

MINUTES OF THE 104th CONVENTION
 THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Hilton East Brunswick, East Brunswick, NJ
 October 15-17, 2009

Voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and national officials registered for the Convention at the Hilton East Brunswick on October 15. Final registration of those who attended the business meetings was as follows:

Official Collegiate Chapter Voting Delegates:

AL A	Zachary S. Lamb	FL E	Michael B. Greenberg	MI I	Liela M. Yacoobi
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CA N	Arthur B. Chavez	KS B	Matthew T. Riddel	NJ E	Kathryn A. Whitaker
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CA P	Jacob D. Bryan	KY B	Taylor D. Baggett	NM Γ	Felicia R. Romero
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AR A	Charles E. Starbird	MI G	Kevin D. Lance	PA H	Susan L. Barnes
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KS G	Jay M. Reimer	NY P	Mark A. Stump		
KS G	Adriann R. Sullivan	NY R	Raymond Ye		
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 Dr. Jonathan F.K. Earle, P.E.
 Jason A. Huggins, P.E.
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 Dr. Larry A. Simonson, P.E

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Great Smoky Mountains	C. Craig Smith	San Francisco Bay Area	Nicholas J. Hwang
Central Florida	Rebecca A. Holcomb	Southeastern Michigan	Colleen L. Hill
Ohio's North Coast	Edward D. Basta	Washington, DC	Leonard Sadauska
Sacramento	Kevin M. Noonan		

Alumnus Visitors & Laureates:

Fred R. Bernath, NJ B '66	Harry W. Lange, MI Z '75	Jeffery L. Rankin, UT B '78
Thomas N. Farris, TX G '82	Benjamin L. Langrill, MI E '08	Michael Shenoda, NJ G '98
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James W. Johnson Jr. , NC A '77	Michael J. Massimino, NY A '84	David J. Soukup, P.E., AZ A '76
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	Ashish Myles, FL A '02	Samantha van der Drift, TX B '10
	Shane M. Palmquist, P.E., NH A '95	Thomas E. Wade, FL A '67

Hosts and Others:

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Chair Mandy Szeto (NJ B). Other New Jersey Beta members and initiates assisting at the Convention were: K.K. Arora , S. Carbonaro, S.Y. Lanka, K. Ngan, and S.D. Roy.
 2011 Convention arrangements leader Kuan-Wen Tung (PA A) was in attendance.

Officials of the Association in attendance were:

National Officers

President L.A. Simonson
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Representatives of the petitioning societies:

Western Kentucky University Engineering Honor Society
Student: Sean M. Hamlet Faculty: Shane M. Palmquist

Boise State University Engineering Honor Society
Student: Shatakshi Goyal Faculty: Dr. Janet M. Bernard

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
Regency A/B/C, Hilton East Brunswick, East Brunswick, NJ
Thursday, October 15, 2009

President Larry A. Simonson 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; 205 voting delegates and national officers were registered.

Vice President Solange C. Dao introduced members of the Executive Council. Executive Councillor Jason A. Huggins defined the Tau Beta Pi applau, Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., Director of Engineering Futures Russell W. Pierce, Executive Director Froula, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger E. Hawks, Convention Chair John R. Luchini, Parliamentarian D. Stephen Pierre Jr., District Directors, Engineering Futures Facilitators present, and advisors in a standing group. Dr. Simonson asked former Executive Councillors present to stand and be recognized.

The President's Report for the Executive Council for 2008-09 was presented by Dr. Simonson. It is a part of these minutes and will be published in the Winter 2010 **BENT**. He said that only one Executive Council Slate had been nominated and that nominations from the floor could be made at the Second Business Meeting.

The Report of the Director of Fellowships was given by Mr. Pierre, who described the modules, reviewed the history and importance of the Fellowship and Scholarship Program and recognized the assistance of the Executive Council, Executive Director, and Headquarters staff. He said that 30 Fellows and 234 Scholars were selected last year on a competitive basis, acknowledged the support of generous alumni and the Fellowship Board, and encouraged the delegates to apply for either program, to join the Fellowship/Scholarship groups on TBPCconnect and Facebook, and to read the FAQs at www.tbp.org.

The Report of the Director of Engineering Futures was given by Russ Pierce, who encouraged the delegates to take advantage of the Engineering Futures Program and the skills taught and to schedule seminars on five modules on their campuses. He said that last year 40 Facilitators conducted 204 sessions for nearly 2,750 students of 101 chapters. He advised the delegates to develop themselves to become more than just technical experts.

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 D. Mazicioglu (VA D), as follows:

First Business Meeting:

- Official opening of the Convention
- Quorum report of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Adoption of Convention Agenda
- Introduction of National Officials
- President's report for Executive Council
- Report of Director of Fellowships
- Report of Director of Engineering Futures
- Introduction of Executive Council Slate
- Assumption of the chair by the permanent Convention Chair

Second Business Meeting:

- Report of and action on Petitions
- Report of and action on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs
- Report of and action on Rituals
- Report of and action on Convention Site
- Report of and action on Curriculum Review (*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on Constitution and Bylaws
- Report of Chapter Advisors (*ad hoc*)
- Report of Chapter Website Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Presentation by Executive Council Slate

Third Business Meeting:

- Action as necessary on Committee recommendations
- Report of Award Committee
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- Election of Executive Council
- New Business

Final Business Meeting:

- Presentation of 2009 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor
- Presentation of 2009 National Outstanding Advisor
- Presentation of 2009 Laureates
- Presentation of 2009 Distinguished Alumnus
- Final Report of Award 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:

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President Simonson announced that the Executive Council had appointed Dr. John R. Luchini as Permanent Chair of the Convention, in accord with the Bylaws. He yielded the gavel to Dr. Luchini who announced that Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr. would serve as Convention Parliamentarian, *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* would be followed at the business meetings, and closure would be reached on all business issues. Dr. Luchini explained that the fundamental principles of parliamentary procedure would be given to the committee chairs at 5:00 p.m. Then, without objection, Dr. Luchini suspended the rules interfering with an early adjournment of the First Business Meeting and early start for the committee meetings.

Chairman Luchini declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 3:40 p.m.

The Headquarters display was viewed during the Convention in the Ballroom Foyer of the hotel. Refreshments were served from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Brunswick Room where a Recruiting Fair was staffed by Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science, DuPont, EMC, GEICO, George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science, Healthcare Innovative Solutions, ITT Communications Systems, International Paper, Iowa State University College of Engineering, Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Lehigh University P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, Michigan Technological University, MIT Lincoln Laboratories, NCEES, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Nuclear Fuel Services, Old Dominion University, Purdue University College of Engineering, Raytheon, Rutgers University, Sandia National Laboratories, Teach For America, University of Kansas School of Engineering, University of Michigan College of Engineering, University of Notre Dame Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania, and Vanderbilt School of Engineering.

Meetings of all Convention Committees and Alumnus Chapters were held in rooms of the hotel starting at 3:55 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 of the hotel starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Welcoming Dinner of the Convention was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom D/E; seating was by Districts. Arrangements Chair Mandy Szeto was mistress of ceremonies; she welcomed all visitors to East Brunswick and challenged the delegates to learn what would be taught at the Convention to help both the Society and their chapters. Davy McDowell, P.E., director of professional services for NCEES, welcomed the group and stated his organization's pride in sponsoring Tau Beta Pi events and this dinner, explained the benefits of licensure, encouraged delegates to take the F.E. examination while still students. Sindhura Y. Lanka, President of New Jersey Beta, welcomed and encouraged the delegates to enjoy a wonderful Convention and to visit East Brunswick and local attractions, and she thanked Headquarters, her deans and advisors, and Mandy Szeto and Karan K. Arora. Dr. Thomas N. Farris, dean, school of engineering, Rutgers University, welcomed the delegates on behalf of his 3,000 students and distinguished faculty, invited them to attend his graduate school, and stated that they represent the future of engineering. Dr. Barry V. Qualls, vice president of undergraduate education, welcomed the delegates to Rutgers and to wonderful New Jersey and congratulated New Jersey Beta on its 75th anniversary and for hosting its first Convention. President Simonson greeted the delegates, thanked the hosts and presented a 75th anniversary plaque to Dean Farris and New Jersey Beta; Dean Farris acknowledged Dr. Fred R. Bernath, associate dean and NJ B Advisor for 25 years. Chris LeMaster, marketing and event manager, partnership marketing, GEICO, spoke of his firm's commitment to a strong support of Tau Beta Pi and said that Warren Buffet advised the delegates to consider the special Tau Beta Pi eight percent discount on automobile insurance available through the partnership. District 11 Director and Financial Development Chair Sherry D. Jennings-King and members of the Resolutions Committee presented a skit to inform the delegates about philanthropy. A total of 452 people enjoyed the banquet, sponsored by NCEES featuring a beef filet and chocolate bombe for dessert.

Meetings of all Convention Committees and Alumnus Chapters & Engineering Futures meetings reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Jonathan F.K. Earle presented a special session on the Tau Beta Pi K-12 **MindSET Program** at 8:00 p.m. Daniel Grant, Teach for America, presented a special session on impacting the future of engineering, technology, and innovation. Finally, a Leadership Development presentation by Ms. Dao was held at 9:15 p.m. for non-voting delegates.

Refreshments were served at 9:00 p.m., sponsored by GEICO.

A continental breakfast, sponsored by Nuclear Fuel Services, was held at 6:45 a.m. on October 16.

Committee, Alumnus Chapters, and Engineering Futures Meetings reconvened at 7:30 a.m.

Interactive Chapter Exchanges (ICE) were held starting at 9:40 a.m. in rooms of the hotel. Thirteen 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 Ballroom D/E at noon, and seating was by ICE groups. A total of 434 people enjoyed the pasta entree and fruit tart with whipped cream, sponsored by Raytheon. S. Robert Foley III, programs manager, Eastern region, for Raytheon, spoke of the importance of engineering to the technical innovation of the U.S. After the meal, Mr. Froula presented a summary of the Executive Director's Report for 2008-09, which was given to each Convention registrant (and appeared in the Fall 2009 BENT).

Secretary Froula and Vice President S.C. Dao presented 56 **Secretary's Commendations** and monetary awards for perfection of Headquarters reports and timely payment of fees in 2008-09 to: Alabama Alpha (\$200), Alabama Epsilon (\$300), Arkansas Alpha (\$300), California Epsilon (\$300), California Omicron (\$100), California Alpha Delta (\$100), Colorado Alpha (\$300), Connecticut Gamma (\$300), District of Columbia Alpha (\$200), Florida Alpha (\$200), Idaho Beta (\$300), Illinois Beta (\$200), Illinois Epsilon (\$100), Illinois Zeta (\$200), Indiana Alpha (\$200), Indiana Beta (\$100), Indiana Gamma (\$200), Indiana Delta (\$200), Iowa Alpha (\$200), Kentucky Beta (\$100), Maryland Beta (\$200), Maryland Gamma (\$100), Michigan Gamma (\$200), Michigan Delta (\$200), Michigan Epsilon (\$300), Michigan Theta (\$300), Michigan Kappa (\$300), New Hampshire Beta (\$200), New York Tau (\$300), North Carolina Delta (\$100), Ohio Alpha (\$100), Ohio Beta (\$200), Ohio Delta (\$200), Ohio Epsilon (\$100), Ohio Zeta (\$100), Ohio Eta (\$300), Ohio Theta (\$100), Ohio Iota (\$300), Ohio Kappa (\$100), Ohio Nu (\$300), Oregon Gamma (\$300), Pennsylvania Beta (\$200), Pennsylvania Iota (\$200), Pennsylvania Kappa (\$100), Puerto Rico Alpha (\$200), South Carolina Alpha (\$200), South Dakota Alpha (\$200), Tennessee Alpha (\$100), Texas Gamma (\$100), Washington Beta (\$300), West Virginia Alpha (\$100), Wisconsin Alpha (\$100), Wisconsin Gamma (\$100), Wisconsin Delta (\$100), Wisconsin Epsilon (\$300), and Wyoming Alpha (\$300).

Dr. Michael J. Massimino (Alum. Vis.) NASA astronaut, reviewed slides of his space walk on the *Atlantis* mission STS-125 to upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope. He encouraged the delegates to follow their dreams and do what they want to do, to find and use an effective mentor, and to follow him as Astro_Mike on Twitter (http://twitter.com/Astro_Mike).

The Convention **group photograph** was taken by R.H. Thompson, Tau Beta Pi Systems Administrator, at 1:50 p.m. in the Tower Atrium. Photographs were delivered after the Friday evening banquet.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING **Friday, October 16, Ballroom D/E, Hilton East Brunswick**

Chairman Luchini called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m. The **Tellers' Committee**, comprised of non-voting delegates, had been appointed by Chairman Luchini as follows: E.M. Amicone (OH D Alt.), P.A. Davies (NH A Alt.), K.E. Hansen (SD A Alt.), J.C. Heine (SD A Alt.), E.A. Junkin (AL B Alt.), J.E. Ondrake (OH I Alt.), and B.N. Wiesner (SD A Alt.). Secretary Froula reported that registration was complete with 253 delegates registered and provided voting totals required for various actions.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was called. K.S. Spak (CA M), Chair, reported that her group had reviewed the final petitions and the reports of the inspection committees for the Boise State University Engineering Honor Society and Western Kentucky University Engineering Honor Society and had met with the petitioners and heard their presentations. Both groups had corrected deficiencies from inspection visits, and each petition meets the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws. She introduced Shatakshi Goyal, president of BSU EHS, who named her officers and advisors, and said that BSU has 18,936 students and is the largest university in Idaho; her college of engineering has four ABET/EAC curricula in civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering and material science in engineering with 1,200 students enrolled. The college was formed in 1997, and her society was formed in 2005. She described the group's extensive project activity.

Ms. Spak **moved**, seconded by M.A. Moore (GA B), **to approve the petition from Boise State University and grant a charter to the institution.** She said that the BSU EHS had established a required electee activity and had a high member participation rate in projects. The motion was laid on the table.

She introduced Sean M. Hamlet, president of WKU EHS, said that WKU was founded in 1907, had 20,400 students, is growing, and comprises six colleges. The Ogden College of Science & Engineering comprises 3,030 students in nine departments: agriculture, architectural & manufacturing sciences, biology, chemistry, engineering (482 students), geography, mathematics (computer science), and physics & astronomy. The engineering department has three ABET/EAC accredited programs in civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering housed in a new 72,000 square-foot building. The society was established in 2006, and EHS-only activities include tutoring, adopt-a-highway, a major's fair, Order of the Engineer ceremony, and a Lego robotics competition.

Ms. Spak **moved**, seconded by C.V. Hanfmann (NC A) **to approve the petition from Western Kentucky University and to grant a charter to the institution.** She said that her committee was unanimous in support. There was no further discussion, and ballots were distributed. When the voting was completed later, Dr. Luchini announced the results: 230 in favor and 2 opposed to the BSU petition, and 231 in favor and 2 opposed to the WKU petition. **The chapters were therefore granted, to be known as Idaho Gamma and Kentucky Gamma.** 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. Bryan (CA Th), Chair, said that his group had five responsibilities. It had reviewed the chapter accounts receivable, made an effort to talk with chapter representatives and the District Directors of chapters with large delinquent balances, and has no cause for concern. His group had reviewed the audit, investment market losses were properly documented, and the committee has no cause for concern. The group had reviewed the Treasurer's Report, found that the excess of expenses over revenues were all in investments and that market losses were caused by world economic conditions, and the committee has no cause for concern. His committee was continuing its work on two other charges.

The Report of the Committee on Rituals was called. B.C. Baich (CA Chi), Chair, said that his group had prepared for the New Jersey Beta Model Initiation by studying the room's layout, accommodating for the doors and lighting, assigning reading positions, examined the initiation kit, prepared the keys for all initiates, and conducted a rehearsal. The group had reviewed the Ritual and decided that no change is necessary.

The Report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. R.N. Seidel (TX A), Chair, said that his group had decided that the following factors were most important in making a decision: location of the host city; distance of the Convention from the nearest airport; availability and reliability of transportation, minimizing the total Convention cost; the ability to house all activities in one location; and the involvement in spirit of the host chapter. His group heard the presentation for the 2012 Convention by Kentucky Alpha and decided that all factors would be met satisfactorily. Lexington, KY, is a central location for the East Coast where most chapters are located, which would reduce the cost of transportation; the Lexington airport is less than 10 miles from the proposed Convention site; a free shuttle is available from the airport to the Hyatt Hotel, which is adjacent to the Lexington Convention Center; and Kentucky Alpha has shown great spirit and dedication in its bid. He **moved**, seconded by C.V. Hanfman (NC A), **that the bid by Kentucky Alpha to host the 2012 Convention in Lexington be accepted.** K.J. Floore (KY A Alt.) reviewed the details of the bid and proposed facilities, and the cost estimate for the 2012 Convention is the lowest of any during 2007-12. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed** on a standing vote.

The Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (*ad hoc*), was called. M.R. Downs (VT B), Chair, said that three chapters had appealed three curricula and that her group had reviewed the documentation provided by the chapters, had interviewed representatives from each appealing chapter, and is continuing the process developed by the 2005 Committee. The five main criteria used by her group are: (1) administrative requirements from Headquarters (one-page summary of curricula, letter of support from dean and department head, and catalog); (2) administered by a unit of engineering; (3) comparison of appealed curriculum with eligible engineering curricula at same institution, (4) senior design/capstone project; and (5) committee consensus from the interview. Ms. Downs **moved**, seconded by C.V. Hanfman (NC A), **to approve the appeal by California Alpha Delta, to include the B.S. in bioinformatics at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and that it be deemed an "engineering curriculum" in the meaning of Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2.** This program was established in 2001 by the department of computer engineering, has significant components of both computer engineering and bioengineering, and contains a senior design capstone with an option to continue a research project. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed** on a standing vote.

Ms. Downs **moved**, seconded by A. Hernandez-Mendez, (PR A), **to approve the appeal by Mississippi Alpha to include the B.S. in computer science at Mississippi State University, and that it be deemed an "engineering curriculum" in the meaning of Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2.** This program is established in the Bagley College of Engineering, is ABET/CAC accredited, overlaps the first three years of the computer engineering program, and contains a design course equivalent to a senior capstone. G. Youssef (DD2) stated his opposition to computer science. M.B. Greenburg (FL E) asked if the committee believes that the design course meets the criteria. J.M. Wilkinson (SC A) said that computer science programs were accepted in 2007 and 2008. E.Y. Liu (MI G Adv.) restated that computer science students take similar courses to computer engineering students for three years. J.D. Dickson (FL H) said that the Association was established in 1885 to recognize technical students, that B.S.C.S. students are eligible for Phi Beta Kappa but not Tau Beta Pi. W.P. Cleveland (MS A) replied to a question and explained the differences in the fourth year of C.S. versus computer engineering and that the two programs are different. An attempt to close debate failed on a standing vote, and a division of the house was called. The motion for the previous question passed with 159 in favor and 56 opposed, and the debate ended. The main motion appeared to fail on a show of hands, and a division of the house was called. The **motion to approve the appeal by Mississippi Alpha passed** on a standing vote with 125 in favor and 100 opposed.

Ms. Downs **moved**, seconded by F.T. Farrow (VA G), **to approve the appeal by West Virginia Alpha to include the B.S. in computer science at West Virginia University, and that it be deemed an "engineering curriculum" in the meaning of Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2.** She said that this program is administered by the Lane department of computer science and electrical engineering in the college of engineering and mineral sciences, is ABET/CAC accredited, overlaps with computer and electrical engineering programs, and contains a senior capstone or research thesis. A.J. Lingg (OH M Adv.) said that he is an electrical engineer and processes sensor data while a C.S. graduate processes mathematical data. G.K. Miyata (WA D) **moved**, seconded by J.D. Cordero (GA A), **to amend the motion to remove the references to West Virginia Alpha and West Virginia University such that the curriculum of bachelor of science in computer science be deemed an "engineering curriculum" in the meaning of Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2.** The

debate indicated that this amendment would affect the Constitution, and Chairman Luchini ruled that this issue be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The ruling of the Chair was appealed, the appeal failed, and the ruling was sustained. J.P. Blackford (DD4) appealed the original ruling of the Chair that the amendment was in order. After a standing vote, the appeal passed and the Chair was overruled. The Body deemed the amendment was out of order. Discussion returned to the motion. A.V. John (MI E) spoke for the motion because Const. VIII, Sec. 2 (b), allows a chapter to appeal and that the committee's criteria are appropriate. B.C. Baich (CA Chi) spoke against the eligibility of C.S. E.J. Fine (RI A) said that the computer science curriculum at WVU meets the criteria and the appeal should be accepted. Debate was closed on a show of hands, a division of the house was called and debate ended on a standing vote. The **motion passed** on a standing vote with 143 in favor and 90 opposed.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was called. N.C. Fonda (MO B), Chair, stated that his group was charged with determining an adequate definition of engineering curricula. The Constitution defines eligible criteria as being ABET/EAC accredited or named "engineering" programs under a unit of engineering. Other programs can follow a simple, standardized appeals process through which such a program could be approved by the Convention, after a three-fourths vote of the chapter as specified in Const. VIII, Sec. 2 (b). Chapters understand their own curricula and merits better than can be defined by the Constitution because there are too many special cases which might cause unusual exceptions. His group determined that the Constitution serves as an adequate check on eligible curricula and no further action is necessary.

Mr. Fonda said that his group had studied Bylaw XI on "Scholarships" and the restriction that only students enrolled for the "full college year" are eligible to receive a Scholarship. Mr. Fonda **moved to amend Bylaw XI, Sec. 11.01, 11.03, and 11.07 to permit partial-scholarship stipends. He moved to amend Bylaw 11, Sec. 11.08, to remove the word "such." He moved to amend Const. Art. III, Sec. 3, to require that members of a new Executive Council shall take office between 11 and 14 months after their election.** The exact wording of all three motions appears in the Third Business Meeting.

The Second Business Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

District Meetings reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

Dinner was held at 5:45 p.m. in Ballroom D/E; seating was by committee grouping. Dr. Jeffrey L. Rankin (NJ B Adv.), assistant dean of engineering, was master of ceremonies. A total of 449 people enjoyed the beef sirloin entree and fresh berries sabayon with whipped cream. Advisors were specially recognized by Secretary Froula and the delegates.

Secretary Froula and Vice President Dao presented 30 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellence in project work during 2008-09 to: Alabama Alpha, California Chi, Michigan Delta, Minnesota Alpha, New Jersey Alpha, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Kappa, Pennsylvania Zeta, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, West Virginia Alpha, Wisconsin Delta, and to the 17 chapters listed below.

Secretary Froula and Vice President Dao presented letters of recognition and **Chapter Performance Scholarships** of \$500 each to engineering students who would be named later to the following 17 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Psi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Gamma, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Iota, New Mexico Gamma, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Texas Alpha, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha.

Councillor Huggins announced that the Executive Council had made three GIG Chapter Project Grants to 1) California Alpha (\$750) for its "Engineering for Kids Day" project; 2) California Psi (\$750) for its "ThinkGREEN!" project; and 3) District of Columbia Alpha (\$500) for its "Discover Engineering Family Day" project and presented plaques to the winning chapters. He said that the Council had established a new MindSET Chapter Grant Program with awards up to \$1,000.

President Simonson and David J. Soukup, managing director-ASME Centers, recognized Secretary Froula as a new ASME fellow.

Assistant Secretary Hawks presented key tips to assist chapters in their responsibilities of the membership process, encouraged each chapter to initiate one more electee than the previous year, recognized Indiana Alpha which initiated 74 more electees than the previous year, and recognized California Eta, California Omicron, California Omega, District of Columbia Beta, Missouri Gamma, Ohio Iota, Ohio Nu, and Pennsylvania Kappa which initiate 100 percent of their electees each year.

Committee, Alumnus Chapter, and Engineering Futures Meetings reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

District meetings reconvened at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17.

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 17, Ballroom D/E, Hilton East Brunswick

Chairman Luchini called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. and announced the number of votes required to pass various items of business. He reported that only one Executive Council Slate had been nominated by the April 1 deadline and asked for further nominations. There were none, and R.N. Seidel (TX A), **moved**, seconded by J.R. Holloway (NY Th), **to close nominations**. Chairman Luchini said that the Executive Council Slate would deliver a 10-minute presentation in the format of its choosing. Councillor J.A. Huggins spoke on behalf of the Foundation Slate, introduced its members, reviewed the Executive Council's 2006-10 goals, 2006-10 achievements, and 2010-14 goals as follows:

Development of strong chapter advisors—chartered the Advisor Recruitment and Development Committee;

Enhancing and expanding offerings of the Engineering Futures Program—Effective Presentation Skills Module developed and implemented by Engineering Futures Planning Committee;

Strengthening of District Programs—Chartered District Program Planning Committee;

TBP National K-12 Math and Science Initiative—established the MindSET Program, National Management and Regional Management committees were chartered and are operating, conducted teacher training sessions, working to coordinate chapter implementation teams at multiple chapters, and awarded MindSET grants to two chapters; and

Fundraising to support specific Programs and Initiatives: HQ has Director of Development, hosting alumnus receptions, inviting alumni to spring conferences, and individual visits with key potential donors resulting in two large gifts.

2010-14 Goals:

Further strengthen the Chapter Advisor Program by refining the advisor training program with the goal of all chapters sending one advisor to Convention;

further strengthen the District Program by working with DPPC to streamline processes and support struggling chapters;

work with EFPC to expand the number of EF sessions conducted;

expand MindSET to all 16 Districts; and

provide annual funding required to sustain MindSET (goal is \$500,000 per year) and develop a roadmap to become a fully endowed organization (\$50,000,000).

At the conclusion, there were no questions.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Petitions, K.S. Spak (CA M), Chair, said that her group had no further business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, E.A. Bryan (CA Th), Chair, said that his group had reviewed the Secretary's Commendation Award Trial Program that is expiring this year and has no action to recommend. His committee reviewed the report of the 2008-09 Financial Review Committee that studies the investment actions of the Association and makes recommendations if necessary. The Trust Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the report and provided comments to the Executive Council (EC), which will take action on the recommendations as deemed necessary. His group is satisfied with the review of the Association's finances and the recommendations provided by the TAC. He **moved**, seconded by E.S. Harper (OH Th), **that the EC, on recommendation of the TAC, prepare a formal investment policy prior to the 2010 Convention and submit it to the Financial Affairs Committee for review**. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

Mr. Bryan said that his group had reviewed the chapter accounts receivable, that the Secretary Treasurer suggested that the threshold on Schedule 2 for action by the Financial Affairs Committee be raised to \$400. He **moved**, seconded by S. Kondragunta (CAA) **that the threshold on Schedule 2 for action by Tau Beta Pi be \$500**. There was no debate, and the Chair ruled that this policy interpretation was within the purview of the committee. Without objection, the Chair **ordered its adoption**.

Mr. Bryan said that his committee reviewed the allowable delegates' expenses for the 2009 Convention and was informed that a delegate scheduled an interview after his ticket was purchased and would not attend the Convention. He **moved**, seconded by C.V. Hanfman (NC A) **that the following policy be adopted**.

- If a Chapter representative does not participate in a TBP function after TBP has incurred expenses related to the attendance: the Chapter may, at its expense, send another representative. TBP will reimburse expenses related to the participation of that alternate representative to the extent that it does not result in duplicate expenses.
- If the Chapter does not send an alternate representative, any expenses incurred by TBP to support the participation of the representative who does not participate will be billed to the Chapter.
- This policy will be administered by the National Headquarters.
- Exemptions will be granted by Headquarters. Exemptions include, but are not limited to, medical and family emergencies.
- Appeals to the decision of Headquarters will be referred to the Financial Affairs Committee for consideration at Convention.

He said this policy would be effective immediately. E.D. Basta (ONC AC) said that the specific individual is unaware of the policy and recommended that the enforcement date be delayed. R.G. Geer (TX B) said that an individual should have the personal responsibility to decline an interview after purchasing a ticket. J.M. Wilkinson (SC A) said that a delegate should be informed of a policy in advance. R.N. Seidel (TX A) said that all delegates at the Convention understood that they would be reimbursed for actual expenses only. E.S. Harper (OH Th) **moved**, seconded by G.K. Miyata (WA D), **to amend the motion to change the effective date to the 2010 Convention**. He said that chapter members would be unaware of the policy if it became effective today. C.J. Llop (NY N) said that implementation should be effective now and that he postponed an interview during the Convention because of his responsibility to participate. Parliamentarian Pierre said that the motion could not be applied retroactively and that this motion would not affect an individual case. Secretary Froula said that a decision on this particular case would be based upon what the Convention decides today. Debate was closed by Chairman Luchini without objection. The **amendment failed** on a voice vote. D.S. Kaplan (PA G Adv.) spoke in favor of the motion because it is similar to the current practice. K.A. Valentine (NY Xi) spoke against because a roll call is not taken at the Convention. J.S. Hemmick (TX E) said that the proposed policy allowed a chapter to pay for a replacement voting delegate at the chapter's expense. M.B. Greenberg (FL E) said that current procedures are satisfactory. Chairman Luchini informed the Body that roll calls are taken at each Convention. The question was called, and debate ended on a voice vote. The **motion passed** on a voice vote.

Mr. Bryan said that his committee would sustain a decision by Tau Beta Pi not to purchase a second airline ticket after a delegate with a ticket decided not to use it. He **moved**, seconded by F.T. Farrow (VA G), **to sustain the decision by Tau Beta Pi**. A.D. Ledingham (UT B) said that the decision should be sustained and that he had a similar experience but came to the Convention and cancelled his other air ticket purchased to use for an interview. Debate ended and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

Mr. Bryan reported that his committee **recommends that the expense reimbursement for allowance to the 2010 Convention be the same as that of the 2009 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 percent 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 \$9 for on-site breakfasts at the Convention. He said that his group had an opportunity to hear from delegates familiar with the location of the 2010 Convention and from the Pennsylvania Alpha delegate and that the 2010 costs are expected to be similar to those this year. Chairman Luchini informed the Body that the 2010 Convention could make changes if economic conditions changed sufficiently. E.S. Harper (OH Th) said that the breakfast reimbursement for the on-site breakfast should be higher. Debate ended on a voice vote, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote. Mr. Bryan **moved**, seconded by K.M. Lum (KY A), **that the expense reimbursement allowance for the 2010 Convention be the same as that of the 2009 Convention**. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Rituals, B.C. Baich (CA Chi), Chair, said that his group had no further business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Convention Site, R.N. Seidel (TX A), Chair, said that his group had no further business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (*ad hoc*), M.R. Downs (VT B), Chair, said that her group had no further business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws, N.C. Fonda (MO B), Chair, said that his group had clarified for visiting delegates at his committee meeting the Bylaw changes that were laid on the table during the Second Business Meeting. His group recommends that Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 2 (b)(i), (are administered by a unit of engineering of the institution) be reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at the 2010 Convention.

Mr. Fonda **moved**, seconded by L.H. Logan (OH D), **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw XI, Sec. 11.01, 11.03 (a), and 11.07, to permit partial-stipend scholarships to be awarded**. W.P. Cleveland (MS A) said that the proposal would define the amount of money to be awarded in any year. E.S. Harper (OH Th) said that many engineering students at his school would graduate in December and should have an opportunity to apply for scholarships. Debate was closed without objection.

Mr. Fonda **moved**, seconded by C.V. Hanfman (NC A), **to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaw XI, Sec. 11.08, to remove the word *such***. Debate was closed without objection.

Mr. Fonda **moved**, seconded by S. Kondragunta (CA A), **to take from the table the amendment to Const. Art. III, Sec. 3, to require transfer of Executive Council responsibility between 11 and 14 months after election**. A question was called, and debate was closed without objection. Ballots were distributed to the delegates, and Chairman Luchini reported the results later. The **motion to amend Bylaw XI, Sec. 11.01, 11.03 (a), and 11.07, passed** with 222 in favor, 4 opposed and 2 abstaining and **became effective immediately**. The **motion to amend Bylaw XI, Sec. 11.08, passed** with 219 in favor, 6 opposed, and 3 abstaining and **became effective immediately**. The **motion to amend Const. Art. III, Sec. 3, passed** with 225 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstaining, but final approval is **subject to chapter ratification**. The three amendments are stated below.

Bylaw XI
Scholarships

SECTION 11.01 **Establishment.** The Association shall maintain a program of scholarships insofar as, in the opinion of the Executive Council, the financial condition of the Association permits. The Executive Council, with the advice of the Director of Fellowships, shall determine the amount of ~~each scholarship~~ a full term stipend and ~~the number of scholarships~~ the total scholarship moneys to be awarded each year, based on the total moneys available from income on the Scholarship Fund and the general financial condition of the Association. The Executive Council may use other funds of the Association if such use of funds appears to be warranted in view of other financial commitments of the Association. The Executive Council shall advise the Director of Fellowships not later than the first of November of each year the ~~number and amount of a full-term stipend and the total scholarship moneys~~ scholarships that will be available for the following year. A recipient of a scholarship must enroll in full-time academic work within twelve months after the scholarship has been awarded. See C. IV, Sec. 2(f)g (2).

SECTION 11.03. **Eligibility Conditions.** (a) Scholarships shall be granted to members of the Association strictly for undergraduate work towards a bachelor's degree. The undergraduate study shall be in a program for which students are eligible for membership in Tau Beta Pi at an institution with an active Tau Beta Pi chapter. The scholar shall pursue full-time study for either a full term or a partial term as specified by the scholar. A full term is defined as the full college year of the institution. A partial term is defined as one semester, one trimester, or two quarters of the institution. ~~If a scholar graduates prior to the end of the scholarship year, the remaining scholarship shall not be awarded.~~

SECTION 11.07. **Payment.** ~~The stipend shall be the same for all scholarships awarded in any one year, but may be changed from year to year. The stipend amount shall be the same for each full term scholarship awarded in any one year. The stipend amount for each partial term scholarship shall be half of the stipend amount for a full term scholarship in the same year.~~ The Executive Director of the Association shall pay to each of the scholars the appropriate stipend amount of ~~the stipend~~ in a manner approved by the Executive Council. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 (g) (8).

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Bylaw XI, Sec. 11.08:

SECTION 11.08. **Rules for Application.** The Director of Fellowships may make ~~such~~ rules and regulations relative to the application for scholarships, the consideration of candidates, and the operation of the scholarship plan, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws and to the approval of the Executive Council.

Article III

Government of the Association

Section 3. **Executive Council.** . . (h) The members of the Executive Council shall take office within fourteen months and not earlier than ~~twelve~~ eleven months after their election. The period of ~~twelve~~ eleven to fourteen months shall be employed for the outgoing Council to instruct the Council-elect in the duties of the offices. The transfer of responsibility shall take place at a time within the period of ~~twelve~~ eleven and fourteen months after election as shall be mutually agreed upon by the members of the new and old Councils. In the event that a transfer date is not mutually agreed upon, the transfer will occur automatically fourteen months after election.

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The Report of the Committee on Chapter Advisors (*ad hoc*) was called. Dr. Sally J. Steadman (AL E Adv.), Chair, said that the report had been delivered to Secretary Froula for the minutes as shown below:

The Executive Council chartered the Advisor Recruitment and Development Committee to enhance the recruitment, development, and retention of Chapter Advisors. Recognizing that strong chapter advisors are critical to the future growth of the Association, the ARDC organized activities for the 2009 Convention Committee on Chapter Advisors.

The Committee was charged with the following tasks:

1. Provide training for chapter advisors, focused on web-based tools.
 - a. 74 advisors registered for conference / approximately 50 attended three sessions.
 - b. Session 1—Convention/District attendance, expectations, and chapter traditions.
 - c. Session 2—MindSET information.
 - d. Session 3—information sharing on website, online resources, awards, chapter finances, and “Leadership of Last Resort.”
 - e. Session 4—networking.
2. Review effectiveness of presentations at Spring Conferences.
 - a. Discussed during ARDC June meeting: approximately 1/3 of Districts conducted presentations, which received good evaluations.
3. Review current documentation for advisors (underway by the ARDC).
4. Based on review, revise the Role of Advisors, documentation, and interactive training, and make recommendations for ARDC members (members were solicited for the ARDC). ARDC Members are Yu-Han Chen, Robert Efimba, Midge Hill, Barry Frost, Sally Steadman, and Sarah Greenwood (absent).

The ARDC is charged to:

1. Complete advisor training materials.
 - a. Advisor Handbook chapters identified and assigned to committee members to write.
 - b. Website will be reviewed during 2009-10.
 - c. Brochures will be developed for advisor recruitment.
2. Oversee training sessions at 2010 Spring Conferences (three sessions conducted).
3. Recommend improvements to advisor selection process (will be considered during 2009-10).
4. Hold interim meetings to meet goals (scheduled a meeting with District Program Planning Committee).

The Report of the Committee on Chapter Website (*ad hoc*) was called. M.B. Greenberg (FL E), Chair, reviewed the charge to his group to: improve the organization of the chapter resources on *tbp.org*; provide chapters without the technical ability to create a chapter site with the tools to publish and maintain one; provide recommendations for updating and maintaining sites; and recommend a method to improve the collection of news from chapter sites for THE BULLETIN.

Mr. Greenberg said that his committee recommends:

- Consolidate and simplify the categorization of resources on the national website so that information is accessed quickly and intuitively;
- add a Home link to access the national and chapter websites;
- refine the site map to make navigation easier;
- eliminate the drop-down menus on the *tbp.org* website that cause some confusion for locating;
- add the role of "webmaster" as either a new position or an additional duty for a current officer; and
- send information and media to Headquarters about your chapter projects either to *dylan@tbp.org* or provide a syndication service, like RSS, on your chapter site.

His committee also recommends that the Executive Council establish a Website Development Committee (*ad hoc*) at the 2010 Convention. Business may include, but is not limited to, re-evaluation of the national website, implementation of feedback regarding the template package and generating material to assist chapters in improving existing chapter websites.

The Report of the Committee on Awards was called. C.E. Bosak (NC D), Chair, said that her group had completed its work and winners would be announced at the Final Business Meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was called. K.T. Kneiser (MI G), Chair, said that her group had prepared recommendations for the Executive Council for the Quasquicentennial Celebration of Tau Beta Pi. Chairman Luchini ruled that the Convention would operate "as if in the Committee of the Whole" for 10 minutes. Committee members presented a humorous skit involving Twitter, the Code of Conduct, Robert's Rules and proper presenting of points of order, philanthropy, hotel amenities, and the "best" committee, and then awarded a Nobel Peace prize to everyone. Ms. Kneiser then announced that she "rose to report," which returned the Convention to order.

Chairman Luchini invited the Foundation Executive Council Slate to the front of the room. Ms. Dao asked for the support of the delegates, and Dr. Earle said that his group has enjoyed serving the Association. The Convention permitted Chairman Luchini to rule that a standing vote could be allowed, and the **Foundation Slate was elected** and will serve the 2010-2014 term.

Chairman Luchini entertained a motion for a 15-minute break, but the Convention, by voice vote, decided upon a 25-minute recess at 10:25 a.m. The Third Business Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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

W.R. Repke (MI L) **moved**, seconded by E.S. Harper (OH Th), **that the Code of Conduct established by the Executive Council that was effective during the 2009 Convention be reviewed by a Convention committee by the end of the 2011 Convention**. He said that the actions of a few should not affect the many who conduct themselves professionally. The **motion passed** on a voice vote.

S.E. Howe (IN E) **moved**, seconded by C.J. Llop (NY N), **to establish immediately a new Secretary's Commendation Award Trial Program to provide awards of \$100, \$200, and \$300 to chapters and to be reviewed at the 2010 Convention and to survey chapters to learn why they do not submit reports on time**. She said that funds are important to small chapters. A.K. Temme, (MI A) said that the Finance Committee had reviewed the program and the history of the cash awards and that \$500 awards were given to three-time winners until the Council ended cash awards; the 2004 Convention established a five-year trial program with awards of \$100, \$200, and \$300 paid from the general fund; and there is no correlation between cash awards and improved chapter performance. D.S. Pierre Jr (DF) spoke against the motion because funding could reduce the number of fellowships, and he suggested that chapters that need funds conduct fund-raising projects. A delegate responded that time is better spent in activities than in fund-raising. E.J. Warren (TX Th) said it was important to encourage chapters to fulfill their reporting obligations. J.R. Burnett (DD15) agreed that cash prizes are useful to chapters. C.A. Wood (MAA) noted that continuing the system is unlikely to help the chapters that need help. Dr.

H.A. Hegna (OH N Adv.) said that his dean matches the \$300 Tau Beta Pi awards to provide two \$300 scholarships to Tau Beta Pi juniors, which means a lot to his chapter. The **question was divided** on a motion by C. Onyuksel (PA G), seconded by B.A. Fritz (OH A). The Chair agreed that the proposed survey of chapters and the proposed award program could be debated separately, and it was so ordered. Mr. Onyuksel said that a survey would be useful. Debate was closed without objection, and the **motion to survey chapters to determine why reports are not submitted on time passed** on a voice vote. Discussion resumed on the motion to establish a new trial program. B.L. Frost (MI K Adv.) said that eliminating cash awards might have a large effect on chapters. W.P. Cleveland (MS A) **moved**, seconded by A.C. Scherma (CT G), **to amend the motion to provide awards of \$50, \$100, \$150 for consecutive Secretary's Commendations**. K.A. Tinto (DC A) said that her chapter had won \$300 in recent years and used the funds for prizes for freshman and sophomores. The question was called, and debate on the amendment ended. The **amendment failed** on a voice vote. A.L. Young (CO A) said that the \$300 prize to her chapter is important. A.J. Pinkus (DD2) said that all chapters had a chance to compete and we should stop bribing chapters. The **motion failed** on a standing vote.

P.A. Herbert (OR G) recommended that the start time of the 2010 Convention be delayed for the convenience of West Coast delegates.

R.D. Helvestine (CA AD), **moved**, seconded by L.A. Wingstrom (IL D), **to raise the on-site breakfast allowance for this Convention from \$9 to \$11 to better reflect the pricing of the Hilton East Brunswick**. W.P. Cleveland (MS A) said that delegates could incur a \$2 cost. A.W. Hill (CA AD Adv.) said that Tau Beta Pi could better incur a \$2 cost. The **motion failed** on a show of hands.

Leonard Sadauskas (Wash. DC Alum. Chap.) recommended that the Executive Council allow Tau Beta Pi to provide lifetime Tau Beta Pi email addresses to all members after initiation.

J.R. Holloway (NY Th) **moved**, seconded by N.C. Fonda (MO B), **that effective immediately the dress code be relaxed to business casual until the final banquet**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote.

A District 11 delegate made a recommendation on behalf of his District: The Convention of Tau Beta Pi serves numerous important purposes. However, we feel that the schedule is too robust. Although we are close to New York City, most attendees will not see the city and its attractions, and the few who do will leave the hotel after 10 p.m., long after many attractions have closed to visitors. We believe that scheduling time for attendees to see local attractions would be in the best interest of the Association. Next year in Valley Forge, a schedule like this year's schedule would make it almost impossible to see the historical attractions of the area. We recommend scheduling several hours of free time or ending meetings early one day to allow a break from Convention business and to permit attendees to enjoy nearby activities.

The Third Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

A **box lunch** was provided on the Busch Campus of the Rutgers University campus.

The Model Initiation was conducted at 2:15 p.m. in the Allison Road Classroom 103 on the Busch Campus. The Committee on Rituals and members of the host chapter had organized this ceremony. District 7 Director Gomulinski 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 Councillor Huggins, Secretary Froula, District 2 Director A.J. Pinkus, NJ Beta President S.Y. Lanka, NJ Beta Advisor Dean Fred R. Bernath, and Ritual Committee members. The model initiation brought into membership in the Association 59 student members of New Jersey Beta.

Campus tours were conducted at 3:15 p.m.

The Initiation and Awards Banquet was held in Ballroom D/E of the Hilton East Brunswick at 6 p.m. Dean Fred R. Bernath was master of ceremonies. Councillor Pih introduced members of the Trust Advisory Committee: Rodger F. Smith, Harry W. Lange, and James W. Johnson Jr. Councillor Earle spoke of the importance of the model initiation and of the history of Tau Beta Pi, and he introduced the TBP Historical Presentation, available on CD ROM. Vice President Dao welcomed and recognized the New Jersey Beta initiates, and she recognized the service anniversary of District Director Ellen S. Styles for 18 consecutive years; District Director Richard W. Mead for 24 consecutive years; District Director Stacey L. Forkner, and Engineering Futures Facilitators Solange C. Dao and Dennis J. Tyner, who have served for at least 12 consecutive years; Engineering Futures Facilitators Hitesh R. Bhambhani, Joseph P. Blackford, Scott V. Eckersall, and District Director Jeremy N. Comardelle for six consecutive years. The Final Business Meeting was held as recorded below after which the Convention received heartfelt messages. A total of 510 people enjoyed the steak and chicken entree with strawberry swirl cheesecake for dessert, sponsored for the voting delegates by GEICO.

At the conclusion of the Final Business Meeting below, Dr. Bernath wished all delegates successful careers and thanked everyone for the good work accomplished here. New Jersey President Lanka congratulated and thanked the initiates and the Headquarters staff; she thanked the delegates and wished safe trips home to all. President Simonson brought the Headquarters staff to the podium, and Vice President Dao presented roses to the ladies and hugs to the men. Dr. Simonson thanked the delegates and hard-working New Jersey Beta hosts for a smooth-running Convention and invited everyone to the 2010 Quasiquicentennial Celebration in Pennsylvania.

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 17, Initiation and Award Banquet
Ballroom D/E, Hilton East Brunswick

Chairman Luchini took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program at 7:33 p.m.

Councillor Pih introduced the 2009 **Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor**: Dr. Thomas E. Wade, *FL A '67*, recognized his accomplishments in supporting engineering students, and presented him with a \$1,000 award and the McDonald Mentor Medallion. Mr. Pih announced that an additional \$1,000 grant had been credited to the Florida Gamma Chapter.

Councillor Earle reviewed the history of the Advisor Award Program and presented the 2009 **Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor**: Patrick D. Homen, *CA U '85*, California Upsilon Advisor. He spoke of his accomplishments and presented \$1,000 to Mr. Homen and another \$1,000 to Mr. Homen to deliver to California State University, Sacramento, Dean of Engineering Emir J. Macari for his college's discretionary fund. Mr. Homen acknowledged the outstanding work of his California Upsilon student members and the support of his wife Laura and of Advisor Susan L.R. Holl.

Vice President Dao recognized the 2009 **Tau Beta Pi Laureates**: Chad R. Fusco, *OHA '09*, Kathryn C. Kellogg, *SD A '09*, Uchechukwuka D. Monu, *DC A '09*, and Samantha van der Drift, *TX B '10*, spoke of their outstanding achievements, and presented them with Laureate plaques and cash awards of \$2,500.

Dr. Simonson presented the 2009 **Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumnus**: Richard H. Stanley, P.E., *IA A '55*. Dr. Simonson read a citation of his accomplishments and presented him with a special plaque. (A \$2,000 scholarship in their name will be awarded in 2010.) Mr. Stanley stated his great honor in being named and said that engineering is a profession best run by collaboration and by helping each other; it is a true team undertaking requiring interdisciplinary strategy and solutions. The world is increasingly interconnected and is affected by issues that transcend national boundaries, and it needs win-win-win solutions. He encouraged chapter delegates to keep up their efforts to help young students.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards, N.D. Wilson (TN Z), Vice Chair, presenting the **2009 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award to Minnesota Alpha** and recognized its extensive and increased project activity and increased membership participation.

C.E. Bosak (NC D), Chair, presented an **honorable mention** for the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter award to Michigan Gamma**, whose projects were original and whose career fair was outstanding. She presented the **2009 Outstanding Chapter Award to Florida Alpha** at the University of Florida for its extensive efforts in GatorTrax and other projects.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, K.T. Kneiser (MI G) Chair, read the following:

"On behalf of everyone at the 2009 Tau Beta Pi Convention, we would like to thank our hosts, the members of New Jersey Beta. A special thanks to President Sindhura Lanka and Convention Arrangements Chair Mandy Szeto, as well as those who volunteered their time to make this all a great success. [Ms. Kneiser presented a certificate of appreciation to New Jersey Beta and a special desk piece to Mandy Szeto.]

We would also like to thank the Executive Council members: President Dr. Larry Simonson, Vice President Solange Dao, and Councillors Dr. Jonathan Earle, Jason Huggins, and Norman Pih.

Congratulations to Executive Director Jim Froula for his recent recognition by ASME. The jokes may be getting old, but his steady leadership is invaluable to our Association. Thanks to the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Roger Hawks. We can only imagine he has the singing voice of an angel because he never actually sang the Tau Beta Pi song for us.

Thanks to Pat McDaniel, Director of Development, whose work with our corporate partners has been self-evident over this weekend. I am sure over the course of the weekend everyone has met Steve Pierre, Director of Fellowships. Thanks to his committee and their work, over 200 Tau Bates have been deservedly recognized for their achievements.

We appreciate the efforts of Ed D'Avignon as Director of Rituals for providing a foundation of our traditions for years to come. Our gratitude goes out to Director of Engineering Futures Russ Pierce and all of the volunteer instructors who have taken their time to prepare us for brighter futures.

Further thanks to the 44 District Directors representing the 16 different districts, whose knowledge and support has helped their respective chapters succeed. We would also like to thank Tau Beta Pi's Trust Advisory Committee, especially chair Rodger Smith and members James Johnson and Harry Lange. Without their sound investment strategy, we would not have the funds to organize the Convention.

A special thank you to GEICO, NCEES, Raytheon, and all other corporate sponsors that graciously provided us with meals and made this Convention possible. Without their support, everyone would have been stocking up on muffins and Belgian waffles from the Holiday Inn for survival.

We recognize our 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Richard Stanley for his commendable philanthropy and for inspiring the Tau Bates of tomorrow.

Congratulations to Pat Homen for winning the 2009 TBP National Outstanding Advisor Award. His dedication and contributions to the Association are greatly appreciated and worth recognizing.

Additionally, there are nearly 12,000 alumni who contributed financially to Tau Beta Pi throughout the past year. Without their generosity and the generosity of more than 200 companies that provided matching grants, neither the Fellowship Program nor the general fund of TBP would be where they are today.

We have seen the work of the Tau Beta Pi Headquarters staff this weekend and it is obvious how critical their contributions are. Thanks to Angie Boles, Sherry King, Dylan Lane, and Ray Thompson.

Where would we be without our favorite Tau Beta Parent, Rebecca Davis? Your countless phone calls, emails, and life-saving extensions show us how you truly take us into your heart.

Finally, we express gratitude to all of the collegiate and alumnus chapter leaders for their past dedication to Tau Beta Pi and service throughout this year. We hope that the 2009 TBP Convention has inspired you to return home and redouble your efforts in service to engineering. This concludes the Report of the Resolutions Committee."

In the spirit of the occasion, Chairman Luchini heard a motion to remove a napkin from the table. The entire banquet group produced a long, complex ring of tied dinner napkins and joined Executive Director Froula and three delegates in the **Tau Beta Pi yell**. On the motion of numerous delegates, seconded by S.Y. Lanka (NJ B), Chairman Luchini thanked Parliamentarian Pierre, the Tellers' Committee members, and the audio-visual team, praised the delegates for their skills, collaboration, and cooperation, and he declared the **Convention adjourned sine die at 8:45 p.m.**

Submitted by,

James D. Froula, P.E.
Convention Secretary

Approved by,

Dr. John R. Luchini, P.E.
Convention Chair

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