

# MINUTES OF THE 98TH CONVENTION THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION, INC.

Holiday Inn Towers Hotel & Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock, TX  
October 23-25, 2003

Voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and national officials registered for the Convention in the atrium of the Holiday Inn Towers on October 23. Final registration of those who attended the business meetings was as follows:

## Official collegiate chapter voting delegates:

AL	Charles C. Mitchell	FL	James M. Finley	MN	Nathan B. Fong
AL	Robert N. Davis	FL	James M. Poe II	MN	Christopher D. Batt
AL	John D. Thomas	GA	-----	MS	John C. Reed
AL	Michael L. Youngblood	GA	Cody C. Rowan	MS	Charles A. Smithers
AL	-----	ID	Oriana O. Obiri	MO	Gregory W. Sitton
AK	Margaret M. Darrow	IL	Rachel A. Williams	MO	Gail A. Lueck
AZ	Jason A. Chang	IL	-----	MO	Laura K. Mullendore
AZ	Eric J. Schenk	IL	-----	MO	Matthew A. Cross
AZ	Raymond K. Auerbach	IL	-----	MT	Steven M. Rock
AR	Jarrold C. Burns	IL	Richard J. Albright	MT	Terry L. Streit
CA	Brian R. Love	IL	Daniel D. Dobrin	NE	Jonathan L. Morse
CA	Olga Kowalewsky	IN	Matthew E. Young	NV	-----
CA	Christine S. Santos	IN	Logan M. Harper	NV	Timothy A. Atobatele
CA	-----	IN	Alan J. Lyskawa	NH	Mark A. Smith
CA	Jeffrey S. Wilhelm	IN	Charles E. Galik	NH	Thomas D. Nichols
CA	Adrian Cuadra	IN	Natalie A. Haller	NJ	Domenic B. Menafr
CA	Lynn K. Huynh	IA	Brian M. Crawford	NJ	Noy Bassik
CA	Justin O. Nielsen	IA	Julie E. Mowers	NJ	Sreelatha Akkapeddi
CA	Henry E. Almengor	KS	Theresa A. LaFollette	NJ	-----
CA	Prudencio J. Alonso	KS	Robert A. Collins II	NM	Albert M. Moncada
CA	Anthea F. Buchin	KS	Nathan K. Parker	NM	Grant D. Martin
CA	Samantha L. Shelton	KY	John E. Benson	NM	George E. Schmaltz
CA	David J. Levine	KY	Derek A. Williams	NY	Anirban Lahiri
CA	Jake I. Jordan	LA	Elrie J. Bennett	NY	Alexandre Chapeaux
CA	Scott J. Haluck	LA	Amber R. Combs	NY	Michael J. Magyar
CA	Antony M. Joy	LA	Alicia D. Boudreaux	NY	Daniel J. Sheinfeld
CA	Nasim Mirnateghi	LA	Brody A. Viator	NY	Anna E. Biney
CA	Ghada H. Hamza	LA	Michael D. Holt	NY	Dominick J. Werther
CA	Pauline N. Mukhar	ME	Michael J. Chasse	NY	Corinne C. Nippert
CA	Jeffrey P. Heckey	MD	Danilo Scepanovic	NY	Jesse C. Beckstein
CA	Derek C. Simpson	MD	Erin K. Halferty	NY	Carla J. Vergara
CA	Jessica L. Yuen	MD	Alexis B. Wise	NY	Lindsay C. Peterson
CA	Du Van Nguyen	MD	Talmesha A. Richards	NY	Patricia L. Decker
CA	Jamie S. Piacentine	MD	Kaysi-Ann Y. Spence	NY	Daniel M. Kobiolka
CO	Seth A. Feinberg	MA	Melissa B. Barter	NY	William M. Batts, Jr.
CO	Derek M. Trumbo	MA	Edward A. Faulkner	NY	Saul Harari
CO	Erica R. McKenzie	MA	Aaron L. Sacks	NY	Melodie L. Schmitt
CO	-----	MA	Nicole B. Russo	NY	Brian E. Weil
CO	Cristin A. Smith	MA	Avi A. Herscovici	NY	Lauren E. Welch
CT	-----	MA	-----	NC	James D. Hlavacek
CT	Michelle E. Sadowski	MA	Peter J. Tavilla	NC	Antonio S. Rocha
CT	-----	MA	Alan M. King	NC	Conzuela B. Cogdell
DE	John E. Kirkwood	MI	Joshua D. Davidson	ND	Kristin L. Schroeder
DC	Arthur R. Alexander	MI	Nels D. Waiono	ND	Lindsay A. Dvorak
DC	-----	MI	Jason D. Backus	OH	Scott W. Schmucker
DC	Anita B. Patel	MI	Matthew D. Kangas	OH	Daniel J. Monnin
FL	Rebecca A. Holcomb	MI	Daniel E. Owczarek	OH	Kathy L. Elias
FL	Natalie M. Sanchez	MI	-----	OH	Krista L. Adams
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FL	Christopher J. Ekberg	MI	Casey B. Hourtienne	OH	Jason C. Bowling
FL	Denise A. Martin	MI	Christopher A. Burtka	OH	Ronald A. Coutu, Jr.
FL	Tajinder S. Ghir	MI	Eugene P. Geisz	OH	Jamie E. Pritzl

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OH	Nicholas G. Garafolo	RI	Jonathan R. Stone	TX	Steven T. Hill
OH	Abdou A. Ayoub	SC	Anand K. Patel	UT	Eric P. Anderson
OH	Catherine E. Zelnio	SC	Derek J. Owens	UT B	Troy A. Robinson
OH	Joshua B. Root	SC	-----	UT	Nathan E. Bunderson
OK	Robert C. Huck	SD	Mark D. Heiberger	VT	Benjamin A. Guest
OK	Patrick M. Smith	SD	Steve W. Menning	VT	Thomas A. Beyerl
OK	Alex D. Everett	TN	Sarah M. West	VA	James T. Woodward
OR	Benjamin R. Hacker	TN	Isaac P. Clements	VA	Emily A. Woodward
OR	Franklin J. Rytkonen	TN	Heather F. Tipton	VA	Jaime S. Zahorian
OR	Daman S. Oberoi	TN	Gieselle M. Mendonca	VA	Daniel D. Ropp
PA	Debarati Chattopadhyay	TN	David A. Fitch	VA	Christopher M. Zeh
PA	Ekaterina Watson	TN	Kenneth B. White, Jr.	WA	Aaron E. Rugg
PA	Rebecca D. Gerard	TX	Douglas W. Meier	WA	Joanna L. Gillie
PA	Darius E. Lin	TX	Curt G. Campbell	WA	Lindsay A. Pharmed
PA	Matthew R. Loh	TX	Jett E. Jones	WA	Michael J. Santora
PA	-----	TX	Colleen E. Dominick	WV	Aaron F. Shinn
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PA	Jeffrey A. Eglinger	TX	Tousal H. Muhammad	WI	Timothy J. Getschman
PA	Milos Ilak	TX	Ekhi Muniategui	WI	Bryce M. Kipp
PA	Eli J. Wasserman	TX	Mackenzie B. Britton	WI	Michael C. Latvala
PR	Nicolas S. Estevez	TX	Andre R. Sherman	WI	Andrew W. Schmidt
				WY	Jason C. Delaney

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AL	Jorge I. Nunez	KS	Sarah A. Woodard	ND	Aaron G. Hill
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AZ	James D. Maltbie	MA	Claudio M.E. Brasca	PA	Ian B. Murray
AZ B	Jessica L. Pederson	MA	Megan E. Minger	PA	Nicholas J. Falco
CA	Krista A. Hirasuna	MA	Hamed Mojahed	PA	Jesse M. Hartigan
CA	Casimir E. Blonski	MI	Karen A. Andrews	PA	Stephanie J. Bechtold
CA	Kyle J. Rockwood	MI	Bradley A. Belsky	PA	Joseph S. Gallo
CA	Chheang H. Yang	MI	Rebecca J. Cantor	PA	Lauren E. Kokai
CA	Chad D. Dorkin	MI	Jayanthi S. Duraiswamy	SC	Jon P. Hammond
CA	George M. Mansour	MI	Krishna G. Putchakayala	SC	Michelle L. Malecha
CA	Haley A.N. Kim	MI	Eric S. Stone	SD	Andrea K. Johnson
CA	Jonathan P. Mar	MI	Emily R. Wolters	TN	John A. Garrison
CO	Lacey T. Benton	MI	Jason R. Morse	TN	David A. Barber
CO	Jeffrey A. Searcy	MI	Michael A. Visca	TX	Thomas A. Mullen
DE	Keith M. Kirkwood	MI	Alana M. Dumasius	TX	Allen S. Wan
DC	Arleya S. Ashburn	MN	Michael S. Mettler	TX	Elizabeth L. Nguyen
FL	Peter F. Martinello	MN	Joe A. Peterson	TX	Ryan R. Baskin
FL A	Matthew L. Pollock	MO	Aaron R. Ferber	TX	Eric B. Beier
FL A	Alison A. Trachet	NV	Melissa I. Huynh	TX	Adam B. Bell
FL	Vanessa M. Smith	NH	Erick C. Towle	TX	Robert E. Plata
FL	Andrew D. Wheeler	NY	Susan C. Kane	VA B	Matthew R. Anderson
FL	Dima Haddad	NY	Aaron H. Dobbins	VA	Erin L. Wilson
FL	Andrew Peris	NY	Julie C. Czupryna	VA	Crystal L. Cox
IL	Ruma L. Tharayil	NY	L. Makrina Tkaczewski	VA	Ryan P. Taylor
IA	Ryan C. Burnley	NY	Lennis A. Perez	WV	John A. Larson
IA	Ben J. Hanson	NY	Harry J. Eisenbise	WV	Alexander B. Neal
IA	Justin D. Pfeffer	NY	Janelle Villone	WY	Erik S. Edgar
IA	Brian J. Reed	NC A	Nathaniel C. Horner	WY	Erin L. Hennings
KS	Jared R. Mason	ND	Thomas H. Calgaro		

## Chapter advisors:

CA	Susan L.R. Holl	KS	Lorin P. Maletsky	OH	Harwood A. Hegna
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CO	Colin A. Graham	LA	Melvin R. Corley	PA	David S. Kaplan
CO B	Sandra B. Pitzak	ME	Darrell W. Donahue	TN	Wagdy H. Mahmoud
CO	Lawrence M. Butkus	MA Z	Randall R. Lapierre	TX B	Edward E. Anderson
DC A	Robert E. Efimba	MI E	Colleen L. Hill	TX	G. Brent McHale
FL	Larry D. Bauer	MI	Chris J. Kobus	TX	James C. Williams
FL	Maria C. Bauer	MI	Andrew E. Toy	UT	Charles L. Thomas
GA B	Jack M. Mahaney	NC	Joel J. Pawlak	VA	Robert R. Safford
IA	David D. Kilzer	OH	Michael E. Prudich	WA	Juan L. Bala, Jr.
IL	Bruce A. DeVantier	OH	Robert L. Ward	WY	Steven F. Barrett

## Alumnus chapter voting delegates:

Front Range	Joshua W. Shackelford
Great Smoky Mtn.	Katey E. Lenox
San Francisco Bay Area	Yu-Han Chen
Southeastern Michigan	Andrew J. Flowerday

## Alumnus visitors and Laureates:

Jeremiah A. Cain, TX B '02	Kenneth L. Martin, NM A '83
Leslie K. Guice, LA G '78	Erin E. McIntyre, NJ B '03
Irwin M. Jacobs, NY D '56	Daniel D. Reneau, LA G '63
Jessica D. King, MS B '03	Patrick D. Schmid, PA A '03
William M. Marcy, TX B '64	Shawn R. Schwaller, SD A '95

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Chair Matthew R. Reile. Other Texas Beta members and initiates assisting at the Convention were: A.A. Aheimer, K.D. Barclat, K.D. Berthold, C.L. Betts, P.W. Beverly, T.M. Blain, K.A. Burkhalter, J.L. Byrd, C.P. Carr, J.D. Chaparro, C.L. Crumley, A.G. Duvall, M.G. Fairweather, N.R. Francis, A.M. Gentry, S.D. Glover, M.T. Grisham, L.K. Harrell, Z.B. Hernandez, S.A. Hinojosa, T.M. Ho, M.R. Jasso, N.J. Johnson, K. Kepley, S.A. Legler, G.A. Lynes, B.M. McElrath, Jenny L. Merklings, Joseph L. Merklings, N.W. Poerner, T.A. Pulliam, J.C. Quasny, C.B. Sawyer, D.M. Smith, S.A. Trainor, C.G. Waggoner, A.D. White, and J.K. White.

2004 Convention Arrangements Chair, Christopher J. Ekberg (FL Delta) was in attendance.

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

**National Officers**

President M.W. Ohland  
Vice President E.D. Styles  
Councillor A.L. Hu  
Councillor R.W. Pierce  
Councillor D.J. Tyner  
  
Fellowship Board  
S.D. Pierre, Jr.  
Director of Rituals  
A.R. Hirsch  
Director of Engineering Futures  
A.M. Brenner  
Executive Director  
J.D. Froula  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
R.E. Hawks  
Convention Chair  
R.M. Hickling  
Parliamentarian  
J.W. Johnson, Jr.

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District 1 — Nila D. Bhakuni  
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Andrea J. Pinkus  
Jason Rogan  
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Michael D. Malmstrom  
District 4 — Lisa C. Pawlak  
Russell L. Werneth  
District 5 — Jeremy N. Comardelle  
Elizabeth A. Stephan  
District 6 — Joseph J. Hanby  
Richard P. King  
District 7 — Barry L. Frost  
Curtis D. Gomulinski  
District 8 — Michael J. Cunningham  
Joseph G. Macro  
District 9 — Charles W. Caldwell  
Eddie R. Fowler  
District 10 — Brian W. Crenshaw  
Daniel A. Kamat  
District 11 — James C. Hill  
Sherry D. Jennings-King  
District 12 — Wade A. Hull  
Tricia E. Schwaller  
Larry A. Simonson  
District 13 — Jeffrey G. Dabling  
Richard W. Mead  
District 14 — Edward L. Tezak  
District 15 — Scott E. Fable  
Tana L. Franko  
District 16 — Scott V. Eckersall  
Allen Klinger

**Engineering Futures  
Facilitators:**

Solange C. Dao  
Norman P. Pih

**Representatives of the petitioning society:**

Grand Valley State University

Student: David A. Wassilak

Student: Dawn J. Witherell

Faculty: Dr. Charles R. Standridge, MO G '75

Idaho State University

Student: Christie A. Chatterley

Student: Anthony L. Crawford

Faculty: Dr. R. Eugene Stuffle

Faculty: Linda R. Stuffle, MI B '71

**FIRST BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Theatre, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock, TX**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2003**

**President Matthew W. Ohland called the Convention** to order at 3:02 p.m. In accord with the Bylaws, Secretary J.D. Froula served as Secretary of the Convention.

The Secretary reported that a quorum was present although final registration was incomplete; voting delegates and national officers were registered. Executive Councillor Dennis J. Tyner introduced members of the Executive Council, Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre, Jr., Director of Rituals Alan R. Hirsch, Director of Engineering Futures Annette M. Brenner, Executive Director Froula, Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling, Parliamentarian James L. Johnson, Jr., District Directors, Engineering Futures Facilitators present, and Headquarters staff.

**The President's Report** for the Executive Council for 2002-03 was presented by Dr. Ohland. It is a part of these minutes and will be published in the Winter 2004 **BENT**.

**The Report of the Director of Fellowships** was given by Mr. Pierre, who reviewed the history of the Fellowship and Scholarship Program. He said that 35 Fellows and 39 Scholars were selected last year on a competitive basis, reviewed the changes in the composition of the Fellowship Board and encouraged the delegates to apply for either program.

**The Report of the Director of Engineering Futures** was given by Dr. Brenner, who encouraged the delegates to take advantage of the Engineering Futures Program and the skills taught and to schedule seminars on their campuses; last year 281 sessions reached 4,000 students in 108 chapters by 52 Facilitators; ten new facilitators were trained last year. The program helps to make Tau Beta Pi the premier honor society in the world. In the last five years, 880 sessions were presented to 17,000 students. She acknowledged the support of alumni who support the program, and said that support from universities would now be accepted.

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 as amended** on a voice vote on motion by Secretary Froula, seconded by C.G. Campbell, (TX B) as follows:

First Business Meeting:

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

Second Business Meeting:

- Reports of Committees: Petitions, Constitution and Bylaws, Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, Rituals, Convention Site, Resolutions, Award, and Chapter Advisor (*ad hoc*).

Third Business Meeting:

- Action as necessary on Committee recommendations
- New business

Final Business Meeting:

- Presentation of Greater Interest in Government Chapter Project Grants
- Presentation of National Outstanding Advisor Award
- Presentation of Laureate Awards
- Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus Awards
- Final Report of Awards Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Official adjournment

**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 national officer advisors and consultants are named for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

**Petitions Committee:**

Michael L. Youngblood, AL D, Chair  
Raymond K. Auerbach, AZ G  
Jarrod C. Burns, AR A  
Adrian Cuadra, CA Z  
Samantha L. Shelton, CA M  
Jake I. Jordan, CA X  
Du Van Nguyen, CA W  
Erica R. McKenzie, CO D  
-----, CT G  
John E. Kirkwood, DE A  
Anita B. Patel, DC G  
Cody C. Rowan, GA B  
Oriana O. Obiri, ID A  
Rachel A. Williams, IL A  
Natalie A. Haller, IN E

John E. Benson, KY A  
Kaysi-Ann Y. Spence, MD E  
Jason D. Backus, MI G  
Melanie R. Fici, MI H  
Christopher A. Burtka, MI I  
Eugene P. Geisz, MI K  
Matthew A. Cross, MO D  
Timothy A. Atobatele, NV B  
Dominick J. Werther, NY Q  
William M. Batts, Jr., NY P  
Ronald A. Coutu, Jr., OH H  
Patrick M. Smith, OK B  
Bryan A. Zonies, PA Q  
Anand K. Patel, SC A  
David A. Fitch, TN E

Tousal H. Muhammad, TX H  
Eric P. Anderson, UT A  
Jaime S. Zahorian, VA G  
Bryce M. Kipp, WI G  
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Daniel A. Kamat, District 10  
Director, Advisor  
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Director, Consultant  
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Joseph G. Macro, District 8  
Director, Consultant  
Beth A. Stephan, District 5  
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-----, DC B  
James A. Pruitt, FL G  
James M. Poe II, FL Q  
-----, GA A  
-----, IL D  
Charles E. Galik, IN D  
Nathan K. Parker, KS G

Derek A. Williams, KY B  
Brody A. Viator, LA D  
Michael J. Chasse, ME A  
Erin K. Halferty, MD B  
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Daman S. Oberoi, OR G  
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Troy A. Robinson, UT B

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Logan M. Harper, IN B  
Amber R. Combs, LA B  
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Thomas D. Nichols, NH B  
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Jesse C. Beckstein, NY K  
James D. Hlavacek, NC G  
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Heather F. Tipton, TN G  
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Alicia D. Boudreaux, LA G  
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Alan M. King, MA I  
Christopher D. Batt, MN B  
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Sreelatha Akkapeddi, NJ G  
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Lauren E. Welch, NC A  
Kristin L. Schroeder, ND A  
Heather A. Hlasko, OH E  
Joshua B. Root, OH N  
-----, PA Z  
Nicolas S. Estevez, PR A  
Kevin E. Wu, RI A  
Steve W. Menning, SD B  
Isaac P. Clements, TN B

Curt G. Campbell, TX B  
Andre K. Sherman, TX K  
Benjamin A. Guest, VT A  
Daniel D. Ropp, VA D  
Aaron E. Rugg, WA A  
Robert C. Williams, WV B  
Michael C. Latvala, WI D  
Sherry D. Jennings-King, District 11  
Director, Advisor  
Jeremy N. Comardelle, District 5  
Director, Consultant  
Tana L. Franko, District 15  
Director, Consultant  
Andrea J. Pinkus, District 2  
Director, Consultant

### Chapter Advisor Committee (*ad hoc*):

Susan L.R. Holl, CA U  
Robert D. Knecht, CO A  
Colin A. Graham, CO B  
Sandra B. Pitzak, CO B  
Lawrence M. Butkus, CO Z  
Robert E. Efimba, DC A  
Larry D. Bauer, FL D  
Maria C. Bauer, FL D  
Jack M. Mahaney, GA B  
David D. Kilzer, IA A  
Bruce A. DeVantier, IL E  
Lorin P. Maletsky, KS A  
Richard B. Hayter, KS G  
Darrell W. Donahue, ME A  
Randall R. Lapierre, MA Z

Colleen L. Hill, MI E  
Chris J. Kobus, MI Q  
Andrew E. Toy, MI I  
Joel J. Pawlak, NC A  
Michael E. Prudich, OH D  
Robert L. Ward, OH I  
Harwood A. Hegna, OH N  
John K. Antonio, OK A  
David S. Kaplan, PA G  
Wagdy H. Mahmoud, TN G  
Edward E. Anderson, TX B  
G. Brent McHale, TX B  
James C. Williams, TX H  
Charles L. Thomas, UT A  
Robert R. Safford, VA G

Juan L. Bala, Jr. WA D  
Steven F. Barrett, WY A  
Russ L. Werneth, District 4  
Director, Advisor  
Nila D. Bhakuni, District 1  
Director, Consultant  
Charles W. Caldwell, District 9  
Director, Consultant  
Eddie R. Fowler, District 9  
Director, Consultant  
James C. Hill, District 11  
Director, Consultant  
Richard W. Mead, District 13  
Director, Consultant

President Ohland 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 Trust Advisory Committee member James W. Johnson, Jr. would serve as Convention Parliamentarian, *Robert's Rules of Order* would be followed at the business meetings, and closure would be reached on all business issues. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Johnson presented the fundamental principles of parliamentary procedure.

Chairman Hickling declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 4:00 p.m.

**The Headquarters display** was present during the Convention in the foyer of the Civic Center. Refreshments were served from noon until 3:00 p.m. in the atrium of the hotel where **displays** were staffed by ExxonMobil, Lockheed Martin, NCEES, Sandia National Labs, Texas Tech Graduate School of Engineering, and Schlumberger.

**Meetings of all Convention Committees** were held in rooms and various areas of the Civic Center starting at 4:10 p.m. Engineering Futures Facilitators presented **Engineering Futures orientation meetings** for all non-voting delegates.

**District Meetings** and an **orientation meeting for committee chairs** were held in rooms and various areas of the hotel and Civic Center starting at 5:00 p.m.

**The Welcoming Dinner** of the Convention was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Civic Center; seating was by Districts. Arrangements Chair Matthew R. Reile was master of ceremonies. Texas Beta President Curt G. Campbell welcomed the delegates and acknowledged the excellent support from Mr. Reile. Dr. James L. Smith, interim dean of engineering, said that his university had 29,000 students, the second-largest campus in the nation, and 3,000 undergraduates, 650 graduates, and eight programs in his college. TTU is the most comprehensive university in the state. He described the musical heritage of Lubbock and its primary agricultural products. Dr. William M. Marcy, TX B '64, provost of TTU, reviewed developments in technology since 1964, said that principles of engineering have not changed, and mentioned that his polished bent hangs on the wall in his office. President Ohland welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Association, thanked the hosts for all of their hard work so far, and encouraged the delegates to get to know their fellow members during the Convention. He introduced assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger E. Hawks. Mike Shannon, P.E., director of professional services for NCEES, welcomed the group and said that engineers are opportunists, explained the benefits of licensure, and encouraged delegates to take the F.E. examination while still students. Dr. Brenner reviewed the Engineering Futures modules, introduced Solange C. Dao and Sherry L. King, and challenged the delegates to learn all they can, make suggestions to improve the Engineering Futures Program, and to host a session on their campuses. A total of 391 people enjoyed the banquet, sponsored by NCEES and featuring prime rib.

**Meetings of all Convention Committees and Engineering Futures groups** reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments were served at 9:30 p.m., compliments of Duke Energy.

**Committee and Engineering Futures Meetings** reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on October 24.

**Interactive Chapter Exchanges (ICE)** were held starting at 10:10 a.m. in rooms of the hotel and Civic Center. Seventeen 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.

Lunch was served in the Banquet Hall of the Civic Center at 12:00 noon, and seating was by ICE Groups. The sponsorship of Lockheed Martin for the meal was acknowledged. A total of 375 people enjoyed the club sandwich. After the meal, Mr. Froula presented a summary of the **Executive Director's Report** for 2002-03, which was given to each Convention registrant (and appeared in the Fall 2003 **BENT**).

Secretary Froula and Councillor A.L. Hu presented 50 **Secretary's Commendations** for perfection of Headquarters reports and timely payment of fees in 2002-03 to: Alabama Delta, Arkansas Alpha, California Gamma, California Iota, California Mu, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Delta, Kansas Beta, Kansas Gamma, Louisiana Gamma, Maine Alpha, Michigan Delta, Michigan Eta, Michigan Iota, Mississippi Alpha, New Hampshire Alpha, New Jersey Gamma, New Mexico Gamma, New York Theta, New York Iota, North Dakota Beta, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Theta, Ohio Mu, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Epsilon, Pennsylvania Iota, Rhode Island Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Theta, Utah Alpha, Utah Beta, Vermont Beta, Wisconsin Beta, and the 14 chapters listed below.

Secretary Froula and Councillor Hu presented letters of recognition and **Chapter Performance Scholarships** of \$500 to the engineering schools of the following 14 chapters that had won three consecutive Secretary's Commendations: California Alpha, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Epsilon, New York Pi, Ohio Zeta, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Theta, South Dakota Alpha, Texas Delta, Wisconsin Alpha, Wisconsin Epsilon, and Wyoming Alpha.

As part of the **Chapter Development Program**, Assistant Secretary Hawks presented information about the 12-week membership process.

The Convention **group photograph** was taken at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Rock Garden. Photographs were delivered to the delegates after the Friday dinner.

**Interactive Chapter Committee and Engineering Futures Meetings** reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

A refreshment beverage break was provided at 3:00 p.m., compliments of Duke Energy.

## **SECOND BUSINESS MEETING** **Friday, October 24, Theatre, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m. The **Tellers' Committee**, comprised primarily of alternate delegates, had been appointed by Chairman Hickling as follows: K.A. Andrews (MI G Alt.), B.A. Belsky (MI G Alt.), R.J. Cantor (MI G Alt.), J.S. Duraiswamy (MI G Alt.), K.G. Putchakayala (MI G Alt.), E.S. Stone (MI G Alt.), E.R. Wolters (MI G Alt.), I.B. Murray (PA A Alt.), and T.L. Franko (D15 Dir.). Secretary Froula reported that registration was complete with 240 delegates registered and provided voting totals required for various actions.

**The Report of the Committee on Petitions** was called. M.L. Youngblood (AL D), Chair, reported that his committee had reviewed the final petitions and the reports of the inspection committees for Pi Beta Tau at Idaho State University and the Padnos School of Engineering Honor Society at Grand Valley State University and had met with the petitioners and heard their presentations. He introduced Anthony Crawford and Christie Chatterley, president of PBT, who reviewed its history since its establishment in 1994. ISU has 15,000 students and includes an engineering school with four ABET-accredited engineering programs, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering and interdisciplinary programs. The college is supported by local engineering companies, and 85%-95% of students pass the F.E. exam. The society operates under bylaws based on Tau Beta Pi chapter bylaws, requires signature sheets from all electees, verifies the exemplary character of electees, involves every electee class in a service project on campus and in the community, and wants to become a part of the Association.

Mr. Youngblood introduced Dawn J. Witherell and David A. Wassilak, president of the PSEHS, who said that GVSU is a comprehensive public university with an enrollment of 20,000 students in 64 undergraduate programs. The school of engineering has included ABET-accredited programs since 1989 and includes a mandatory co-op engineering program. Most co-op locations are near the campus, so students can be involved in the honor society year round. Service is an integral part of the culture of the engineering school. Students achieve high passing rates up to 100% on the F.E. examination. Engineering disciplines include computer, electrical, mechanical, and manufacturing engineering. The honor society began in May 2000, adopted bylaws that closely follow Tau Beta Pi chapter bylaws, has chosen a service project to support a children's museum, and has worked earnestly toward becoming a part of the Association.

Mr. Youngblood **moved**, seconded by C.G. Campbell, (TX B), **to approve the petition from Idaho State University and to establish the Idaho Beta Chapter.** R.K. Auerbach (AZ G) spoke in favor of the motion. Mr. Youngblood **moved**, seconded by C.G. Campbell (TX B), **to grant a chapter to Grand Valley State University and to establish the Michigan Lambda Chapter.** T.H. Muhammad (TX H) said that the committee had reviewed both final petitions, that all conditions were met, and that the committee unanimously supports both petitions. There was no further discussion, and ballots were distributed. When the voting was completed, Mr. Hickling later announced the results: for ISU: 221 in favor and none opposed: for GVSU: 218 in favor and none opposed. **The chapters were therefore granted, to be known as Idaho Beta and Michigan Lambda.** Representatives were brought to the front of the room and given an enthusiastic standing ovation.

**The Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs** was called. E.A. Woodward (VA B), Chair, said that her group had completed its work on four charges. She introduced R.C. Huck (OK A), Secretary, who **moved**, seconded by A.K. Patel (SC A), that **the expense reimbursement allowance for the 2004 Convention be the same as that for the 2003 Convention.** This policy provides driving reimbursement of \$.25 per mile plus \$.05 per mile for additional member-passengers (3 maximum) and \$42 lodging en route only; flying reimbursement for a 14-day advance-purchase ticket for a delegate and 20% of a 14-day advance-purchase airline ticket for one non-voting delegate per collegiate chapter, for a maximal reimbursement of \$200; meal reimbursement for delegates only of \$5, \$6, and \$8 for breakfast, lunch, and dinner en route (limited to three meals each way), terminal expenses and \$5 for on-site breakfasts at the Convention. He said that based on the experiences of recent Conventions, his group felt that expenses in Orlando, FL, should be no more than in Lubbock, TX. K.E. Lenox (GSMAC) said that the federal reimbursement rate is \$.32 per mile. Secretary Froula noted that Tau Beta Pi is non-profit and that the U.S. government is different and it prints money. Without further discussion, the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

T.A. LaFollette (KS A), Vice Chair, said her group had reviewed the chapter accounts receivable and had met with all delegates at the Convention from chapters that had a debt to the Association in excess of \$300, and recommendations were provided to the Secretary-Treasurer. She said that her committee had reviewed the auditor's and Treasurer's reports and found both documents to be satisfactory to the best of its knowledge. Ms. Woodward said that her group had considered a proposal to increase the initiation fee and the Assessment and **moved**, seconded by A.K. Patel (SC A), **to increase the initiation fee by \$5 from \$27 to \$32, to use the increase toward the expenses of the Association, and to increase the Convention Assessment from \$2 to \$5, both of which would become effective August 1, 2004.** She said that the Executive Council recommended raising the initiation fee by \$8 and the Convention assessment by \$2 because, the 5% trust spending guide allows up to \$600,000 to be withdrawn annually, the estimated operating budget deficit for 2003-04 is approximately \$700,000, programs or funding may be cut or reduced if no change is made, and no change in fees has occurred in ten years. A Financial Development Committee has been formed to address the Association's financial well being. Currently \$273 is spent per initiate, only \$3.95 of the initiation fee goes towards this cost. Other honor societies' mid-range fees are \$32 and do not include a Convention assessment. The committee recommends reassessment at the 2008 Convention to determine the impact upon the financial health of Tau Beta Pi and upon initiation rates. She said that an increase will maintain the high quality of Tau Beta Pi membership benefits, the fee is a one-time cost to members, and recent added programs include Engineering Futures and the on-line resume service. The Convention assessment was decreased from \$7 to \$3 in 1994 on the assumption that interest from the Convention Fund would substantially defray costs; this has not been the case. Furthermore, other organizations require individual members to pay their Convention costs; however, funding of one delegate per chapter is paid by the Association. N.G. Garafolo (OH K), inquired how this increase would affect his chapter fee. Secretary Froula suggested that if it passes, chapters should vote to raise their total fees. Director Pierre **moved**, seconded by G.D. Martin (NM B), **to increase the initiation fee from \$27 to \$35.** He said that Tau Beta Pi membership is an extremely good deal. Most chapter expenses are subsidized by alumni, low fees prevent more scholarships from being given, and the Society will loan the initiation fee to any initiate. R.N. Davis (AL B) spoke against the amendment now, but said that it might be prudent in the future. T.A. Atobatele (NV B) said that it would be better to raise the fee now and bite the bullet. A.A. Ayoub (OH L) said that the cost is borne by students now and in the future. J.O. Nielsen (CA Th) said that an electee fundraiser like a car wash could produce extra funds. After further discussion, the question was called, and debate

was ended on a show of hands. The **amendment to increase the initiation fee by \$8 failed** with 102 in favor and 114 opposed. J.E. Jones (TX G) said that raising the fees works fundamentally against the goal of increasing membership and that being a good deal is not a justification for raising fees; we should seek other funding sources and consider an increase in 2004. M.L. Youngblood (AL D) said that his Tau Beta Pi Scholarship allowed him to reduce his workload, and he believes the increase is reasonable. G.W. Sitton (MO A) said that the real fee to a student is the chapter fee and that students have too much pride to apply for loans. D.A. Williams (KY B) challenged chapters to do fund-raising projects. A. Chapeaux (NY B) said that some competitive societies on his campus are reducing fees, but his chapter cannot. Debate was closed on a show of hands, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

**The Report of the Committee on Rituals** was called. M.D. Holt (LA E), Chair, said that his group inspected the initiation equipment, set up the rehearsal, will set the equipment at the model initiation ceremony, prepared the keys for the ceremony, discussed an issue of gender neutrality in an exclusionary passage, recommended minor changes to the initiation-kit-assessment form and video, and encouraged every delegate to be present to review the initiation ceremony.

**The Report of the Committee on Convention Site** was called. B.M. Crawford (IA A), Chair, said that his group had heard the presentation by Colorado Beta to host the 2006 Convention, had reviewed in depth major issues such as costs, transportation, manpower, activities, and location, and he **moved**, seconded by B.A. Viator (LA D), **to accept the Convention bid of Colorado Beta to host the 2006 National Convention in Denver, CO**. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed** on an overwhelming voice vote.

**The Report of the Committee on Resolutions** was called. A.A. Ayoub (OH L), Chair, said that his group was working on its assignments and would report in the Third Business Meeting.

**The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** was called. R.N. Davis (AL B), Chair, said that his group had reviewed four proposals and was prepared to address two of them. The proposal to establish a Scholarship Board and Director of Scholarships would require a separate board for scholarships, but the existing Fellowship Board could be used, which would save approximately \$6,000 per year or three potential scholarships and would require a second set of administrative rules. A recommendation was made to delete the requirements for members of the Fellowship Board to be graduates of different colleges or universities and to be from different branches of the profession because the present composition of the board has had no negative impact on decisions made and because no one wants to dismiss current or exclude possible future board members. Deletion of the practicing-engineer phraseology is recommended because "practicing engineer" is increasingly construed to mean to be licensed. He **moved**, seconded by M.J. Magyar (NY G), **to assign the duties of the Scholarship Program to the Director of Fellowships as stated below:**

#### **Constitution Article IV** *Association Officers*

##### **SECTION 2. Designation and Duties.**

(f) The Director of Rituals, Director of Fellowships, and Director of Engineering Futures . . .

(2) The Director of Fellowships shall manage the Fellowship and Scholarship Programs of the Association. The Director of Fellowships shall be a member of and shall chair the Fellowship Board. The Fellowship Board shall consist of three alumnus members in addition to the Director of Fellowships. The Director of Fellowships shall recommend to the Executive Council the appointment of one member to the Board each year for a three-year term, the term of office to commence on August 1st. The ~~three appointed~~ four members of the Board ~~preferably~~ shall be practicing engineers members of the Association, ~~each a graduate of a different college or university, and from different branches of the profession~~. A Board member may be reappointed. The Board shall review all applications for Tau Beta Pi fellowships and scholarships, and shall select those to whom a fellowship or scholarship shall be awarded in accordance with the number of fellowships authorized and funds made available by the Executive Council. See Bylaws III, Sec. 3.04, ~~and X~~, and XI.

*(Underlined words added; struck words deleted.)*

D.S. Oberoi (OR G) inquired if the title should be changed to "Director of Fellowships and Scholarships." T.A. Richards (MD D) inquired why requirements for practicing engineers and branches of the profession would be eliminated, because diversity is important. Director Pierre said that it is important to be able to select the best qualified board members. A.J. Pinkus (D2 Dir.) **moved**, seconded by J.E. Pritzl (OH Th), **to remove the sentence "The four members of the Board shall be members of the Association."** because it is redundant. In response to an inquiry, Director Pierre reported that two Fellowship Board members were graduates of New York University, one was from Louisiana Tech University, and one graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. Debate was ended on a show of hands, and the **amendment passed** on a voice vote; however, a division of the house was called and the **amendment passed** on a show of hands with 143 in favor and 52 opposed. After debate ended on a show of hands, the **motion passed** on a show of hands by the required 3/4 majority, but final approval is **subject to chapter ratification**. The final text is stated below.

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S.W. Schmucker (OH A) **moved that the Association maintain the \$500 chapter performance scholarships for three consecutive Secretary's Commendations and that the matter be referred to the 2004 Convention.** Chairman Hickling ruled that the motion is germane, but Dr. R.W. Mead (D13 Dir.) **moved**, seconded by G.D. Martin (NM B), **to appeal the ruling of the chair to allow the motion as germane.** **The motion to overrule the chair passed** on a standing vote with 134 in favor and 63 opposed. Chairman Hickling suspended the rules of the day to allow the meeting to continue until 5:30 p.m. without objection.

Mr. Davis discussed a proposal to provide means to revoke the election of someone who is defaulting on his or her pre-initiation obligations. He said that revocation is necessary from time-to-time, and that his group concluded that it should be up to the chapter's discretion to determine whether someone had legitimate conflicts or had insufficient interest in meeting obligations. His group studied the technicalities of the revocation process, time sensitive issues regarding communications with Headquarters, and eligibility status after prior revocation. The clear language from the election process was adapted in order to provide eligibility code expectations of candidates, flexibility to chapters, and a required vote for each revocation. Stating the unanimous approval by his committee, he **moved**, seconded by R.A. Collins (KS B), **to amend Bylaw V, Sec. 5.07, and Bylaw VI**, as shown below.

### **Bylaw V**

#### *Collegiate Chapters*

SECTION 5.07. **Quorum.** A quorum for the consideration of routine business shall consist of one-half the active membership of the Chapter; for the election of new members, for the revocation of election, for changing the initiation fee or Chapter dues, and for the passing of an assessment on the members of the Chapter, three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon; and for the approval or disapproval of a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association or Chapter, three-fourths of the active members of the Chapter. See Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1. Chapters located at colleges operating on a cooperative basis and those chapters with evening division members may be granted permission by the Executive Council to lower the requirements listed above for a quorum.

*(Underlined words added.)*

### **Bylaw VI**

#### *Election of Members*

*(Create new Section 6.04 and renumber later sections as necessary.)*

SECTION 6.04. **Revocation of Election.** (a) An individual who has been elected to 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 Bylaw 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.

(b) Each Chapter shall approve a revocation procedure consistent with its methods of measuring exemplary character which shall include the reading of the Eligibility Code at the time of revocation. (See Sec. 6.02(f)). This procedure may provide for voting on each name before consideration of the next name, or for voting on groups of names recommended to the Chapter by its character measurement process, or for such devices as desired by the Chapter as long as the procedure considers the candidates individually at some point in the character measurement process and conforms to Section 6.04(c). This revocation procedure of the Chapter must be approved by the Executive Council and be contained in the Chapter's Bylaws.

(c) (1) Any electee can have his/her election revoked by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the active Chapter membership eligible to vote thereon, who are present and voting affirmatively or negatively, except as provided for in Constitution Article VIII, Sections 4(a) (4) and 5(a) (4). In each case the total affirmative vote must be a majority of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon. See Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1. In computing these ratios any fraction one-half or greater shall be counted as a whole number.

(2) Graduate students eligible under Constitution Article VIII, Section 3, shall be voted on separately from the undergraduate students.

(d) The revocation of the election of an electee shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted by the President of the Chapter, or by a member of the Advisory Board or by an alumnus member designated by the President. The term 'secret ballot' shall be interpreted to mean that no active member shall see how any other member voted. See Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1 (c).

(e) Any student whose election has been revoked may be considered at subsequent elections if he or she is then eligible.

Chairman Hickling ruled, without objection, **to table the motion** until the Third Business Meeting.

The **Report of the Committee on Chapter Advisors** (*ad hoc*) was called. Sandra B. Pitzak (CO B Adv.), Co-Chair, said that her group was charged to develop a proposal and make recommendations for advisor training, and it brainstormed topics of concern to advisors, broke into small groups to discuss areas of interest (training mechanisms, advisor relations, function, training content, procedures, and participation), and will provide recommendations in the Third Business Meeting, along with a motion for a constitutional amendment to establish the committee as a standing committee.

The Second Business Meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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**District Meetings** reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

Dinner was held at 6:45 p.m. in the Banquet Hall; seating was by committee grouping. Dr. Edward E. Anderson, Texas Beta Advisor, was master of ceremonies. A total of 375 people enjoyed the chicken marsala entree. The chapter advisors at the Convention were specially recognized by Secretary Froula and the delegates.

Secretary Froula and Councillor Hu presented 37 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellence in project work during 2002-03 to: California Alpha, California Gamma, California Psi, Illinois Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Massachusetts Epsilon, Michigan Alpha, Michigan Delta, Michigan Iota, Missouri Alpha, Missouri Beta, New Mexico Gamma, New York Delta, Pennsylvania Alpha, Pennsylvania Epsilon, South Carolina Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Delta, Vermont Alpha, and to the 18 chapters listed below.

Secretary Froula and Councillor Hu presented letters of recognition and **Chapter Performance Scholarships** of \$500 each to the engineering schools of the following 18 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards: District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Beta, Indiana Delta, Maryland Beta, Maryland Delta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Nevada Beta, New York Kappa, New York Tau, Ohio Beta, Ohio Iota, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha.

Secretary Froula presented recognition plaques to New Jersey Beta and Pennsylvania Alpha, which successfully nominated the 2003 Laureates.

**Committee and Engineering Futures Meetings** reconvened at 8:15 p.m. Refreshments were served at 9:45 p.m., compliments of Duke Energy.

A special presentation regarding the investigation of the failure of the Columbia Space Shuttle was presented at 10:15 p.m. by Lt. Col. Lawrence M. Butkus (CO Z Adv.).

Vice President E.D. Styles hosted a breakfast meeting in the hotel at 7:15 a.m. on October 25 with delegates of chapters that plan to host the **District Conferences** in the Spring of 2004.

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### **THIRD BUSINESS MEETING** **Saturday, October 25, Theatre, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. Secretary Froula reported that 240 voting delegates and national officers were registered, thus fixing the number of votes required to pass various items of business.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Petitions**, M.L. Youngblood (AL D), Chair, said that his group had completed its work.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards**, S.M. Rock (MT A) said that his group had completed its selections and would report in the Fourth Business Meeting.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws**, R.N. Davis (AL B), Chair, said that his group had reviewed the proposal to reduce the time limit of chapter vote, and he reviewed the recent history of chapter voting performance regarding Constitutional ratification. He **moved**, seconded by A.K. Patel (SC A), **to amend Constitution Art. XVIII, Sec. 3**, as stated below.

#### **Constitution Article XVIII**

##### *Amendments*

**SECTION 3. Time Limit of Chapter Vote.** (a) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Section 1(a) of this Article, each Chapter must report its action, or vote, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association by the following November 22.

*(Rewritten.)*

Mr. Davis said that waiting too long after the Convention appears to cause things to lose momentum and, since it is highly desirable that items be voted upon before the Executive Council's first meeting in December, an earlier deadline with sufficient time for action following the Convention is warranted; his committee is strongly in favor of the November 22 date believing that a specific date is easier to remember than a numbered day of the week or something similar. A. Chapeaux (NY B) spoke against the proposal because November 22 is too early for his chapter, and he **moved**, seconded by T.A. Mullen (TX B), **to amend the motion to change the date to December 1**. N.B. Fong (MN A) said that November 22 was chosen because it permits the Council to act at an early meeting in December. F.J. Rytkonen (OR B), said that November 22 could interfere with Thanksgiving and preferred December 1. Mr. Davis said that Thanksgiving increases the pressure to vote and that chapters can vote via email without calling a meeting. N.M. Aumock (WI A) said that November 22 is too early for his chapter. D.S. Oberoi (OR G) spoke against the amendment because December 1 is at the end of his school's Thanksgiving holiday and his chapter has no meetings after that time. A.F. Shinn (WV A) noted that this would not go into effect this year and November 22 is satisfactory. The question was called, debate ended without objection on a voice vote, and the **amendment** (December 1) **failed**. Debate on the main motion ended on a voice vote, and ballots were distributed. Chairman Hickling later announced that the **motion failed** with 169 in favor and 34 opposed (180 affirmative were required). An appeal was made to attempt to overrule the Chair to **delay the vote**, but it was ruled out of order because voting cannot be stopped once started.

Mr. Davis said that his group had reviewed a proposal that would define the position of Councillor and would redefine which officials are officers and which are directors in order to match preferred corporate terminology and minimize the potential liability to directors. He **moved**, seconded by T.A. Mullen (TX B), **to amend Constitution Art. III and Art. IV** as shown below.

### **Constitution Article III**

#### Government of the Association

SECTION 4. **Council Officers.** (a) The Executive Council-elect shall meet at least two months prior to taking office for the purpose of selecting a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary from the five members of the Council; the selection shall be confirmed by the Council at its first official meeting after taking office and recorded in the official minutes of the Council. The secretary and remaining members of the Council shall be known as Councillors.

### **Constitution 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, a Director of Rituals, a Director of Fellowships, a Director of Engineering Futures, and District Directors. The directors of the Association shall be Executive Councillors, a Director of Rituals, a Director of Fellowships, a Director of Engineering Futures, and District Directors.

SECTION 2. **Designation and Duties.**

(c) The Secretary-Treasurer, who shall also be known as the Executive Director of Tau Beta Pi, shall be appointed by the Executive Council on a permanent full-time basis.

*(Add a new section 2(f) and renumber subsequent sections.)*

SECTION 2. (f) Councillors shall perform such duties as required by the Constitution. See Const. Art. III, Sec. 5.

SECTION 5. **Bond.** All officers, ~~Councillors, directors~~, and members of the headquarters staff shall be bonded to a proper amount or have equivalent insurance protection at the expense of the Association.

*(Underlined words added; struck words deleted.)*

Mr. Davis said that this is primarily a housekeeping issue, and there was no opposition. Mr. Hickling said that corporate officers have a legal right to "bind" the corporation, but others do not. Director Hirsch **moved to amend Sec. 1 to remove the word "Executive" that modifies Councillors**. However, Mr. Hickling ruled that the word "Executive" be removed without objection. Mr. Davis **moved to amend Art. III, Sec. 2(b), to read "either an Officer or a Director of the Association shall be appointed to act as advisor to each Committee...."** There was no objection, and Mr. Hickling added this amendment to the main motion. There was no objection, and ballots were distributed. Mr. Hickling later announced the results: the **motion passed** with 206 in favor and 6 opposed, but final approval is **subject to chapter ratification**.

In response to an inquiry, Chairman Hickling said that the failed amendment on time limit of chapter vote could be reconsidered only if 2 of the 34 who voted in opposition or others who abstained changed their minds and moved to reconsider. This ruling was appealed, but it was sustained by a standing vote with 154 in favor and 48 opposed. N.S. Estevez (PR A) **moved**, seconded by R.J. Albright (IL E), **to reconsider**. The **motion to reconsider was passed** on a voice vote. Debate was closed on a show of hands, and ballots were distributed. Mr. Hickling announced later that the **motion failed**, with 177 in favor and 38 opposed.

N.G. Garafolo (OH K) **moved**, seconded by R.A. Williams (IL A), **to take from the table the motion on revocation of election**. The **motion was removed from the table** on a voice vote and is stated below.

### **Bylaw V**

#### *Collegiate Chapters*

SECTION 5.07. **Quorum.** A quorum for the consideration of routine business shall consist of one-half the active membership of the Chapter; for the election of new members, for the revocation of election, for changing the initiation fee or Chapter dues, and for the passing of an assessment on the members of the Chapter, three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon; and for the approval or disapproval of a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association or Chapter, three-fourths of the active members of the Chapter. See Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1. Chapters located at colleges operating on a cooperative basis and those chapters with evening division members may be granted permission by the Executive Council to lower the requirements listed above for a quorum. *(Underlined words added.)*

### **Bylaw VI**

#### *Election of Members*

*(Create new Section 6.04 and renumber later sections as necessary.)*

SECTION 6.04. Revocation of Election. (a) An individual who has been elected to 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 Bylaw 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.

(b) Each Chapter shall approve a revocation procedure consistent with its methods of measuring exemplary character which shall include the reading of the Eligibility Code at the time of revocation. (See Sec. 6.02(f)). This procedure may provide for voting on each name before consideration of the next name, or for voting on groups of names recommended to the Chapter by its character measurement process, or for such devices as desired by the Chapter as long as the procedure considers the candidates individually at some point in the character measurement process and conforms to Section 6.04(c). This revocation procedure of the Chapter must be approved by the Executive Council and be contained in the Chapter's Bylaws.

(c) (1) Any electee can have his/her election revoked by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the active Chapter membership eligible to vote thereon, who are present and voting affirmatively or negatively, except as provided for in Constitution Article VIII, Sections 4(a) (4) and 5(a) (4). In each case the total affirmative vote must be a majority of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon. See Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1. In computing these ratios any fraction one-half or greater shall be counted as a whole number.

(2) Graduate students eligible under Constitution Article VIII, Section 3, shall be voted on separately from the undergraduate students.

(d) The revocation of the election of an electee shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted by the President of the Chapter, or by a member of the Advisory Board or by an alumnus member designated by the President. The term 'secret ballot' shall be interpreted to mean that no active member shall see how any other member voted. See Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1 (c).

(e) Any student whose election has been revoked may be considered at subsequent elections if he or she is then eligible.

A.E. Rugg (WA A) **moved**, seconded by several unidentified delegates, **to limit debate to three minutes**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, but a **division of the house** was called. Chairman Hickling's **ruling was sustained** by a show of hands, and **debate was limited to three minutes**. Without discussion, debate was ended by a show of hands, and ballots were distributed. Mr. Hickling announced later that the **amendment to Bylaws V and VI passed** with 199 in favor and 15 opposed and became effective immediately.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter Advisors**, R.R. Lapierre (MA Z Adv.), Co-Chair, said that his group recommends that the Executive Council appoint a task force of three-to-five people to develop training materials for advisors to be delivered at the 2004 Convention by following the guidelines that were created and submitted to the Council by the committee this year, charge a committee at the 2004 Convention to review the composition of the Chapter Advisory Board and to give special consideration to the number of required advisors for a chapter, and proposes an amendment to establish a standing Committee on Chapter Advisors that would meet every year to discuss issues of concern. He yielded the floor to Yu-Han Chen (SCAC) **who moved**, seconded by B.R. Love (CA A), **to amend Constitution Art. III, Sec. 2, to add a new Section (c)** as stated below.

#### Article III, Section 2.

ADD: (c) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall, prior to the Convention, appoint an appropriate number of delegates and Chapter advisors to the Committee on Chapter Advisors. A Director of the Association shall be appointed to act as advisor to this committee. The Committee shall meet on the first day of the Convention to consider issues concerning Chapter advisors and later shall present its report to the Convention.

*(Re-letter subsequent text.)*

Mr. Lapierre said that advisor issues are important and that a permanent Convention committee would improve the advisor corps. G.W. Sitton (MO A) inquired if additional expenses would be incurred, and Secretary Froula responded that six advisors of 16 potential advisors would have travel expenses reimbursed this year and that all advisors were provided on-site expense reimbursement. Debate ended without objection, and ballots were distributed. Chairman Hickling announced the vote later: the **motion passed**, with 202 in favor and 10 opposed, but final approval is **subject to chapter ratification**.

The Third Business Meeting was recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

**Continuing the Report of the Resolutions Committee**, A.A. Ayoub (OH L), Chair, said that the report was ready. Committee members then presented a comedy skit that received a standing ovation from many delegates. L.M. Harper (IN B) presented recommendations from the Resolutions Committee as follows:

The Resolutions Committee recommends: 1) that the Executive Council establish an ad-hoc committee at the 2004 Convention to investigate the eligibility of graduate students because many deserving graduate students are unrecognized as a result of unclear requirements, because many universities do not rank them, many have a minimum letter-grade requirement each semester simply to remain in the graduate program, and because the lack of graded work consistently throughout a semester presents a challenge to determine a student's performance among peers. Changes should be made to the guidelines for graduate membership to ensure that all eligible graduate students are given the opportunity to become members of Tau Beta Pi.

2) that the Executive Council appoint students to the Convention Committee on Advisors; in a student-run organization, student input is vital to the effectiveness and understanding of chapter advisors.

3) that the Executive Council improve the activities for non-voting delegates during the Convention in addition to or in conjunction with Engineering Futures sessions, such as a workshop on website planning, development, and design that would improve chapter websites, a workshop detailing publication skills needed to write articles, announcements, brochures, and newsletters that would increase public awareness of Tau Beta Pi, and a workshop to gain input from members regarding Tau Beta Pi advertisements (i.e. posters, clothing, slogans, orientation materials, and national projects) that would prove advantageous to chapters that send delegates to these workshops.

4) that the Executive Council establish an *ad hoc* committee at the 2004 Convention to investigate opportunities for an alternative incentives program to replace the Secretary's Commendation performance scholarships because incentives promote competition, achievement, and pride in each chapter's accomplishments.

5) that the Executive Council include designated free time to be used for networking during the first two days of Convention because the current schedule is too restrictive and does not allow enough time to network with other Tau Beta Pi members. Every member inherently comes to the Convention with the expectations of meeting other members and establishing connections and relationships that will become meaningful throughout their engineering careers.

6) that the Executive Council establish a committee to propose general improvements to the Association and the Convention in areas that are not addressed by an established committee.

Chairman Hickling asked for any items of **New Business**.

Scott W. Schmucker (OH A) **moved**, seconded by A.K. Patel (SC A), **that the Association maintain the \$500 Chapter Performance Scholarship awarded for three consecutive Secretary's Commendations and that the matter be referred to the 2004 national Convention**. He said that these awards provide visibility to the Association and can be awarded to underclassmen. He noted that the Secretary's Commendation, which philosophically recognizes chapters that perform all required duties, would continue. This year 14 chapters received Secretary's Commendation Scholarships, which places them in the top 6% of chapters. The scholarship is an incentive to his chapter and aids in improving chapter continuity. A.J. Pinkus (D2 Dir.) requested that the recommendation be ruled out of order because Const. Art. III does not allow the Convention to establish scholarships. Chairman Hickling read a passage from *Robert's Rules* stating that ambiguity can always be resolved by the assembly, and he ruled that the motion is in order. Councillor Hu said that this award was discontinued because the program had been established to provide scholarships before the Convention established the Tau Beta Pi Scholarship Program, which eliminates the need for additional scholarships. Through the nine years of this program, no improvements in chapter operations have been noted. All other scholarships are based on competitive criteria, which the Council prefers. The Council is considering alternatives, and she requested ideas from the chapters. Dr. H.A. Hegna (OH N Adv.) said that he was informed in 2001 by Secretary Froula that this program existed, and his chapter has worked to earn this scholarship to help a deserving student. This is a selfless program, because officers are working for students in the future. He said that this is an opportunity for chapters to be commended, and this is a student-run organization. Director Pierre spoke in opposition because scholarship applicants are also deserving, these funds could be used to help them, and suggested that chapters raise money for chapter scholarships. A.J. Flowerday (SEMAC) said that eliminating performance scholarships is not a financial issue and more students would be helped by these awards. In response to an inquiry, Secretary Froula said that checks are payable to colleges of engineering and that no trust fund exists to provide chapter performance scholarships. R.N. Davis (AL B) spoke at length against the motion because it is inappropriate to provide financial rewards for paperwork completion. J.M. Mahaney (GA B Adv.) said that it is a positive experience for his chapter to return to the campus with a check for the dean for engineering scholarships. F.J. Ryttonen (OR B) spoke against the motion because of the text of Const. Art. III, Sec. 5(d), provides for Executive Council administration of all funds and because the provisions of Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01, make no mention of administering performance scholarships by the Secretary-Treasurer. A.A. Ayoub (OH L) stated that the 2004 Convention could resolve this issue, that

deans match funds and are capable of administering funds, and that there is no harm in a bonus award to one who receives it. A motion to limit debate to five minutes passed on a voice vote, but a division of the house was called; **debate was limited on a standing vote**, with 143 in favor and 62 opposed. J.C. Delaney (WY A) spoke in favor because this award is extremely important to his chapter, extending the program one year is helpful because the scholarship is used as a recruiting tool for a sophomore, because his dean doubles the award to provide a \$1,000 scholarship, and because chapters need time to replace this award. A recently departing advisor suggested that he do everything possible to continue to win a performance scholarship for his chapter. C.A. Burtka (MI I) said that it is important to let students debate the issue. M.L. Youngblood (AL D) spoke against because there would be financial consequences from a one-year extension. D.J. Monnin (OH B) said that the two major themes of this Convention appear to be "membership" and "funding," and this award provides an incentive for membership. A.E. Toy (MI I Adv.) stated that fewer than 43 chapters would be eligible for the award next year. N.S. Estevez (PR A) said that this program should be discussed in detail at the 2004 Convention. Without further discussion, a voice vote on the motion was inconclusive; however, the **motion passed** on a standing vote with 152 in favor and 53 opposed.

R.K. Auerbach (AZ G) suggested that the 2004 Convention add the following language to Const. Art. IV, Sec. 2,(f)(2), Director of Fellowships: "The four members of the Board shall be from at least two different branches of the profession, and each shall be from a different college or university." J.E. Benson (KY A) inquired if the text in this section would prevent eminent engineers from being members of the Board, and Mr. Hickling responded that there are but two types of members, students and alumni.

J.D. Backus (MI G) recommended that the Teller's Committee be thanked, and the assembly responded with a standing ovation.

B.M. Crawford (IA A) recommended that the business of the 2004 Constitution and Bylaws Committee include the creation of a new "Sec. 1" at the beginning of every Bylaw and Article devoted solely to the definition of all important terms and titles used in that and subsequent sections.

A.J. Pinkus (D2 Dir.) stated that the 5% spending guide when applied to the \$4,000,000 Record Scholarship Fund should provide 200 Record Scholarships. Secretary Froula responded that the endowed Record Fund was expected to provide earnings for only 28 scholarships this year.

J.D. Backus (MI G) recommended that trust investments be shifted into fixed-income equities.

A motion to suspend the rules was approved on a show of hands, and the **Third Business Meeting was adjourned** at 11:21 a.m.

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Tex-Mex buffet luncheon was held in the Banquet Hall of the Civic Center at 12 noon.

**The Model Initiation** was conducted at 2:15 p.m. in the UC Allen Theatre on the TTU campus. The Committee on Rituals and members of the host chapter had organized this ceremony. Director of Rituals Hirsch 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 Dr. William M. Marcy, Texas Beta '64 and TTU provost, Executive Director Froula, Councillor Pierce, Janna D. White (TX B), District 13 Director Richard W. Mead, Director Hirsch, and Rituals Committee members G.N. Mendonca (TN D), D.D. Dobrin (IL Z), J. M. Finley (FL H), W.P. Linder (TX Z), and K.A. Burkhalter (TX B). The model initiation brought into membership in the Association 22 students and two eminent members of Texas Beta.

**Campus tours** were conducted at 3:30 p.m.

Secretary Froula met with **successful petitioners** at 3:30 p.m. in the hotel.

**The Initiation and Awards Banquet** was held in the Banquet Hall of the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Butch Davis, P.E., vice president & office manager, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., was master of ceremonies; he welcomed all of the delegates. Councillor Hu welcomed the new members of Tau Beta Pi and introduced the 2003 edition of the **Tau Beta Pi Historical Video**. The Final Business Meeting was held as recorded below, after which the Convention received heartfelt messages. A total of 387 people enjoyed the peppercorn New York strip dinner entree, sponsored for the delegates by Sandia National Laboratories. President Ohland presented Corporate Ambassador recognition to Jeffrey G. Dabling (D13 Dir.) for encouraging the support of the Convention by Sandia National Laboratories.

A spirited version of "Tau Beta Pi, To You" (by Edwin F. Gillette, IL B 1906), entertained the crowd and was sung by Assistant Secretary Hawks, President Ohland, Emily Ohland, Facilitator Norman P. Pih, Director Hirsch, and Carol Fowler and accompanied by Councillor Hu on a grand piano. Dr. Donald R. Haragan, TX B '71, professor and president emeritus of TTU, stated his honor at his initiation this afternoon as an eminent engineer and stated the pleasure of Texas Tech University and Lubbock in hosting the Convention. Dr. James Gregory, TTU associate dean for academic studies, reviewed the history and resources of the Lubbock area and encouraged the delegates as leaders to use their abilities wisely, serve their country well, and bring honor to themselves in the future. C.G. Campbell (TX B) stated that his chapter enjoyed hosting the Convention. Dr. Ohland thanked the Headquarters staff for its efforts on behalf of the 2003 Convention.

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**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 25, Initiation and Awards Banquet**  
**Banquet Hall, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center**

Chairman Hickling took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program at 7:53 p.m.

Councillor Pierce announced that the Executive Council had made five **GIG Chapter Project Grants** for 2003-04 to CA Upsilon (\$709) for its "Highlands School Physics/Robotics Project," CA Psi (\$750) for its "Public School Computer Project," IN Alpha (\$360) for its "Indiana State House Visit Project," OH Iota (\$543) for its "Wheelchair Ramp Project," and VA Gamma (\$555) for its "Engineering FUNDamentals Program" and presented plaques to the winning chapters.

Councillor Tyner made the presentation of the 2003 Tau Beta Pi **National Outstanding Advisor Award** to Dr. Melvin R. Corley, P.E., LA G '70, Louisiana Gamma Advisor. Checks were presented to Dr. Corley and for the dean's discretionary fund at Louisiana Tech University to Dr. Leslie K. Guice, dean of engineering.

Councillor Styles made the presentation to the 2003 Tau Beta Pi **Laureates**. She introduced Erin E. McIntyre, NJ B '03, recognized her contributions to athletics, and presented her with a Laureate plaque and a \$2,500 award. Councillor Styles also introduced Patrick D. Schmid, PA A '03, lauded his service to various organizations, and presented him with a Laureate plaque and a \$2,500 award.

Dr. Ohland made a presentation of a 2003 Tau Beta Pi **Distinguished Alumnus Award** to Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs, NY D '56, chairman and CEO of Qualcomm, Inc., read his citation of his accomplishments and presented him with a plaque. (A \$2,000 scholarship in his name will be presented in 2004). Dr. Jacobs said that Tau Beta Pi was a special part of his undergraduate work, advised students to learn the basic fundamentals of engineering, and said that we must improve our support of research and development in our engineering colleges and that the "me too" work will be done out of country.

President Ohland made a presentation of the 2003 Tau Beta Pi **Distinguished Alumnus Award** to Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, LA G '63, president of Louisiana Tech University, read his citation of accomplishments, and presented him with a plaque. (A \$2,000 scholarship in his name will be presented in 2004). Dr. Reneau stated his deep honor in receiving this award.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards**, L.E. Welch (NC A), Chair, introduced B.A. Guest (VT A), Vice Chair, who reviewed the criteria for the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award**, mentioned the basis of improvement of the following chapters and their excellent project activity, reviewed the history of the award, and presented **honorable mentions** to California Iota, Utah Alpha, and Utah Beta and the **Most Improved Chapter Award** to Kansas Beta. (Plaques will be prepared and delivered to the winners later.)

Ms. Welch reviewed the criteria, history, and the importance of the reports and documentation, the quality, variety, originality, and number of projects relative to the size of a chapter, and the commitment to succeed by the winners for the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award**. She presented the **honorable mentions** to Maryland Beta and New Mexico Gamma and the **Outstanding Chapter Award** to Ohio Iota. She complimented the winner's success at demonstrating the goals of Tau Beta Pi through such projects as its wheelchair ramp construction and weekly group tutoring. (Plaques will be prepared and delivered to the winners later.)

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions**, A.A. Ayoub (OH L), Chair, read Section II of the following:

**Resolutions of the Convention**

Section I. {Short skit satirizing the Convention}

Section II. On behalf of the Resolutions Committee for the 2003 National Tau Beta Pi Convention, I start by thanking the host chapter—Texas Beta at Texas Tech University. Without the hard work and dedication of Arrangements Chair Matthew Reile and Chapter President Curt Campbell, this Convention would not have been possible. We now present an appreciation plaque for Texas Beta to Curt for his tireless effort to the success of this year's Convention (present plaque).

We also present Matt with a token of appreciation in acknowledgment of his many hours of service (present bent desk-piece).

The Convention owes many thanks to the 11 corporate sponsors whose generous donations make this Convention happen.

Our next thank you goes out to our outstanding Headquarters staff. You answer our many questions and keep our chapters running. Without Rebecca, Betty, Pat, Angie, Sherry, Ray, Trish, and Judy, our jobs would be impossible. Additionally, a special thanks goes to our Secretary-Treasurer James Froula and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger Hawks.

Next, we thank our Executive Council for its continued dedication to Tau Beta Pi. The members are President Matthew Ohland; Vice President Ellen Styles; and Councillors Alison Hu, Russell Pierce, and Dennis Tyner. A quote comes to mind, and it goes: "A ship in the harbor is safe ... but that is not what it was built for." May you continue to be the bright star by which we steer the tall ship of Tau Beta Pi.

It is with privilege we thank Alan Hirsch, Director of Rituals, for his 27 years of exemplary dedication and success. Alan, you will always be in the hearts of those who know you, and your mark will always be on our organization. Thank you, and enjoy your leisure and square dancing.

We also appreciate the hard work of Stephen Pierre Jr., Director of Fellowships, and the other members of the Fellowship Board. No mention of the Fellowships program would be complete without noting the 14,500 Tau Beta Pi alumni and 174 companies whose generous contributions keep it going. Their efforts help Tau Bates achieve their academic goals and aspirations.

Of course, we cannot forget to thank Annette Brenner, Director of Engineering Futures, and 51 exceptional volunteer facilitators. The 282 sessions they conducted are a testament to their diligence and tenacity.

We wholeheartedly thank our amazing District Directors whose volunteer efforts help all of us build stronger chapters. The 41 of you have spent countless hours traveling across great distances to reach each of our chapters, initiations, and activities.

Congratulations and welcome to Virginia Epsilon, the newly installed chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University.

I also congratulate the two new chapters added to the Tau Beta Pi family: Idaho State University's Idaho Beta and Grand Valley State University's Michigan Lambda.

Final congratulations and thanks should go to the leaders of all the collegiate and alumnus chapters throughout the country, whose effective and dedicated leadership truly maintained and improved the visibility and image of the Association and its members.

We thank Ron Hickling, Convention Chair, and James Johnson, Parliamentarian, for leading us through the business meeting and being patient with Robert's suggestions—I mean rules of order. Personal note: thanks to my team, the resolutions committee for doing such a great job.

Quote : "Unless you're the lead dog ... the view never changes", congratulations on being the lead dogs, and be sure to maintain that position.

I move to take Roger Hawks up on his offer to sing the Tau Beta Pi song!

In the spirit of the occasion, the entire banquet group joined Executive Director Froula in the **Tau Beta Pi yell**. On the motion of numerous delegates, seconded by C.G. Campbell (TX B), after a voice vote, Chairman Hickling declared the **Convention adjourned sine die** at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

James D. Froula, P.E.  
Convention Secretary

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