



THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2012 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

(Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

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

1. **Considered graduate students eligible if they are “enrolled” rather than “in residence”**
Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 3 (a) *(p. 15)*
2. **Allowed certain required actions to be completed without written documentation**
Constitution Articles VI, Sec. 3; VII, Sec. 1 (a) and (b)
Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(9) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(6) *(p. 16)*
3. **Updated Association officials’ terms to begin at any point and be up to three years in length**
Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g)
Bylaw XIV, Sec. 14.03 *(p. 17)*
4. **Clarified the amending process by removing the words undergraduate and collegiate**
Constitution Article XVIII, Sec. 1 (b)
Bylaw XV, Sec. 15.01 *(p. 17-18)*
5. **Established a position of Director of Alumni Affairs**
Constitution Articles IV, Sec. 1, Secs. 2 (g), and 2 (g)(3); Article IV, Sec. 2 (g)(5)
Bylaw III, Sec. 3.07 *(p. 21-22)*
6. **Change the name of Alumnus Chapters to Alumni Chapters**
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
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 *(p. 22-24)*

Bylaw Amendments Approved by the Convention NOT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters

7. **Updated the deadline for the Fall Contact Information Update to a date in October or November**
Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(4) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(1) *(p. 15)*
8. **Removed the price of THE BENT from the Bylaws and allow the Executive Council to set the price**
Bylaw IX, Sec. 9.04 *(p. 15-16)*
9. **Eliminated the requirement that delegates prepare a written report to their chapters**
Bylaw V, Sec. 5.05 (b) *(p. 17)*
10. **Removed references to “physical” catalog cards**
Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(3); V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(3); VI, Sec. 6.05 (b); and VIII, Sec. 8.01 (d) *(p. 18)*
11. **Eliminated the requirement that chapters maintain back issues of THE BENT and THE BULLETIN**
Bylaw V, Secs. 5.01 (c), 5.03 (c), 5.03 (e)(1) *(p. 18-19)*
12. **Eliminated the requirement that chapters budget for long distance phone calls**
Bylaw V, Sec. 5.04 (c) *(p. 20)*

13. **Updated out-of-date references to Convention proposals and credentials**
Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (j); V, 5.03 (d)(5); VIII, 8.01 (f) *(p. 20-21)*
14. **Removed modes of transportation not in common use and clarified allowable expenses**
Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06 (a)(1), (5), (6), and (7) *(p. 21)*
15. **Allowed Alumnus Chapter charter fees and annual dues to be set by the Convention**
Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 (e) (13) and (14) *(p. 21)*
16. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2011-12 to Florida Alpha at the University of Florida. Honorable mentions were given to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama and Michigan Kappa at Western Michigan University. *(p. 25)*
17. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2011-12 to Kentucky Gamma and honorable mentions to Michigan Kappa and Georgia Alpha. *(p. 25)*
18. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to Illinois Epsilon with an honorable mention to Massachusetts Zeta. *(p. 25)*
19. Applauded the announcement of 2012 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor **Dr. Derrick K. Rollins**, *Iowa Alpha '79*, professor of chemical and biological engineering, and professor-in-charge of community based recruitment and transition, at Iowa State University. *(p. 25)*
20. Applauded the announcement of 2012 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor **Dr. Abigail M. Richards**, *Washington Beta '99*, Montana Alpha Chief Advisor. *(p. 25)*
21. Applauded the presentations of 2012 Tau Beta Pi Laureates **Carl J. Kirpes**, *Iowa Alpha '12*, **Steven Limpert**, *Arizona Beta '12*, **Jason D. Metzger**, *Maryland Gamma '12*, **Steven D. Prendergast**, *Indiana Gamma '12*, and **Kyle E. Zobeck**, *Indiana Delta '12*. *(p. 12, 25)*
22. Applauded the presentation of 16 MindSET Grants for 2011-12 totaling \$2,618 to nine chapters: Alabama Gamma, California Gamma, Florida Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Maryland Beta, Michigan Gamma, New York Gamma, Pennsylvania Beta, and Tennessee Alpha. *(p. 12)*
23. Applauded the presentation of **26 Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 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 to the following 15 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: 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. *(p. 12)*
24. Applauded the presentation of **33 Secretary's Commendations** for perfect chapter reporting 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. *(p. 9)*
25. Applauded the presentation of **50 Membership Awards** for excellent membership work in 2011-12 to: 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. (p. 9)

26. Granted chapters to Penn State Erie to be known as Pennsylvania Mu, St. Louis University to be known as Missouri Epsilon, and The College of New Jersey to be known as New Jersey Zeta. (p. 9-10)
27. Accepted the invitation from Massachusetts Alpha, Delta, and Epsilon and Rhode Island Alpha and Beta to host the 2015 Convention in Providence, Rhode Island. (p. 11-12)
28. Recommended enhancements to the MindSET Implementation Process document and other ways to improve the program. (p. 13)
29. Reviewed the member benefits, image, and insignia of the Association, and made recommendations to enhance each area. (p. 13)
30. Reviewed progress on the redesign of the Tau Beta Pi website and recommended implementation of the new design prepared by California Alpha. (p. 13)
31. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2013 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2012 Convention. (p. 13-14)
32. Recommended the 2013 Convention study the cost of publishing *The Bent* and to investigate electronic publishing. (p. 14)
33. Adopted a three-year trial procedure to increase the number of Convention bids and increase the competitiveness of the process. (p. 14)
34. Granted one appeal from NY H regarding the eligibility of students in their computer science program. (p. 15)
35. Directed Secretary Gomulinski to make editorial changes to 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) (p. 19-20)
36. Set the Alumnus Chapter Charter fee at \$40 and annual dues at \$25. (p. 24)
37. Made various recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. (p. 24)
38. Applauded the updated 2012 Tau Beta Pi historical video. (p. 25)