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## TAU BETA PI INSTALLS 2006-10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tau Beta Pi's new Executive Council, or board of directors, was installed on October 7, 2006, in Denver, CO, at the Association's 101st annual Convention. The officers, who will serve in 2006-10, are:

**President— Dr. Larry A. Simonson**, *South Dakota Alpha '69*, P.E., received B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and returned to his *alma mater* as a faculty member after working for Texas Instruments. He has served as department chair and now assists the president on strategic planning for a new capital campaign. He was initiated into Sigma Tau in 1968 and has served as Chief Advisor of South Dakota Alpha since 1986, District 12 Director since 1994, and Engineering Futures Facilitator since 1990. He was recognized by his university as the presidential outstanding professor in 2004 and by TBP as the 2002 National Outstanding Advisor. Dr. Simonson is a registered professional engineer in the state of South Dakota and has served as president of the South Dakota Electrical Commission since 1996. In 2001, he founded YEA (Youth Engineering Adventure), an on-campus, weeklong summer program for high-school students interested in mathematics and science.

**Vice President— Solange C. Dao**, *Florida Alpha '95*, P.E., is a graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S.C.E. On campus, she was active in SWE, ASCE, Chi Epsilon, and TBP, serving as Vice President and then President of the Florida Alpha Chapter. After graduation she joined Dao Consultants, Inc., founded in 1989 by her father and has worked with him in developing commercial and multi-family sites in Central Florida. She now serves as president of Dao Consultants. A certified provider with the Florida Board of Professional Engineers to present professional development seminars for continuing-education credit, she also sits on the City of Orlando's municipal planning board, Orlando Area Committee on Foreign Relations, and the BETA Center (a school, shelter, and counseling center for young teen mothers) board. She is a Chapter Advisor to Florida Delta (UCF) since 2000, a TBP Engineering Futures Facilitator, and has presented more than 160 sessions since 1997.

**Councillor— Dr. Jonathan F.K. Earle**, *Florida Alpha '65*, P.E., is associate dean for student affairs in the college of engineering and associate professor of agricultural & biological engineering at the University of Florida (UF). He holds a B.S.C.E. from the University of London, England, and M.E. and Ph.D. degrees in environmental engineering from UF. His professional, teaching, and

research interests are in higher-education engineering administration, pollution control, water-resources management, engineering education, solid- and hazardous-waste control, and wastewater engineering. He has worked in the consulting-engineering industry in environmental systems management, and has consulted internationally for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is a chartered civil engineer in the U.K. and a registered professional engineer in Florida. He is a member of the ASEE, ASCE, American Water Works Association, National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi. Dr. Earle is a mentor for students and faculty and is Advisor to the Florida Alpha Chapter, Benton Engineering Council, Engineering Ambassadors, and Engineering Student Advisory Council. His awards include Wolfson faculty award for outstanding service to students, SECME global vision award, student government faculty advisor of the year, National Society of Black Engineers faculty of the year award, and USDA unit distinguished service award for solid-waste management.

**Councillor— Jason A. Huggins**, *Florida Alpha '96*, P.E., holds a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Florida, where he was active in Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi and served as Secretary, Vice President of Electee Process, and President of Florida Alpha. He has worked as a mechanical engineer with Armstrong World Industries, Inc., at the firm's Marietta, PA, St. Helens, OR, and Macon, GA, ceiling plants. He is the senior staff engineer at Armstrong's ceiling plant located in his hometown of Pensacola, FL. Jason is a registered professional engineer in Oregon and Florida. He has served as an Engineering Futures Facilitator since 1998 and as a member of the Interactive Chapter Exchange Committee during 2000-04. He lives in Gulf Breeze, FL, with his wife of 13 years, the former Nancy L. Watson of Pensacola, and their son, John Michael.

**Councillor— Norman Pih**, *Tennessee Alpha '82*, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a B.S.Ch.E. and the University of Delaware with an M.S.Ch.E. On campus, he was active in the AIChE, Alpha Chi Sigma, and Tau Beta Pi chapters, serving as President of the Tennessee Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi. After graduation, he joined the DuPont Company's field-engineering program with assignments in the polymer products division, medical division, and central research and development. Norman later joined W.L. Gore & Associates, where he is currently a liaison between the intellectual property and the R & D groups in the medical products division located in Flagstaff, AZ. Active in Tau Beta Pi as an alumnus, Norman has been an Engineering Futures Facilitator since 1989, served on the Engineering Futures Program Committee, was a District 3 Director and a member of the Interactive Chapter Exchange Committee, and is an Advisor of the Arizona Gamma Chapter (Northern Arizona University). He is a member of the Master Chorale of Flagstaff, a 110-voice community choir, and is active in his church.

The retiring 2002-06 Executive Council of Tau Beta Pi is comprised of: President **Matthew W. Ohland**, Ph.D., associate professor at Purdue University's Department of Engineering Education; Vice President **Ellen D. Styles**, staff action officer at PEO Aviation Headquarters Operations, Redstone Arsenal, AL; **Alison L. Hu**, global program manager at Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA; **Russell W. Pierce**, president of Usbrit Consulting, Puyallup, WA; and **Dr. Dennis J. Tyner**, dean of David Crawford School of Engineering at Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

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Tau Beta Pi, the world's largest engineering society, has initiated 485,000 members since it was founded in 1885. Headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Association has 230 active collegiate chapters and 16 active alumnus chapters throughout the country.

