



THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2013 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

(Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

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

1. **Eliminate the position of cataloger**
Constitution Article VI, Sec. 6; Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03 (f) *(p. 10-11)*
2. **Include the Director of Alumni Affairs as a voting member of Convention**
Constitution Article III, Sec. 2 (a) *(p. 11-12)*
3. **Eliminate the duplicate description of the duties of the position of Director of Alumni Affairs**
Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g) (5); Bylaw III, Sec. 3.07 *(p. 12)*
4. **Eliminate the separate Convention assessment and include it in the national initiation fee**
Constitution Article III, Sec. 2 (h)
Bylaws I, Sec. 1.05; III, Sec. 3.01 (e) (11); V, Secs. 5.03 (e) (1) and 5.04 (c) *(p. 12-13)*
5. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2012-13 to Kentucky Alpha at the University of Kentucky. Honorable mentions were given to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama and Ohio Iota at Ohio Northern University. *(p. 21)*
6. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2012-13 to Kentucky Alpha and an honorable mention to Florida Epsilon. *(p. 21)*
7. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to Kentucky Alpha. *(p. 21)*
8. Applauded the announcement of 2013 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor **Lt. Col. Donald W. Rhymer**, Ph.D., *Colorado Zeta '94*, professor and department head of engineering mechanics at the United States Air Force Academy. *(p. 15)*
9. Applauded the announcement of 2013 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor **Bruce L. Walcott**, Ph.D., *Indiana Alpha '81*, Kentucky Alpha Chief Advisor. *(p. 15)*
10. Applauded the presentations of 2013 Tau Beta Pi Laureates **Darick W. LaSelle**, *Colorado Epsilon '13*, **Benjamin B. Macy**, *Indiana Delta '13*, and **Adam R. Pizzaia**, *New Jersey Beta '13*. *(p. 14, 20)*
11. Applauded the presentation of 25 MindSET Grants for 2012-13 totaling \$5,430 to 13 chapters: Alabama Gamma, California Epsilon, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Florida Eta, Florida Theta, Georgia Alpha, Idaho Gamma, Maryland Beta, New Jersey Beta, New York Gamma, and Tennessee Alpha. *(p. 14)*

12. Applauded the presentation of **26 Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2012-13 to: California Alpha Beta, Colorado Alpha, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Florida Theta, Kentucky Alpha, Michigan Theta, Michigan Kappa, New York Gamma, New York Tau, North Carolina Alpha, Ohio Alpha, Pennsylvania Beta, Puerto Rico Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, and to the following 11 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Epsilon, Florida Alpha, Georgia Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Minnesota Alpha, Ohio Iota, South Carolina Alpha, and Texas Alpha. *(p. 14-15)*
13. Applauded the presentation of 25 **Secretary's Commendations** for perfect chapter reporting in 2012-13 to: Alabama Alpha, Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Gamma, California Theta, California Xi, California Tau, California Omega, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Iowa Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Michigan Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Kappa, Nevada Beta, New York Gamma, Ohio Eta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Mu, Ohio Nu, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, Washington Delta, and Wyoming Alpha. *(p. 10)*
14. Applauded the presentation of **62 Membership Awards** for excellent membership work in 2012-13 to: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Beta, California Gamma, California Zeta, California Omicron, California Sigma, California Upsilon, California Phi, California Chi, California Omega, California Alpha Gamma, California Alpha Epsilon, Colorado Delta, Colorado Zeta, Connecticut Alpha, District of Columbia Beta, Georgia Beta, Illinois Gamma, Indiana Gamma, Indiana Delta, Indiana Epsilon, Kentucky Alpha, Louisiana Beta, Louisiana Gamma, Louisiana Epsilon, Massachusetts Alpha, Massachusetts Delta, Massachusetts Iota, Michigan Delta, Michigan Zeta, Michigan Theta, Michigan Kappa, Minnesota Alpha, Missouri Gamma, Montana Beta, Nevada Beta, New Hampshire Beta, New Jersey Delta, New Mexico Alpha, New Mexico Gamma, New York Alpha, New York Tau, North Dakota Beta, Ohio Epsilon, Ohio Eta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Nu, Ohio Xi, Oklahoma Beta, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Epsilon, Pennsylvania Zeta, Pennsylvania Eta, Pennsylvania Kappa, Rhode Island Beta, South Carolina Gamma, Vermont Alpha, Vermont Beta, Virginia Delta, Virginia Epsilon, and Wisconsin Beta. *(p. 10)*
15. Elected the Elevate Executive Council Slate to office for the 2014-18 term. *(p. 16-17)*
16. Granted a new chapter to the University of Texas–Pan American to be known as Texas Nu. *(p. 10)*
17. Recommended that a committee be formed to study different publishing options for *The Bent*. *(p. 13-14)*
18. Adopted a plan to review and revise the Distinguished Alumnus Award. *(p. 15)*
19. Recommended that a committee conduct a general revision of the Constitution and Bylaws over the next two to five years. *(p. 16)*
20. Recommended revisions to the MindSET grant program and updates to the MindSET website. *(p. 16)*
21. Reviewed the image of the Association, made recommendations regarding image and insignia updates, provided a prioritized list of items to offer, and recommended hiring a professional image consultant. *(p. 16)*

22. Reviewed progress on the redesign of the Tau Beta Pi website and recommended additional enhancements to the main and reporting websites. *(p. 16)*
23. Recommended that the Executive Council review possible taglines and conduct a marketing/branding study. *(p. 17)*
24. Granted two appeals from TX H and NV B regarding the eligibility of students in their computer science programs. *(p. 17)*
25. Raised the initiation fee to \$45 without the separate \$7 Convention assessment or \$38 with the separate \$7 Convention assessment, effective August 1, 2014. *(p. 17-18)*
26. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2014 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2013 Convention with the exceptions of an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.30 per mile and an increase in the allowance for stopover lodging to \$60. *(p. 18-19)*
27. Adopted a new process for selecting Convention sites that does not require a host chapter. *(p. 19)*
28. Made four changes to the Tau Beta Pi Ritual. *(p. 14, 19)*
29. Made various recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. *(p. 20)*

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