their phones. Hearing no objections, the agenda was so modified.

**The Report of the Committee on Rituals** was called. S.M. Hastings (GA A), Chair, said that her group had rehearsed the ceremony which went well, and the committee was ready for the Model Initiation on Saturday. A possible change to the ritual was discussed, but no action was taken.

**The Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (ad hoc)** was called. M.M. Momsen (TX I), Chair, stated that the committee split into two subcommittees with one committee reviewing the appeal of the information science, systems, and technology (ISST) program at NY D at Cornell University and the second reviewing the appeal from NY I at the City College of New York (CUNY) to add computer science. The committee was reviewing coursework, design components, and overlap with ABET-EAC accredited programs of the appealed curricula. The committee will make their final report at the Third Business Meeting.

The Tellers' Committee reported that all phones were now registered. On a standing vote, the **motion for the Convention to interpret the written ballot requirement of the Constitution as being satisfied by a text ballot** was adopted.

**The Report of the Committee on Petitions** was called. C.S. Jenkins (MS B), Chair, reported that his group had reviewed the final petitions and the report of the inspection committee for the engineering honor societies at Penn State Erie, The College of New Jersey, and St. Louis University, and had met with the petitioners and heard their presentations. M.K. Zimmerman (CO E), subcommittee Chair, reported that the local honor society, Tau Beta Nu, at Penn State Erie met the requirements for a chapter and had cor-

rected any deficiencies noted in the inspection report. She **moved**, seconded by M.M. Youssef (VA G), **to approve the petition from Penn State Erie and grant a charter to the institution.**

W.B.R. Harris (NY M), subcommittee Chair, reviewed the petition from the engineering honor society at The College of New Jersey. They corrected two deficiencies noted by the inspection committee and their petition met the requirements of Tau Beta Pi. The committee was impressed with the presentation and enthusiasm of the petitioners and he **moved**, seconded by D.H. Rieman (TN Z), **to approve the petition from The College of New Jersey and grant a charter to the institution.**

W.B. Ward (TN D), subcommittee Chair, reported that the petition from Tau Beta Epsilon at St. Louis University complies with the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws. Their presentation illustrated their commitment to the growth and advancement of Tau Beta Pi. He **moved**, seconded by R.T. Hartsock (CA AG), **to approve the petition from St. Louis University and grant a charter to the institution.**

When the voting was completed later, Mr. Hickling announced the results: 235 in favor and 2 opposed to the Penn State Erie petition, 229 in favor and 8 opposed to The College of New Jersey petition, and 226 in favor and 3 opposed to the St. Louis University petition. **The chapters were therefore granted, to be known as Pennsylvania Mu, New Jersey Zeta, and Missouri Epsilon.** Representatives were brought to the front of the room and given an enthusiastic standing ovation.

**The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** was called. A.M. Williams (VA B), Chair, introduced the subcommittee chairs and thanked the members of the committee for their work so far. The committee was charged with reviewing a number of proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that would correct typographical errors and out-of-date references, provide updates to reflect current practices, assist in the transition to electronic record-keeping, and make changes requested by the Committee on Alumnus Chapters. He indicated that the items being introduced are available on the flash drives provided at registration. It was the committee's intent to introduce the amendments today and to vote on them tomorrow. Any delegate interested in discussing the amendments was invited to join the committee in Regency 3 at 8:00 p.m.

A.M. Williams (VA B), Chair, **moved**, seconded by R.T. Hartsock (CA AG) **to amend Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(4) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(1), to change the Fall Contact Information Update deadline.** C.E. Gregg (DE A) indicated the committee used "October or November" as the deadline instead of "fall" to be more specific. Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by J.C. Sun (IL A) **to amend Bylaw IX, Sec. 9.04, to remove the fixed price of a BENT subscription from the Bylaws.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G) **to amend Constitution Articles VI, Sec. 3 and VII, Secs. 1 and 2; and Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(9) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(6), to update requirements that certain actions be conducted in writing.** G. Youssef (D2 Director) indicated that he and several other delegates were unable to read the proposed amendments. Parliamentarian Luchini indicated that the amendments were on the flash drives and that the intention at this meeting was not to finalize the wording of the amendments. He encouraged delegates to review the amendments independently and attend the committee meeting if they had changes or concerns. Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by J.M. Valadez (CA Xi) **to amend Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g) and Bylaw XIV, Sec. 14.03, to update the terms of District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by S.J.M Tan (CA E) **to amend Bylaw V, Sec. 5.05 (b), to remove the written Convention report requirement.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by J.D. Whalen (CO A) **to amend Constitution Article XVIII, Sec. 1 and Bylaw XV, Sec. 15.01, to remove the terms collegiate and undergraduate in amendment references.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by C.S. Jenkins (MS B) **to amend the motion to amend Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(3); V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(3); VI, Sec. 6.05 (b); and VIII, Sec. 8.01 (d), to remove references to physical catalog cards.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by N. Saquib (AK A) **to amend Bylaw V, Secs. 5.01 (c), 5.03 (c), and 5.03 (e)(1), to remove references to keeping of physical copies of THE BENT and BULLETIN by the Collegiate Chapters and the printing of THE BULLETIN.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by J.M. Penichet (MD G) **to amend Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06 (a)(1), (5), (6), and (7), to update Convention transportation reimbursement wording.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.T. Hubmann (WI E) **to amend Bylaws I, Sec 1.02; III, 3.01 (g)(8); and VI, 6.02 (d), to**

**correct references that are not valid.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by C.S. Jenkins (MS B) **to amend Bylaw V, Sec. 5.04 (c), to remove long distance phone calls as a chapter budget item.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by A.A. Aikayyali (MI E) **to amend Constitution Article VI, Sec. 2 (b) and Bylaw VI, 6.04 (a), to correct spelling errors.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by J.D. Whalen (CO A) **to amend Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (j); V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(5); and VIII, 8.01 (f), to update requirements for Convention proposals and references to credentials.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by R.T. Hartsock (CA AG) **to amend Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(13) and (14), to increase the Alumnus Chapter charter fee and annual dues.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by P.N. Doval (WI G) **to amend Constitution Articles II, Sec. 1; III, Sec. 2 (a) and (d); III, Sec. 3 (b); IV, Sec. 2 (g)(3); VII, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; XVIII, Sec. 4; and Bylaws I, Secs. 1.03 and 1.06 (b); III, Sec. 3.01 (e) (13) and (14); III, Sec. 3.01 (n); and XV, Sec. 15.03, to change the name of Alumnus Chapters.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by G.L. Thompson (MD E) **the motion to amend Constitution Article IV, Sec. 1, Secs. 2 (g), and 2 (g)(3), and to insert Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g)(5) and Bylaw III, Sec. 3.07, to create a position of Director of Alumni Affairs.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the amendment on the table.

The exact wording of all 16 motions appear in the Third Business Meeting.

**The Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs** was called. E.M. Yedinak (IN B), Chair, introduced her two subcommittee chairs and stated that her group had four responsibilities. The committee reviewed the chapter accounts receivable, unusual delegate expenses for 2012, expenses for the 2013 Convention, and the audit and Treasurer's report for 2012. She indicated that one subcommittee met with the 17 chapters that owed more than \$500 to Headquarters. Five chapters had paid their bills, three had payments en route, seven have the funds and will pay their bill within the month, and two would work to pay their balance by the end of the academic year. The subcommittee had no cause for concern that any chapter would be unable to pay in a reasonable amount of time.

M.R. Herman (OH Z), subcommittee Chair, reported that there were no unusual expenses reported for the 2012 Convention. The subcommittee had reviewed the allowable expenses for the 2012 Convention and felt they should remain the same for the 2013 Convention. Ms. Herman **moved**, seconded by S.F. Nelson (IL G), **to update the definition of allowed en route meal expenses to be one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner on the day of travel.** D.S. Kaplan (DC AC) spoke against the change as some delegates travel over a two-day period of time and this would limit reimbursement options. S.B. McKellick (RI B) **moved**, seconded by an unknown delegate, **to amend the motion to replace the words one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner with three meals.** Chairman Hickling recommended that the committee study the matter further and ruled without objection that the matter be tabled.

C.M. Douglas (IL D), subcommittee Chair, reported that his subcommittee had reviewed the audit and Treasurer's report and found the Association's finances to be in good order. The committee felt there were three areas the Association should work on to improve its financial condition. First, the Association should focus on increasing recruiters at Convention to provide a large and diverse pool of potential employers as well as improving revenue. Second, Tau Beta Pi should look into increasing the cost of sponsorship or seeking more sponsors. This could be executed in parallel with efforts to improve the Recruiting Fair. Finally, Tau Beta Pi should consider an electronic format for *The Bent* to reduce publication costs. Mr. Douglas **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G), **that the 2013 Convention review the current publication method of The Bent and examine the financial impact of alternative methods of publication and distribution.** D.J. Cowan (FL E) **moved**, seconded by S.E. Freeman (FL Z), **to lay the motion on the table.** Chairman Hickling ruled without objection to lay the motion on the table.

**The Report of the Committee on Awards** was called. G.J. Wang (CT A), Chair, stated that his committee had no report at this time and would present the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award and the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award during the Final Business Meeting on Saturday.

**The Report of the Committee on Convention Site** was called. M.G. Burkhart (KY A), Chair, stated that her committee divided themselves into two subcommittees; the first considered the bid for the 2015 Convention site and the second discussed changing the bid process. The second committee is still finalizing its recommendation which will be presented during the Third Business Meeting. K.M.S. Brown (IA A), subcommittee Chair, reported that her subcommittee reviewed the bid to host the 2015 Convention in Providence, RI, by the Rhode Island Alpha and Beta Chapters and the Massachusetts Alpha, Delta, and Epsilon Chapters. She **moved**, seconded by D.H. Rieman (TN Z), **that the 2015 Convention be held in Providence, Rhode Island.** The committee felt that the site had all of the necessary meeting rooms, hotel rooms, and dining facilities. The location in downtown provides easy access to restaurants and entertainment. The committee recommended setting the date of Convention after the dates for Brown Family Reunion are

announced and alternate airports with a charter bus to Providence be considered as ways to save money. An alternate airport could potentially save \$50,000. There was no further debate, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

The Second Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Refreshments were served at 3:15 p.m., sponsored by GEICO.

**Interactive Chapter Exchanges** (ICE) were held starting at 3:45 p.m. in rooms of the hotel and the Lexington Center. Twelve small-group exchange seminars were conducted, each with one or more District Directors and/or Engineering Futures Facilitators serving as moderators. Booklets containing background notes on the subjects of eligibility, election, and initiation of new members, of chapter management and projects, of the "Chapter Growth Cycle," and of group analytical problem solving were provided.

**The Advisor Recognition Dinner** was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Patterson Ballroom; seating was by ICE committee grouping. A total of 455 people enjoyed the grilled sirloin steak and apple crunch pie. Bruce L. Walcott, chief advisor of Kentucky Alpha, served as master of ceremonies. Executive Director Gomulinski praised the work of Chapter Advisors and emphasized the important role advisors play in the life of a chapter. The Convention gave a well-deserved round of applause to the advisors present at Convention. Vice President Dao recognized advisors who had attended the past 7, 8, 9, and 10 consecutive Conventions. She presented the four advisors who had attended the past ten Conventions with chocolate that spelled TBII. The advisors included R.E. Efimba, H.A. Hegna, D.S. Kaplan, and R.L. Ward.

Vice President Dao recognized the service anniversary of District Director T.E. Gomulinski for 12 years of service. She also recognized volunteers who had given over 30 years of service with an Outstanding Service Award including J.R. Luchini for 32 years and R.L. Werneth for 36 years.

Secretary Gomulinski and Vice President Dao presented 26 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellence in project work during 2011-12 to: Alabama Beta, California Sigma, California Tau, Florida Epsilon, Georgia Alpha, Illinois Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Kentucky Gamma, Michigan Kappa, Michigan Lambda, New York Theta, and the 15 chapters listed below.

Secretary Gomulinski and Vice President Dao presented **Chapter Performance Scholarships** of \$500 each to engineering students who would be named later to the following 15 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Epsilon, California Psi, Florida Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Minnesota Alpha, New Mexico Gamma, Ohio Iota, South Carolina Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wyoming Alpha.

Secretary Gomulinski presented plaques to the five chapters making successful Laureate nominations: Arizona Beta, Indiana Gamma, Indiana Delta, Maryland Gamma, and Iowa Alpha. Vice President Dao recognized the 2012 **Tau Beta Pi Laureate** Kyle E. Zobeck, *IN D '12*, spoke of his achievements in athletics, and presented him with a Laureate plaque and a cash award of \$2,500.

Councillor Earle announced that the Executive Council had made 16 **MindSET Grants** totaling \$2,618 to nine chapters. He presented certificates to: 1) Alabama Gamma for leading sessions with 100 students and teaching them about bridges and Spanish, 2) California Gamma for leading sessions for middle school students as part of an after school program, 3) Florida Alpha for working with elementary students in Gainesville, Florida, 4) Florida Epsilon for using the structures module in teaching geometry to third-graders, 5) Maryland Beta for hosting middle school students in a rocket launch activity session, 6) Michigan Gamma for hosting a professional development session for local teachers, 7) New York Gamma for working with sixth-grade students twice a month on STEM concepts, 8) Pennsylvania Beta for teaching units, conversions, and scales as part of the school's science curriculum, and 9) Tennessee Alpha for teaching civil engineering concepts as part of the bridge module. Councillor Earle encouraged all chapters to participate in MindSET activities, to apply for grants at [www.tbpmindset.org](http://www.tbpmindset.org), and to report their activities to Headquarters.

Director of Engineering Futures R.W. Pierce presented three honorable mentions for the **Iron Man Award** to C. Cheng for facilitating 21 sessions, S.V. Eckersall for 22 sessions, and J.R. Luchini for 23 sessions. **The Iron Man Award** went to J.P. Blackford for facilitating a total of 33 sessions during the 2011-12 school year.

**Committee meetings and Engineering Futures Sessions** reconvened at 8:00 p.m. MindSET overview and training sessions were held at 8:00 p.m. with J.F.K. Earle.

Secretary Gomulinski met with the successful petitioners at 8:00 p.m.

A session of Investing for Your Financial Future was held in the Patterson Ballroom by R.F. Smith and H.W. Lange at 9:15 p.m.

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**A Continental Breakfast** was available at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning in several areas of the hotel.

District meetings reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

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**THIRD BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 29, Patterson Ballroom, Lexington, KY**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., and Secretary Gomulinski announced that final registration was complete with 227 Collegiate Chapters, 8 Alumnus Chapters, and 25 Association Officials for a total of 260 voting delegates which set the number of votes required to pass various items of business.

**The Report of the Committee on Chapter Advisors (*ad hoc*)** was called. J.W. Chesna (NC D Adv.), Chair, thanked the 38 advisors on the committee for attending Convention and participating in the committee discussions. He also thanked the Advisors Recruitment and Development Committee for their work to improve the advisor program. He reported that new advisor training had been conducted and work was underway for a new mentoring program for chapter advisors.

**The Report of the Committee on MindSET (*ad hoc*)** was called. D.J. Cowan (FL E), Chair, reported that the committee recommended two small changes to the MindSET implementation document. A best practices web page should be implemented, chapters should be encouraged to have a MindSET officer position, incentives need to be established, selection tools should be implemented to determine which module meets the needs of schools being targeted, and additional modules for students in grades 3-5 need to be created. They also recommended that a web-based pre- and post-MindSET activity form be created that chapters that fill out to receive a monetary award to be used within the chapter. The committee requested that Headquarters communicate with schools to collect baseline and follow-up data. Finally, modules should be developed for the K-6 grades and that the learning outcomes for each module be specified more clearly.

**The Report of the Committee on Member Benefits, Image, and Insignia (*ad hoc*)** was called. S.W. Chesebrough (NM G), Chair, reported that the committee divided into three subcommittees to study each of the areas the committee was tasked with re-searching. M.J. Woodruff (OR B), subcommittee Chair, reported on Member Benefits. The committee felt that Tau Beta Pi should keep all existing benefits and that new benefits be sought in the areas of technology, academic, and lifestyle discounts. R.T. Hartsock (CA AG), subcommittee Chair, reported on image items. The committee requested that paper documents and resources be made available online and that other resources such as the orientation video be made available online as well. The committee requested that the wallet be updated and that an Engineering Futures brochure be developed that would give reasons why someone would want to attend a session. They recommended that a committee at the 2013 Convention be charged with investigating, analyzing, and defining a set of graphical standards to be used for official use in all association business. D.W. Baker (TX H), subcommittee Chair, reported on Insignia and recommended that initiates be given the option to receive the official bent lapel pin instead of just the official bent charm. The committee recommended discontinuing offering the miniature Bent, women's ring, solid tie bar with alligator clip, and the women's bracelet; recommended updating the women's earrings, cross pen, tie, and mug. New items that should be offered include a golf shirt, hat, beanie hat, travel mug, tote bag, and credit card flash drive. Finally, the committee recommended a t-shirt design exchange program be developed.

**The Report of the Committee on Website Development (*ad hoc*)** was called. H. Nguyen (CA A), Chair, reported on progress to revise the Tau Beta Pi website. The 2011 Convention requested that a website redesign contest be conducted which resulted in the design by the California Alpha Chapter being selected. No one from the chapter was able to work full time at Headquarters on the design, but a group from the chapter collaborated over the summer to update the website. Y. Fu (CA A Alt.) demonstrated the new design, which emphasized ease of use, better functionality, and improved aesthetic appeal. The updated design included a revised site map and navigation and delegates were encouraged to fill out the survey at [dev-tbp.berkeley.edu](http://dev-tbp.berkeley.edu) to provide feedback on the new design. The committee recommended implementation as soon as possible. S. Engineer (CA AB) asked if the new site design worked on mobile devices such as smart phones. The committee reported that the new site was designed with mobile devices in mind.

**The Report of the Committee on Alumnus Chapters (*ad hoc*)** was called. K.M. Wieman (Bluegrass AC), Chair, reported that eight Alumnus Chapters met and discussed a number of matters related to Alumnus Chapters and increasing involvement of Tau Beta Pi alumni. The committee prepared three amendments that will be presented during the report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Petitions**, C.S. Jenkins (MS B), Chair, stated the group had no further business.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter and Financial Affairs**, M.R. Herman (OH Z), subcommittee Chair, **moved**, seconded by C.M. Douglas (IL D) **to set the reimbursements for the 2013 Convention at the same level as 2012 including \$0.25 per mile for automobile reimbursement with up to 3 additional passengers at \$0.05 per additional member, \$42 per night stopover lodging for the voting delegate, reimbursement for en route meals of \$6 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch, and \$10 for dinner for voting delegates, and \$9 for on-site hotel breakfasts.** Ms. Herman indicated that the expected expenses for the 2013 Convention are similar to this year, and the committee felt leaving the numbers the same was reasonable. S. Engineer (CA AB) **moved**, seconded by M.T. Hubmann (WI E), **to amend the motion to replace \$0.25 per mile with \$0.35 per mile.** Mr. Hubmann spoke in favor of the

amendment and indicated that gas prices have increased and that \$0.35 is a more reasonable reimbursement rate. Mr. Douglas spoke against the amendment stating that Tau Beta Pi did not have the resources to provide a \$0.35 per mile reimbursement rate and that \$0.25 per mile was a fair amount that covered gas expenses. J.Z. Ow (CA Psi) inquired as to the current federal reimbursement rate and Executive Director Gomulinski reported that it was in excess of \$0.50 per mile. M.J. Woodruff (OR B) stated that the current federal reimbursement rate to be \$0.555 per mile. He **moved**, seconded by an unknown delegate, **to amend the amendment to replace \$0.35 per mile with \$0.55 per mile**. J.C. Housekeeper (UT G) indicated that a delegate with a vehicle that had a fuel economy of 25 gallons per mile would be reimbursed \$8.75 per gallon at \$0.35 per mile and \$13.75 per gallon at \$0.55 per mile. B.R. Deschaine (VT B) spoke against the amendment and stated that the 2012 federal reimbursement rate is \$0.55 per mile for business miles driven and \$0.14 per mile driven in the service of charitable organizations. There was no further debate, and the **amendment to the amendment failed** on a voice vote. There was no further debate, and the **amendment failed** on a voice vote. The **motion** to set the 2013 Convention reimbursements at the same level as the 2012 Convention **passed** on a voice vote.

S.B. McKellick (RI B) **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G), **to take from the table the motion to amend the meal reimbursement policy from the table**. Chairman Hickling reported that exact wording of the motion and the amendment to the motion was not provided, and debate on the amendment to change one breakfast, one lunch, one dinner to three meals on the day of travel was now in order. With no further debate, the **amendment failed** on a voice vote. A.M. Czesak (LA B) indicated that the committee was trying to clarify the meal reimbursement policy, but felt that the original language was satisfactory and recommended that the motion be rejected. D.J. Cowan (FL E) spoke against the proposed change as it did not achieve its purpose. There was no further debate, and the **motion failed** on a voice vote.

C.M. Douglas (IL D), subcommittee Chair, **moved**, seconded by B.J. Edwards (CA L), **to take from the table the motion that the 2013 Convention review the current publication method of *The Bent* and examine the financial impact of alternative methods of publication and distribution from the table**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and debate was now in order. Mr. Douglas indicated that the 2013 Convention should look into the cost of publishing *The Bent* and investigate methods for publishing it electronically. There was no further debate, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Convention Site**, M.G. Burkhart (KY A), Chair, **moved**, seconded by D.H. Rie- man (TN Z), **to adopt a three-year trial procedure for Convention site selection as stated below:**

1. Interested Alumnus and/or Collegiate Chapters may submit a documented request to host a Convention in a given location. The Executive Council will secure financial and logistical data for all submitted chapter requests and other locations from all parts of the country.
2. A minimum of three proposals will be assembled, including all chapter requests. Proposals will consist of letters of commitment and qualifications from the local chapters and the data obtained by the Executive Council.
3. The assembled proposals will be presented to the Convention Site Committee.
4. For the purpose of reducing long-term costs, the Executive Council may negotiate a contract with a given hotel chain for a period of no more than five years. This excludes a single location contract.
5. The Convention site will be determined two years in advance.

Ms. Burkhart reported that the committee drafted the proposal from scratch and that all of the proposed changes fit within existing guidelines. She outlined the current bidding process and indicated that the major change would be shifting the research portion to the Executive Council and Headquarters. Chapters could then focus their work on matters other than the hotel, meeting rooms, and travel arrangements. The proposed procedure would not change the purpose of the Convention Site Committee. M.J. Hand III (MI G) **moved to divide the question and make point number 4 a separate question**. The **motion to divide the question failed** on a standing vote. Several delegates requested to know what would happen if there were less than three proposals. R.E. Hawks (AST) indicated that Headquarters would look at different cities and expected no problem in generating the minimum three bids per year. J.L. Leach (ME A) spoke in favor of the motion as the procedure is essentially the same, but the Executive Council is responsible for making the phone calls. J.S. Leverette (TN G) spoke against the motion indicating that if the only requirement is a phone call, chapters should be able to do the work. M.T. Hubmann (WI E) **moved**, seconded by A.S. Augustine (OH G), **to limit debate to three speakers**. Hearing no objection, Chairman Hickling ruled **debate limited to 3 additional speakers**. J.P. Blackford (D4 Director) **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G), **to commit the motion to the 2013 Convention**. Mr. Blackford indicated that a new Executive Council would be elected next year and this motion would limit the site selection. M.A. Granato (OK A) stated that the only change would be who does the research, and he felt that the matter not be passed to the next Convention. There was no further debate, and the **motion to commit failed** on a voice vote. A.H. Lee (NJ A) spoke in favor of the motion as the procedure is temporary and can be evaluated again in three years. J.A. Huggins (Exec. Councillor) spoke against the motion as it no longer contained the original intent of the Executive Council and the Council was not interested in taking power away from the students. The three-year trial procedure **motion passed** on a show of hands.

H. Li (MS A), subcommittee Chair, concluded the report with a recommendation that future Convention Site Committees evaluate bids based on overall cost, logistics, local support, city, and location.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (*ad hoc*)**, M.M. Momsen (TX I), Chair, had completed their review of the two appeals from NY D for their ISST program and NY H for their computer science program. N.I. Abcouwer (PA G), subcommittee chair, reported that his group had reviewed the ISST program at New York Delta. The committee evaluated the design elements and engineering applications of the program, but took no action to grant the appeal.

M.J. Hand III (MI G), subcommittee Chair, reported that his group had reviewed the appeal from New York Eta for consideration of their computer science curriculum for eligibility in Tau Beta Pi. The committee evaluated the mission and objectives of the program, the overlap with curricula approved at previous conventions, and the rigor of the senior capstone design program. The committee found ample cause for it to be considered an eligible curriculum, so he **moved**, seconded by T.R. Garrick (SC B), **to approve the appeal by New York Eta to include the B.S. in computer science curriculum at the City College of New York for eligibility and admittance into Tau Beta Pi**. Mr. Hand indicated that 43/54 credits for the curriculum overlap with a comparable program at the University of Michigan, and two of the three non-overlapping courses are required courses for computer engineering at CUNY. There was no further debate, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws**, A.M. Williams (VA B), Chair, **moved**, seconded by R.T. Hartsock (CA AG) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(4) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(1)**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendments to update the deadline for the Fall Contact Information Update were taken from the table as stated below.

### **Bylaw III** *Association Officers*

#### **SECTION 3.01. Secretary-Treasurer.**

(e) Be responsible for:

(4) Obtaining from the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter in October or November the names and post office addresses of the officers of the Chapter, and subsequently all changes in their memberships which may occur during the year. See Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d) (1).

### **Bylaw V** *Collegiate Chapters*

#### **SECTION 5.03. Duties of Officers.**

(d) It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter to:

(1) Send ~~promptly in October~~ each year to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association lists of the names and post-office addresses of the officers of the Chapter by the deadline set by the Secretary-Treasurer and to report promptly all changes in this information which may occur during the year. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 (e) (4); and VIII, Sec. 8.01 (a), (b).

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C.E. Gregg (DE A), subcommittee Chair, said some chapters do not begin school until October, and this would allow the Secretary-Treasurer to set a date in November. Historically, this report has had one of the lowest on-time, correct submission rates. This change would not give chapters more flexibility to meet the deadline, but it gives the Secretary-Treasurer the authority to adjust the deadline so it is achievable for all chapters. S.B. McKellick (RI B) spoke against the motion as it was a minor unnecessary change. Debate was closed without objection, and the **Bylaw amendments were adopted on a text ballot with 215 in favor and 12 opposed and became effective immediately**.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G) **to amend Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 3 (a), to replace the words "in residence" with "enrolled" for graduate student eligibility** as stated below.

### **Article VIII** *Membership*

**SECTION 3. Eligibility of Graduate Students.** (a) A Chapter may elect to membership any candidate in a graduate engineering curriculum (see Section 2(a) for the definition of an engineering curriculum) at its institution after the student has been ~~in-residence~~ enrolled for one semester or two quarters and has completed at least 50% of the degree requirements, including coursework and research, as determined by the student's primary academic advisor.

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Ms. Gregg indicated that the committee recommended this change because Tau Beta Pi recognizes excellence in engineering, and many young engineers now complete masters' degrees online or through a distance learning program. They do not have the option to go to graduate school full-time, and although these individuals are not on campus, they are excelling in their engineering program. A student enrolled in a distance learning program could positively contribute to Tau Beta Pi, and they should be given the opportunity to join. No similar restriction currently exists for undergraduate students. J.C. Sun (IL A) asked if any chapters currently have distance learning programs being impacted by this motion. Chairman Hickling indicated that there were chapters with distance learning programs. There was no further debate, and the **amendment was adopted on a text ballot with 223 in favor and 12 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by R.T. Hartsock (CA AG) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw IX, Sec. 9.04**.

The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendment to remove the price of a BENT subscription was taken from the table as stated below.

**Bylaw IX**  
*Publications*

SECTION 9.04. **Subscription Fee.** The subscription price of THE BENT shall be set by the Executive Council, subject to review by the Convention. ~~\$2.10 per year for undergraduate members and \$10.00 per year for alumnus members and other persons. The Executive Council may, from time to time, authorize special rates to non-subscribers for the purpose of establishing a broader interest in the affairs of the Association. Any member may become a life subscriber to THE BENT on payment of \$60.00 in one payment or of \$62.50 in five annual payments of \$12.50 each, of which 50 cents per year shall be used for operating expenses.~~ Each Chapter shall subscribe to THE BENT for four years for each initiate. The subscription charge ~~of \$8.40~~ shall be a part of the initiation fee, but the initiate may elect to pay ~~\$51.60~~ an additional fee, and so become a life subscriber to THE BENT. The subscription shall start from the first issue after initiation. Any member may at any time during the period of the initial four-year subscription convert the subscription to a life subscription by the payment of the difference ~~of \$60.00~~ between the current fee and any remaining prepaid subscription. (The desirability of becoming a life subscriber to THE BENT should be brought clearly to the attention of alumnus members and each initiate before the initiation in Chapter letters and other communications.)

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J.M Valadez (CA Xi), subcommittee Chair, stated that the Executive Council would be given the authority to adjust the price of a subscription to *The Bent* without waiting for Convention. This change would allow the Financial Affairs Committee to review price changes instead of needing the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review the change. This change does not impact the price of the initiation fee which is set by the Convention. Hearing no further debate, Chairman Hickling called for the vote, and the **Bylaw amendment was adopted on a text ballot with 217 in favor and 6 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by A.N. Hantman (NY T) **to take from the table the motion to amend Constitution Articles VI, Sec. 3 and VII, Secs. 1 and 2; and Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(9) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(6).** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the package of amendments to update requirements in writing was taken from the table as stated below.

**Article VI**  
*Collegiate Chapters*

SECTION 3. **Vote on Chapters.** A Collegiate Chapter shall be established or abolished, and a charter granted or withdrawn, only by at least a three-fourths majority of the total accredited votes of the Convention, taken by ~~written ballot~~ recordable voting method.

**Article VII**  
*Alumnus Chapters*

SECTION 1. **Application and Membership.** (a) An Alumnus Chapter may be chartered by the Executive Council when application is made ~~in writing~~ by at least ten members of the Association and upon payment to the Association of a charter fee as specified in the Bylaws.

(b) An Alumnus Chapter shall be composed of members of Tau Beta Pi who are not undergraduate students and who have signified ~~in writing~~ their desire to become affiliated with an Alumnus Chapter and their willingness to comply with its Bylaws.

**Bylaw III**  
*Association Officers*

SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.**

(e) Be responsible for:

(9) Obtaining from each Chapter a copy of the Chapter's Bylaws, amended to date, with the ~~written~~ documented approval of the Advisory Board, as required in Bylaw V.

**Bylaw V**  
*Collegiate Chapters*

SECTION 5.03. **Duties of Officers.**

(d) It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter to:

(6) Furnish to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association a copy of the Chapter's Bylaws, amended to date, with the ~~written~~ documented approval of the Advisory Board within two weeks of their adoption and amendment. See Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01(g).

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Ms. Valadez said the purpose of these changes is to facilitate the effort of the Association to go paperless, make it easier to organize records, and to remove written requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws. There was no further debate, and the **package of amendments was adopted on a text ballot with 209 in favor and 4 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification.**



Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by R.E. Hawks (AST) **to take from the table the motion to amend Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g) and Bylaw XIV, Sec. 14.03.** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the package of amendments to update the terms of District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators was taken from the table as stated below.

#### Article IV

##### *Association Officers and Directors*

#### SECTION 2. Designation and Duties.

(g) The Director of Rituals, Director of Fellowships, and Director of Engineering Futures shall be appointed by the Executive Council to serve a term of four years beginning on July 1st after the Executive Council takes office. The District Directors shall be appointed by the Executive Council to ~~serve staggered~~ terms of not more than three years ~~beginning July 1st, with approximately one-third of the terms expiring each year. These Directors may be reappointed.~~ They shall be alumnus members of the Association ~~and~~, shall serve without compensation, and may be reappointed. They may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses and for travel authorized by the Executive Council.

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#### Bylaw XIV

##### *Engineering Futures*

SECTION 14.03. **Facilitators.** The Engineering Futures facilitators shall be appointed by the Executive Council to ~~serve staggered~~ terms of not more than three years ~~beginning July 1st.~~ They shall be alumnus members of the Association, shall serve without compensation, and may be reappointed. They shall be trained to present the Engineering Futures curriculum to Tau Beta Pi collegiate chapters. They may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses and for travel authorized by the Executive Council.

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Ms. Valadez stated that this change would allow the Executive Council to appoint District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators to terms of less than three years with flexible start and end dates. There was no further debate, and the **package of amendments failed on a text ballot with 191 in favor and 7 opposed.** Chairman Hickling stated that amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws required a 3/4 vote of those registered to vote at Convention which is 195. He indicated that those who voted to abstain and those who chose not to vote counted against the motion, and a motion to reconsider could only be made by delegates who voted against the motion. J.C. Sun (IL A) moved, seconded by J.Z. Ow (CA Psi), to reconsider the question. After verifying with Secretary Gomulinski that the delegates had voted against the original motion, Chairman Hickling ruled the motion to reconsider to be in order. The motion to reconsider passed on a voice vote, and the amendment to update the terms of District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators was in order. P.S. Mahal (MI G Adv.) spoke in favor of the amendment to give the Executive Council more flexibility in appointing Association officials. J.M Valadez (CA Xi) wished to speak in support of the motion, but Chairman Hickling ruled her out of order. The chair's decision was appealed and the Convention voted to reverse the decision of the chair. Ms. Valadez spoke in favor of the amendment and the importance of allowing the Executive Council to appoint officials to terms of less than three years and not to wait until July 1 for new officials to take office. There was no further debate, and the **package of amendments was adopted on a text ballot with 232 in favor and 4 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw V, Sec. 5.05 (b).** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendment to remove the written Convention report requirement was taken from the table as stated below.

#### Bylaw V

##### *Collegiate Chapters*

#### SECTION 5.05. Convention Delegate.

(b) On the delegate's return from the Convention, it shall be the delegate's duty to make a general report, ~~preferably in writing~~; to the Chapter at its next regular meeting on the business transacted by the Convention, the entertainment received, and impressions of the Convention and the delegates, with suggestions for the improvement of the life and work of the Chapter and its members.

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Ms. Valadez stated that the report made by a voting delegate is not submitted to Headquarters and it is only for the benefit of the chapter. As such, it is desirable to allow voting delegates to report to their chapters in the manner they best deem appropriate. There was no further debate, and the **Bylaw amendment was adopted on a text ballot with 206 in favor and 6 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G) **to take from the table the motion to amend Constitution Article XVIII, Sec. 1 and Bylaw XV, Sec. 15.01.** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the package of amendments to remove the terms collegiate and undergraduate was taken from the table as stated below.

#### Article XVIII

##### *Amendments*

SECTION 1. **Proposal.** Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed by:

(b) The Executive Council upon publication to all ~~Collegiate~~ Chapters of the Association.

### **Bylaw XV**

#### *Amendments*

SECTION 15.01. **Proposal.** An amendment to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Council or any ~~under-graduate~~ Chapter to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, by a delegate directly to the Convention, or by the Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws directly to the Convention.

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Ms. Valadez said that these amendments would allow Alumnus Chapters to propose amendments and to take part in voting on Constitutional amendments proposed by the Executive Council. There was no further debate, and the **package of amendments was adopted on a text ballot with 201 in favor and 5 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.G. Burkhart (KY A) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(3); V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(3); VI, Sec. 6.05 (b); and VIII, Sec. 8.01 (d)**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendments to remove references to physical catalog cards were taken from the table as stated below.

### **Bylaw III**

#### *Association Officers*

#### SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.**

(e) Be responsible for:

~~(3) Sending to the Cataloger of each Chapter, when it is installed, a package of one hundred 5 by 3 inch (12.7 cm by 7.6 cm) card catalog cards for the use of the Chapter.~~

*[subsequent sections renumbered]*

### **Bylaw V**

#### *Collegiate Chapters*

#### SECTION 5.03. **Duties of Officers.**

(d) It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter to:

(3) Send to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association the Report of Election and ~~card~~ forms entitled Tau Beta Pi Catalog Card as specified in Bylaw VI, Sec. 6.05(b). See Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01(d).

### **Bylaw VI**

#### *Election of Members*

#### SECTION 6.05. **Records and Reports.**

(b) A personally completed record of each electee who has accepted membership shall be made on the official ~~card~~ form entitled Tau Beta Pi Catalog Card.

### **Bylaw VIII**

#### *Fines*

#### SECTION 8.01. **Failure to Report.**

(d) Five dollars (\$5.00) on the list of electees who have accepted membership, on the official form entitled Report of Election, and on the official ~~card~~ form entitled Tau Beta Pi Catalog Card, filled in as specified in Bylaw VI, Section 6.05(b), to reach the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association no later than two weeks before the expected date of initiation.

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M.W. Cupp (CA C) said that Headquarters has stopped collecting paper catalog cards and replaced them with an updated electronic system for gathering and collecting catalog card information. The new system permits easier access to member information, and maintenance of chapters' catalog cards is left to their discretion. Hearing no further debate, Chairman Hickling called for the vote, and the **Bylaw amendments were adopted on a text ballot with 214 in favor and 2 opposed and became effective immediately**.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by D.H. Rieman (TN Z) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw V, Secs. 5.01 (c), 5.03 (c), and 5.03 (e)(1)**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendments to remove references to keeping physical copies of THE BENT and BULLETIN by the Collegiate Chapters and the printing of THE BULLETIN were taken from the table as stated below.

### **Bylaw V**

#### *Collegiate Chapters*

#### SECTION 5.01. **Election of Officers.**

(c) The records shall include the roll and record books, the minutes of the meetings of the Chapter for the current and previous years, the Treasurer's accounts for the current and previous years, the files of the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, ~~holders containing a complete file of the copies of THE BENT and of THE BULLETIN for the last three years~~, the ~~card or other~~ catalogs of the active and inactive members and of the alumnus members of the Chapter, and a correct and itemized list of the paraphernalia and other properties of the Chapter pertaining to the initiation ceremonies with

note as to their place of storage. ~~Older issues of THE BENT may be offered to the library of the institution.~~

#### SECTION 5.03. **Duties of Officers**

(c) It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the roll and record books of the Chapter as obtained from the Secretary of the Association; and the minutes of the meetings of the Chapter ~~completely written up-to-date and to keep in a suitable holder all the issues of THE BENT for the last three years and also in a similar holder all issues of THE BULLETIN for the last three years for the use of the members of the chapter.~~

(e) (1) Within two weeks after each initiation, the Chapter, through its Treasurer, shall remit to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association the stated amount of the initiation fee payable to the Association for each new initiate. See Bylaw VII, Sec. 7.04. This remittance shall cover the costs of the badge, certificate of membership, a four-year subscription to THE BENT, a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and other approved literature of the Association. It shall also include a sum for the necessary expenses of the Association, ~~including the cost of publishing THE BULLETIN.~~ The initiation fee shall be determined by the Convention, on recommendation of the Executive Council. Within two weeks after each initiation, the Chapter shall also remit to the Secretary-Treasurer the stated amount of the Convention assessment payable to the Association for each new initiate. See B-I, Sec. 1.05.

*[Struck words deleted.]*

A.S. Augustine (OH G), subcommittee Chair, stated that the *Bulletin* is no longer printed and old issues are available on the Tau Beta Pi website. The requirement to maintain back issues of *The Bent* is also removed, and it is left to the chapters to determine if any back issues should be maintained. Responding to a point of information from D.J. Cowan (FL E), Chairman Hickling indicated that this proposal only affected chapters and Headquarters would continue to maintain back issues of *The Bent*. There was no further debate, and the **Bylaw amendments were adopted on a text ballot with 218 in favor and 4 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G) **to take from the table the motion to amend Constitution Article VI, Sec. 2 (b) and Bylaws I, Sec. 1.02; III, Sec. 3.01 (g) (8); and VI, Secs. 6.02 (d) and 6.04 (a).** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendments to make reference and spelling corrections were removed from the table. Y.M. Dewan (FL I) spoke in favor of the changes as they are only correcting overlooked reference mistakes and spelling errors. Chairman Hickling asked if the motion could be considered editorial corrections instead of amendments. Parliamentarian Luchini indicated that the Convention itself is the Judiciary for interpretation of the Constitution, therefore if the Convention voted that the changes brought forth from the Committee were not substantive, but rather editorial, then the Chair could direct that the changes be made. Mr. Hickling, therefore, put the question to the Body that the motion contained no substantive changes. Without objection, Mr. Hickling **ruled** that the Convention had judged that the motion contained only editorial corrections and directed Secretary Gomulinski to make the changes stated below.

#### **Article VI** *Collegiate Chapters*

##### SECTION 2. **Petition for Chapter.**

(b) The Executive Council shall review the preliminary petition and determine if the institution is qualified for detailed inspection. If the Council determines that the institution is qualified for it, this inspection shall be made in accordance with the Bylaws. If the Council determines that the institution is not qualified for inspection, the petitioners shall be **so** advised and the reasons **therefor** given to them, and this action shall be reported to the next Convention. The Convention may sustain the action of the Council, or it may vote to request the Council to proceed with an inspection in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **Bylaw I** *The Convention*

SECTION 1.02. **Order of Business.** The first order of business shall be the reading of the President's report of the activities of the Executive Council and reports by other officers of the Association. These reports shall be followed by the recommendation of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer on the order of business for the Convention, after which the Convention shall adopt an order of business. See Const. Art. III, Secs. 2(c) and 5(h); and Art. IV, Sec. 2(d)(~~28~~).

#### **Bylaw III** *Association Officers*

##### SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.**

(g) Be responsible for:

(8) Paying the stipends to recipients of fellowships and scholarships as directed by the Director of Fellowships. See Bylaws X, Sec. 10.0~~8~~7, and XI, Sec. 11.07.

#### **Bylaw VI** *Election of Members*

##### SECTION 6.02. **Compilation of Data.**

(d) These averages shall be computed on the point system. The total number of hours taken and points earned shall be determined for each year of the curriculum in accordance with this system. Credits obtained elsewhere, if included, should

be counted according to actual grades originally made and not by grades allowed by the second institution. See Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2(~~h~~k). Credits obtained by examination, unless graded according to quality, shall not be considered in computing the point ratio. The number of hours of credit for a particular course shall be multiplied by a number which shall indicate the quality of the work done; for example, the number of hours of a course done with a grade of Excellent, Merit, or "A" shall be multiplied by a constant such as four in making up the point ratio. Similarly, grades such as Good, "G," or "B" shall be multiplied by some such number as three; grades such as average, fair, or "C" shall be multiplied by some such number as two; grades such as "D," poor, "P," or passing, and nothing more, shall be multiplied by a constant such as one; grades below passing shall be counted as hours but not as points. The total of product-points so obtained shall be divided by the total of product-hours for the two or more years to obtain the point ratio of a student. "Incomplete" and "deferred" grades shall not be considered or counted. If desired, the point ratios may be weighted so as to give more emphasis to grades earned beyond the first year of the college curriculum.

#### SECTION 6.04. Revocation of Election.

(a) An individual who has been elected to ~~membership~~membership, but has not yet been initiated, shall be known as an electee. If an electee fails to complete any required activities or duties (see B. VII, Sec 7.01 and 7.02) or in another way exhibits character that is less than exemplary, the Chapter may revoke the election of that individual.

*[Struck words deleted; underlined words added.]*

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by H. Li (MS A) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw V, Sec. 5.04 (c)**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendment to remove long distance phone calls as a Chapter budget item was removed from the table as stated below.

#### Bylaw V

##### *Collegiate Chapters*

#### SECTION 5.04. Chapter Finances.

(c) The budget of the estimated expenses of the Chapter for the next college year shall be prepared in March or April by the officers of the Chapter. It shall be the special order of business of one of the regular April meetings of the Chapter. It shall include all of the expenses of the initiation ceremonies, dinners, luncheons, picnics, dances, and other social activities, back debts, prizes and awards, auditor and bank charges, loans to electees, Convention assessment, rents, supplies, ~~long-distance telephone calls~~, stationery, postage, etc.

*[Struck words deleted.]*

Y.M. Dewan (FL I), subcommittee Chair, indicated that long distance phone calls are no longer a substantial operational cost for chapters with the advent of cell phones. Chapters can still include it as a budget item if they so desire, but it will no longer be a requirement. G. Youssef (D2 Director) indicated that this might still be an issue for a chapter like Puerto Rico Alpha. D.S. Kaplan (DC AC) spoke in favor of the change as chapters can include long distance phone calls in the etcetera line item. Without further debate, Chairman Hickling called the question, and the **Bylaw amendment was adopted on a text ballot with 204 in favor and 24 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by D.W. Baker (TX H) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (j); V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(5); and VIII, 8.01 (f)**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendments regarding requirements for Convention proposals and references to Convention credentials were removed from the table as stated below.

#### Bylaw III

##### *Association Officers*

#### SECTION 3.01. Secretary-Treasurer.

(j) Upon request from the proposing Chapter, promptly transmit all Convention proposals to the delegates in the form received from the proposing Chapter. ~~(Such proposal shall not be longer than three 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch (22cm by 28cm) typewritten pages.)~~

#### Bylaw V

##### *Collegiate Chapters*

#### SECTION 5.03. Duties of Officers.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each Chapter to:

(5) Send to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, immediately upon receipt of the proper form or after their election, ~~a duplicate of~~ the credentials for the delegate and alternate to the ensuing Convention. See Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01(f).

#### Bylaw VIII

##### *Fines*

#### SECTION 8.01. Failure to Report.

(f) Five dollars (\$5.00) on ~~a duplicate of~~ the credentials for the Convention delegate and alternate.

*[Struck words deleted.]*

Mr. Dewan reported that the Secretary-Treasurer can transmit proposals to the chapters electronically, so a size limit is no longer

needed. Duplicates of Convention credentials are no longer needed as a portion of the original is submitted to Headquarters and the remaining portion is presented at Convention. In addition, this change will facilitate the change to electronic credentials. There was no further debate, and the **Bylaw amendments were adopted on a text ballot with 237 in favor and 1 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.P. Tran (MA A) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06 (a) (1), (5), (6), and (7).** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendments regarding Convention transportation expenses were removed from the table as stated below.

### **Bylaw I**

#### *The Convention*

SECTION 1.06. **Delegates' Expense Reports.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide forms on which: (a) Each Collegiate Chapter official delegate shall report expenses connected with the Convention. Allowable expenses of each delegate shall be the actual expenses incurred but shall not exceed:

(1) Coach class travel by air, rail, or bus, when such class is reasonably available, ~~except that for overnight rail, Pullman may be used;~~

(5) Expenses for meals incurred in travel to and from the Convention as approved by the immediate prior Convention; ~~and~~

(6) ~~Cost of regular franchise airport~~ Transportation ~~and other terminal~~ expenses ~~from and to~~ between place of residence and airport, and between airport and Convention headquarters; and

(7) Terminal expenses such as baggage fees and airport parking.

*[subsequent sections renumbered; ~~Struck words deleted;~~ underlined words added.]*

Mr. Dewan said that this amendment would remove forms of transportation no longer in common use. Overnight rail is still available, but it is expensive and time-consuming. Overnight rail may still be used and can be arranged on a case-by-case basis through the Executive Council. The committee felt that subsection six was confusing, and that the amendments clarify transportation expenses and covered terminal expenses. In addition, the Financial Affairs Committee reviews and approves allowed expenses for each Convention. There was no further debate, and the **Bylaw amendments were adopted on a text ballot with 221 in favor and 8 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by T.R. Garrick (SC B) **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 (e) (13) and (14).** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendment regarding the Alumnus Chapter charter fee and annual dues was removed from the table as stated below.

### **Bylaw III**

#### *Association Officers*

SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall:

(e) Be responsible for:

(13) Obtaining a payment to the Association of an Alumnus Chapter charter fee, ~~of \$10.00~~ as determined by the Convention, on recommendation of the Executive Council.

(14) Collecting the ~~\$5~~ annual dues of the Alumnus Chapters, as determined by the Convention, on recommendation of the Executive Council.

*[~~Struck words deleted;~~ underlined words added.]*

K.M. Wieman (Bluegrass AC) spoke on behalf of the Alumnus Chapter Committee in favor of the motion. The committee unanimously approved this change as the charter fees and dues have not been raised in 100 years. The amounts to be proposed later are reasonable and consistent with the Association's goal of encouraging the formation of new Alumnus Chapters. With the recent chartering and chapter reactivations, Tau Beta Pi needs to offset the associated costs of additional alumnus delegates. Hearing no further debate, Chairman Hickling called for the vote, and the **Bylaw amendments were adopted on a text ballot with 220 in favor and 1 opposed and became effective immediately.**

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by N.T.S. Chan (MN A) **to take from the table the motion to amend Constitution Article IV, Sec. 1, Secs. 2 (g), and 2 (g)(3), and to insert Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g)(5) and Bylaw III, Sec. 3.07.** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the package of amendment to create a position of Director of Alumni Affairs was taken from the table as stated below.

### **Article IV**

#### *Association Officers and Directors*

SECTION 1. **Association Officers and Directors.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall also be known as the Executive Director of Tau Beta Pi, and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The directors of the Association shall be Councillors, a Director of Rituals, a Director of Fellowships, a Director of Engineering Futures, a Director of Alumni Affairs, and District Directors.

SECTION 2. **Designation and Duties.**

(g) The Director of Rituals, Director of Fellowships, ~~and~~ Director of Engineering Futures, and Director of Alumni Af-

fairs shall be appointed by the Executive Council to serve a term of four years beginning on July 1st after the Executive Council takes office. The District Directors shall be appointed by the Executive Council to serve staggered terms of three years beginning July 1st, with approximately one-third of the terms expiring each year. These Directors may be reappointed. They shall be alumnus members of the Association and shall serve without compensation. They may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses and for travel authorized by the Executive Council.

(3) The District Directors shall guide and encourage worthy activities of the District Collegiate and Alumnus Chapters; shall assist alumnus members of Chapter Advisory Boards; shall encourage student-alumnus interaction; ~~shall represent the District alumni at the Convention;~~ shall promote District activity such as meetings, newsletters, and joint chapter initiations and functions; and shall make an annual report in writing to the Executive Council. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.05.

(5) The Director of Alumni Affairs shall stimulate and maintain alumni interest and support for Tau Beta Pi, to encourage the formation and support the operation of alumni chapters, and to represent the alumni at the Convention and before the Executive Council. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.07.

### Bylaw III

#### Association Officers

SECTION 3.07. Director of Alumni Affairs. The Director of Alumni Affairs shall stimulate and maintain alumni interest and support for Tau Beta Pi, to encourage the formation and support the operation of Alumni Chapters, and to represent the alumni at the Convention and before the Executive Council. See Const. Art. IV, Sec. 2(g)(5).

*[Struck words deleted; underlined words added.]*

Mr. Wieman indicated that the Alumnus Chapter Committee felt with the increased interest in alumni involvement and the desire to charter and reactivate Alumnus Chapters across the country, the establishment of a volunteer position of Director of Alumni Affairs is vital in furthering these objectives. This position would support initiatives to increase alumni involvement, would complement our other programs, and would give recognition to the importance of our alumni outreach program as part of our lifelong membership and support of the Collegiate Chapters. There was no further debate, and the **package of amendments was adopted on a text ballot with 220 in favor and 5 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Mr. Williams **moved**, seconded by M.J. Hand III (MI G) **to take from the table the motion to amend Constitution Articles II, Sec. 1; III, Sec. 2 (a) and (d); III, Sec. 3 (b); IV, Sec. 2 (g)(3); VII, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and XVIII, Sec. 4; and Bylaws I, Secs. 1.03 and 1.06 (b); III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(13) and (14); III, Sec. 3.01 (n); and XV, Sec. 15.03.** The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the package of amendments regarding changing the name of Alumnus Chapters was removed from the table as stated below.

### **Article II**

#### *Organization of the Association*

SECTION 1. **Chapters.** This Association shall consist of Collegiate Chapters that have been established in colleges and universities and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapters that have been established in convenient locations. The first Collegiate Chapter of each state or territory shall be designated by the Greek letter Alpha, the second by Beta, and so on, following the name of the state or territory where located. International chapters shall be named in a similar fashion as deemed appropriate by the Executive Council. After the letter Omega is reached, naming shall continue as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, and so on. An ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter shall be known by the name submitted with the Charter application, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

### **Article III**

#### *Government of the Association*

SECTION 2. **Convention.** (a) The Convention shall meet annually except as provided in Sections 5(f) and (g) of this Article and shall be composed of one delegate from each Chapter (Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni), the members of the Executive Council, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, the Director of Rituals, the Director of Fellowships, the Director of Engineering Futures, and one Director per District who shall be entitled to one vote each. Proxies shall not be permitted. A Chapter delegate shall represent only one Chapter. An individual person shall not be entitled to more than one vote. Representatives of a majority of the Collegiate Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

(d) The Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapters and Association officers may submit nominations for permanent Convention Chair to the Executive Council by June 1 of the Convention year for which the Chair will be selected. After consideration of these nominations, the Executive Council shall appoint a permanent Chair of the Convention in advance of each Convention. The Convention may adopt rules for the conduct of its business and such other matters as may properly come within its jurisdiction. See Bylaw I, Sec. 1.02.

#### SECTION 3. Executive Council.

(b) Any Chapter, Collegiate or ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni, may nominate a group of five alumnus members to serve as the Executive Council. Such nomination shall be made to the Executive Council before April 1 preceding the Convention at which the election is to be held. Elections shall be held every four years, beginning 1949.

## Article IV

### *Association Officers and Directors*

#### SECTION 2. Designation and Duties.

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(3) The District Directors shall guide and encourage worthy activities of the District Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapters; shall assist alumnus members of Chapter Advisory Boards; shall encourage student-alumnus interaction; shall represent the District alumni at the Convention; shall promote District activity such as meetings, newsletters, and joint chapter initiations and functions; and shall make an annual report in writing to the Executive Council. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.05.

## Article VII

### *Alumnus-Alumni Chapters*

SECTION 1. **Application and Membership.** (a) An ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter may be chartered by the Executive Council when application is made in writing by at least ten members of the Association and upon payment to the Association of a charter fee as specified in the Bylaws.

(b) An ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter shall be composed of members of Tau Beta Pi who are not undergraduate students and who have signified in writing their desire to become affiliated with an ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter and their willingness to comply with its Bylaws.

(c) The annual dues of an ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter to the Association, as specified in the Bylaws, shall be payable to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association on the first day of January of each year. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 (e) (14).

SECTION 2. **Officers.** (a) Each ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter shall elect annually a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office of Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and such additional members as the Chapter may elect.

SECTION 3. **Duties.** Members of each ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter shall continue to uphold the principles, esprit de corps, and ideals of The Tau Beta Pi Association, to advance the causes of the engineering profession, and to be of service to local members of the Association and to the membership of neighboring Collegiate Chapters.

SECTION 4. **Convention Representation.** (a) Each ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter may be represented by one or more delegates at the Convention, and if represented, it shall have one vote in the Convention, provided that the ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter has paid its annual dues to the Association. A delegate from an ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter shall represent that Chapter only.

(b) The on-site expenses of the delegate of an active ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter to the Convention shall be paid by the Association to the same extent as the collegiate delegates.

SECTION 5. **District Activities.** An ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter shall cooperate with the Director(s) of the District to which it is assigned and shall participate in the activities of its District to the extent of the capability of its members.

## Article XVIII

### *Amendments*

SECTION 4. **Report.** Amendments to the Constitution shall be reported by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association to each Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter, shall be printed in the official publications of the Association, and shall become the law of the Association.

## Bylaw I

### *The Convention*

SECTION 1.03. **Minutes of the Convention.** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall take full and complete minutes of the actions of the Convention and shall, within two months of the conclusion of the Convention, prepare official copies of the minutes and distribute them to all officers of the Association and to all Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapters. A copy of the minutes shall be signed by the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary-Treasurer and bound in the permanent book of the Association Conventions for safekeeping by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

SECTION 1.06. **Delegates' Expense Reports.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide forms on which:

(b) Each ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter official delegate shall report on-site expenses connected with the Convention. See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4 (b). Receipts are required for reimbursement of expenses with the exception of mileage and tolls.

## Bylaw III

### *Association Officers*

#### SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.**

(e) Be responsible for:

(13) Obtaining a payment to the Association of an ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter charter fee of \$10.

(14) Collecting the \$5 annual dues of the ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapters.

(n) Collect information on Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter activities for publication.

**Bylaw XV**  
*Amendments*

SECTION 15.03. **Report on Amendment.** Amendments to the Bylaws shall be reported by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association to each Collegiate and ~~Alumnus~~ Alumni Chapter, shall be printed in the official publications of the Association, and shall become the law of the Association.

*[Struck words deleted; underlined words added.]*

Mr. Wieman stated that the Alumnus Chapter Committee unanimously voted to change the name of the chapters based on numerous requests from several of the chapters. The committee felt that the new name was consistent with alumni organizations at universities and other honor societies. There was no further debate, and the **package of amendment was adopted on a text ballot with 205 in favor and 18 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Chairman Hickling indicated that the meeting had run past its allotted time and that voting delegates needed to board buses for campus immediately. As such, he recommended that the report of the Resolutions Committee be moved to the Final Business Meeting and that New Business be brought up prior to the Model Initiation. Hearing no objection, he ruled that the agenda so modified.

Mr. Hickling recessed the meeting at 12:31 p.m. The Third Business Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

In the absence of Chairman Hickling, Parliamentarian J.R. Luchini assumed the chair and indicated that W.R. Repke (D7 Director) would serve as Parliamentarian for the remainder of the Third Business Meeting.

Chairman Luchini called for items of **New Business**.

M.T. Hubmann (WI E) **moved**, seconded by T.R. Garrick (SC B), **that the Alumnus Chapter charter fee be set at \$40 and that the annual dues be set at \$25 per chapter**. He indicated that the amounts were discussed and approved by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Financial Affairs Committee based on the recommendation of Executive Director Gomulinski and the Executive Council. T.D. Wheelock (GSMAC) spoke in favor of the change as the new amounts cover the cost of a charter and that the increases are reasonable. The **motion passed** on a voice vote.

Chairman Luchini recommended that voting delegates at the 2013 Convention use "written seconds" (limited to one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper) to indicate their desire to second a motion.

D.S. Kaplan (DC AC) recommended that an ad hoc committee of Alumnus Chapters at the 2013 Convention be charged with considering the creation of a systematic designation, using the Greek alphabet or some other method, for Alumnus Chapters, to stand alongside their distinctive names.

A.N. Hantman (NY T) recommended that the Association or the 2013 Website Committee investigate the feasibility of connecting members' social networks to the redesigned Tau Beta Pi website to facilitate the maintenance of up-to-date contact information.

S.E. Freeman (FL Z) recommended that a committee at the 2013 Convention review the dimensions of the Bent illustrated in Constitution Article 1, Section 3 (b) to consider adding the diameter for the hole at the top.

N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) recommended that the Executive Council consider, before the 2013 Convention, a modification to the text voting system to allow vote spoilage to better represent traditional voting methods.

C.L. Hill-Stramsak (SEMIAC) recommended that the Executive Council and the Executive Director start the search for a Director of Alumni Affairs on or before January 1, 2013, and appoint the new director prior to June 1, 2013.

M.J. Hand III (MI G) recommended that the Executive Council evaluate the eligibility criteria for graduate students with the purpose of establishing a less restrictive cut-off than the current top 1/5th restriction.

D.J. Cowan (FL E) recommended that the Executive Council look into other digital voting methods to better serve Tau Beta Pi.

E.J. D'Avignon (Dir. Rituals) requested, seconded by A.M. Al-Ansari (CA N), that Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Froula share a duck joke. Hearing no objections, Chairman Luchini directed Mr. Froula to tell a duck joke. Mr. Froula shared a joke about a duck looking for duck food at a grocery store.

**The Third Business Meeting was adjourned** at 2:04 p.m.

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A baked chicken buffet lunch was provided on the campus of the University of Kentucky at 12:30 p.m.

**The Model Initiation** was conducted at 2:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall at the University of Kentucky. The Committee on



Rituals and members of the host chapter had organized this ceremony. Director of Rituals D'Avignon explained to the delegates the importance of proper preparation for and conduction of the initiation ceremony, the purpose of the model ceremony, proper dress, and prompt reporting to Headquarters. The Initiation Team consisted of Councillor J.F.K. Earle, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus J.D. Froula, District 6 Director K.M. Lum, KY A President A.L. Shearer, KY A Chief Advisor B.L. Walcott, and Ritual Committee members. The Model Initiation brought into membership in the Association seven student members, one alumnus, and one eminent engineer of Kentucky Alpha.

A reception for award winners, their guests, and Association officials was held at 3:30 p.m. in Patterson E. H.W. Lange presented a session of Investing for Your Financial Future at 4:30 p.m. in Patterson F-G for award winners, their guests, and other interested Convention delegates.

The **Initiation and Award Banquet** was held in the Patterson Ballroom at 6:00 p.m. Convention Arrangements Chair Brandon J. Isaac was master of ceremonies. Vice-President Dao presented humorous videos including one by the Chapter Advisors Committee that shared students' thoughts on what advisors do for them and one congratulating Executive Director Gomulinski on his first year on the job. The Resolutions Committee presented a humorous video featuring delegate horse stick racing, dining etiquette, and Lexington art. During dinner, a flash mob of District 4 delegates entertained everyone. Councillor Huggins introduced the updated Tau Beta Pi historic video. A total of 455 enjoyed the steak and chicken entree with chocolate cake for dessert, sponsored for the voting delegates by GEICO.

At the conclusion of the Final Business Meeting, Martha S. Polston, former Tau Beta Pi President, spoke of the Lexington area and the limestone deposits that purifies the local water resulting in high quality beverages and beautiful bluegrass. She compared this to Tau Beta Pi's role in producing high quality engineers. Nicholas A. Such, former vice president and current advisor to Kentucky Alpha, thanked delegates for coming to Lexington and encouraged them to have a reach that exceeds their grasp. President Larry A. Simonson posed a series of questions of the delegates and thanked them for their good work. He called the Headquarters staff to the stage and thanked them for their work on behalf of the Association. He requested that Angie Boles and Roger Hawks remain on stage and presented them with a cake to celebrate their birthdays the following day. Two delegates celebrating their birthday on Saturday or Sunday were also invited to the stage and the entire Convention sang Happy Birthday. (A casino and dance social celebration was held at 9:30 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom which included a flash mob competition among districts.)

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**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 29, Initiation and Award Banquet**  
**Patterson Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Lexington, Lexington, KY**

Chairman Hickling took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program in the Patterson Ballroom at 7:20 p.m.

Councillor Pih introduced the 2012 **Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor**: Dr. Derrick K. Rollins, *IA A '79*, was recognized for his accomplishments in supporting engineering students and presented him with a \$1,000 award and the McDonald Mentor Medallion. Mr. Pih announced that an additional \$1,000 grant had been credited to the Iowa Alpha Chapter. He also recognized Adina D. Sterling, *OH G '01*, Dr. Rollins's daughter, who served as the 2001 Convention Arrangements Chair.

Councillor Earle reviewed the history of the Advisor Award Program and presented the 2012 **Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor**: Dr. Abigail M. Richards, *WA B '99*, Montana Alpha Advisor. He spoke of Dr. Richards's accomplishments and presented \$1,000 to her and \$1,000 for the University of Montana school of engineering for the college's discretionary fund. Dr. Richards acknowledged her dean, fellow advisors, Headquarters staff, and the outstanding work of her Montana Alpha student members.

Vice President Dao recognized the 2012 **Tau Beta Pi Laureates**: Carl J. Kirpes, *IA A '12*, Steven Limpert, *AZ B '12*, Jason D. Metzger, *MD G '12*, and Steven D. Prendergast, *IN G '12*, spoke of their outstanding achievements, and presented them with Laureate plaques and cash awards of \$2,500.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards**, G.J. Wang (CT A), Chair, introduced Secretary Treasurer Emeritus Froula who presented the **2012 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award to Illinois Epsilon** and the honorable mention to **Massachusetts Zeta**. Mr. Froula congratulated the chapters on improving their membership numbers this past year.

Mr. Wang presented the **2012 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award to Kentucky Gamma**, for doubling its chapter size, increasing their project score, and conducting a large body of projects including a "Girls in Science" event held with the physics department. Honorable mentions were presented to **Michigan Kappa** for its membership improvements and **Georgia Alpha** for expanding its MindSET program and creating a tutoring program.

Mr. Wang spoke of the criteria for the Outstanding Chapter Award and presented **honorable mentions to Alabama Epsilon** for its exceptional engagement of the school's engineering community and to **Michigan Kappa** for its work with the Society of Women Engineers and raising a substantial amount of money for cancer research through Relay for Life. He presented the **2012 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award to Florida Alpha** at the University of Florida for its wildly successful GatorTRAX program,

extensive tutoring program, and numerous community service projects.

**The Report of the Committee on Resolutions** was called. C.A. Cowing (MI I), Chair, read the following:

#### Resolutions of the 2012 Convention

Good evening. Thank you all for coming, we'll try to keep this short so we don't get too far behind schedule. I would like to acknowledge all of you for coming and participating in the Convention; it is because of you that the Convention is successful every year. I also want to apologize in advance for butchering anyone's name.

I would like to start off by thanking our host chapter, Kentucky Alpha, for all of their hard work and dedication in planning and executing such a tremendous event. I'd like to recognize their president Adrienne Shearer and Arrangements Chair Brandon Isaac specifically. Could you both stand and be recognized. Let's give them a hand. In recognition of their efforts, I am pleased to present each of them with appreciation plaques for their outstanding work in hosting this Convention. A lot of effort went into this event and their dedication has made this the best Convention I have ever attended. Granted, I am 38 Conventions shy of Russ' total, but I stand by my statement. I would also like to thank the Hyatt Regency and Lexington Center for all their effort in making this an unforgettable experience.

Many companies and organizations helped by sponsoring the 107th Convention. In particular I would like to thank GEICO and NCEES, our diamond sponsors, who have supported many of the events here this weekend. Your continued contributions to Tau Beta Pi over the years are greatly appreciated.

Several chapters deserve congratulations for reaching significant milestones in their histories. I'd like to recognize our newest chapters: University of San Diego, Penn State-Erie, St. Louis University, and The College of New Jersey. Could the members from these chapters please stand so we can welcome you. In addition, I'd like to congratulate Pennsylvania Beta and Washington Alpha on their centennial anniversaries this year. Let's give them a hand. The dedication required both to start a chapter and keep one running for 100 years is truly worthy of recognition.

A lot of work goes into continuing the excellence of Tau Beta Pi. As we acknowledge these people, we'd ask them to stand and be recognized: President Larry Simonson; Vice President Solange Dao; Councillors Jonathan Earle, Jason Huggins, and Norman Pih; Director of Rituals Edward D'Avignon; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger Hawks

I'd also like to take a moment to congratulate Curt Gomulinski on a great first year. Your tenure as Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, & Editor has only just begun. Get comfortable, you'll be here for at least 30 more years.

No list of thank-yous would be complete without our hard working and talented Collegiate Chapter Assistant, Rebecca Davis. I'm sure she has helped to bail out every chapter president in the room, or will this year. Thank you so much Rebecca.

Many Tau Bates over the years have received recognition for their hard work and achievements. This would not have been possible without Stephen Pierre, Director of Fellowships, and the members of the fellowship board: Dr. Darrell Donahue, Dr. Susan Holl, and Major Jammie Jamieson

Please join me in recognizing these outstanding Tau Bates.

I'd like to thank the Tau Beta Pi Trust Advisory Committee. The trust continues to flourish and this is thanks to the diligent efforts of Rodger Smith, chair, and members James Johnson and Harry Lange. Please join me in thanking this exceptional group.

Leadership and informational sessions allow students to experience what life will be like in industry. In the past year, 263 Engineering Futures sessions were held by more than 100 Tau Beta Pi chapters. This would not have been possible without the help of 38 volunteer facilitators and Director of Engineering Futures Russell Pierce. Please join me in thanking Russell and the facilitators.

I'd like to invite all the District Directors to stand. I would like to thank you all individually, but we'd be here past checkout tomorrow morning. Thank you for all of your guidance and support through the year. All the chapters appreciate your help and patience; you are role models for us all. Let's recognize the District Directors for all that they do.

I'd like to thank all the alumni participants who are here today. Please stand and be recognized. Your continued support, even after graduation, is an inspiration to us all. We'd also like to thank the 11,400 alumni who have made contributions to the organization and the 227 companies who believe in and support Tau Beta Pi by matching those contributions.

Tau Beta Pi celebrates the excellence and achievements of all their members. I'd like to take a moment to congratulate the 200 Scholars and 40 Fellows who were honored this year. We also encourage excellence in pursuits outside of engineering. We met the 5 Laureates who demonstrated this commitment to being well rounded scholars throughout the

weekend, but let's give them another round of applause. I'd also like to congratulate again our other award winners from throughout the Convention. Let's give them a hand again for their outstanding commitment to Tau Beta Pi excellence.

On a similar note, we'd like to take a moment to honor someone who embodied the ideals of Tau Beta Pi in all he did. While not a member, Neil Armstrong lived through the values of integrity, achievement and humility. He was proud to be a "slide rule and pocket protector engineer," and his family has asked that we honor him by winking at the moon on a clear night. Let's have a moment of silence to remember Neil Armstrong.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work in running their chapters and continuing to make TBP a great organization. We'd like to thank everyone for coming and making this another successful Convention. Enjoy the rest of your evening.

In looking around this very room, and looking over this impressive list of names, we can only be grateful. We look forward to next year, and the continued achievements of every Tau Bate. Thank you.

W.R. Repke (D7 Director) rose to a point of personal privilege. Chairman Hickling recognized him and he inquired if anyone had a napkin. In the spirit of the occasion, the entire banquet group produced a long, complex ring of tied dinner napkins. The entire banquet group joined Mr. Froula in the **Tau Beta Pi Yell**. Chairman Hickling thanked Parliamentarian Luchini and Secretary Gomulinski, and praised the delegates for their skills, collaboration, and cooperation. On the motion of C.R. Potter (TN A), seconded by nearly every delegate, Chairman Hickling declared the **Convention adjourned sine die at 8:40 p.m.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

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