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To Convention Attenders and Chapter Presidents

Convention Documentation

Tau Bates:

The 104th Convention accomplished much for Tau Beta Pi because of the seriousness of purpose, collaboration, compromise, and hard work of the delegates. Thank you, and thanks to New Jersey Beta, our gracious host chapter!

The 2009 Convention approved one Constitution amendment that cannot become effective until ratified by the collegiate chapters. The amendment would:

- Allow a new Executive Council to be installed 11-14 months after its election.

The Convention approved two Bylaw amendments that become effective immediately. The amendments allow partial-stipend scholarships and clarify the Director of Fellowship's duties.

The ratification ballot on the Constitution amendment is enclosed to chapter presidents. Alumnus chapters and national officers do not vote on Constitutional ratification. Your ballot must be received by April 1 in order to be considered for a Secretary's Commendation; however, **please take action on this at your next meeting and be done with this little chore!**

Minutes of the Convention and Dr. Larry A. Simonson's President's Report to the Convention, given during the opening business meeting, are being officially distributed to you and all Tau Beta Pi officers on the website. Delegates should use these in reporting to their chapters, as the Bylaws require. A summary of Convention actions is enclosed for voting delegates and chapter presidents. PDF files for all these items and the press release documents for your use are on the website under *2009 Convention*.

Approved Convention expenses of delegates (and alternates) will be credited to your chapter accounts only when the Expense Reports (online www.tbp.org/chapters ; may be faxed) are received. Please send your Delegate's Expense Report to me promptly, even if you report no expense. It is due on October 30, 2009. (This is a required report and is a factor in our Secretary's Commendation criteria.)

Have a productive year, everyone, practice the yell every Saturday night, and let's make this the best year ever for Tau Beta Pi! You are a great bunch of people!

Sincerely,
Jim

James D. Froula, P.E.

Enclosures:

Summary of Convention Actions (to chapter presidents and voting delegates only)

Ballot (to chapter presidents and voting delegates only)