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## Convention!

**T**HE 99th Convention of Tau Beta Pi was held October 7-9, 2004, in Orlando, FL. The Florida Alpha and Delta Chapters were official co-hosts. The hundreds of out-of-town attendees were housed in the Radisson Plaza Hotel, where business meetings were held and five meals were served.

A total of 475 members of Tau Beta Pi participated in the business of the Convention, the fifth-highest total ever. Of these, 345 were student voting and non-voting delegates and host-chapter members; 40 were chapter advisors; 66 were national officials, Convention leaders, and Engineering Futures Facilitators; eight were alumnus chapter delegates; and 16 were alumnus visitors and petitioners. The attendees represented a



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record 225 collegiate and eight alumnus chapters. Most of the chapter advisors attended at the special invitation and partial expense of the national organization. In addition, at least 61 non-member petitioners, consultants, and guests attended some events.

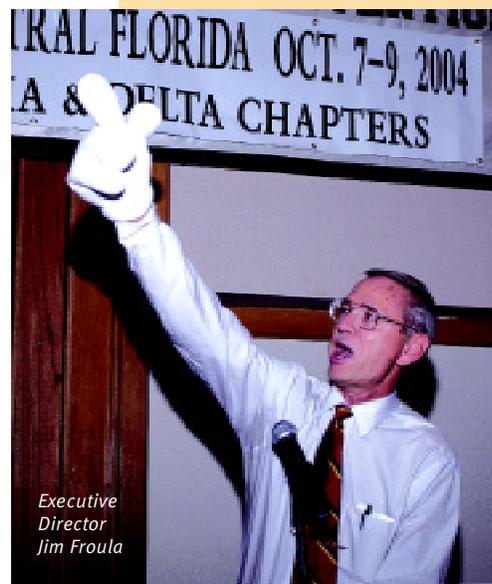
Arrangements Chair Christopher J. Ekberg, *FL Δ '05*, guided preparations for the Convention and its extensive logistics. Together with chapter Presidents Alison A. Trachet, *FL A '05*; John Atchason, *FL Δ '04*; and Matthew Pollock, *FL A '04*, Florida Alpha Chair; they managed such duties as technology, hospitality, campus tours, publicity, souvenirs, and transportation.

Before the Convention began, students met with representatives from Harris, NCEES, NASA-Kennedy Space Center, Sandia Labs, Shell Oil, US Army PEO STRI, and the graduate schools of engineering of Case Western, Clemson, Columbia, Iowa, Lehigh, Michigan, Norwich, Oklahoma, Rensselaer, and Virginia. The Convention formally opened Thursday afternoon when President Matthew W. Ohland presented his annual report.

The three days were filled with business, committee, District and Engineering Futures meetings, Interactive Chapter Exchanges (ICE), and the model initiation.

In all, four Convention business meetings were held; Ronald M. Hickling, *CA E '80*, the Executive Council-appointed permanent chair, presided and was assisted by James W. Johnson Jr., *NC A '77*, the Executive Council-appointed parliamentarian. The Saturday awards banquet brought the Convention to a festive conclusion, and the Resolutions Committee made its final report.

The Chapter Development Program of the Convention, including the District and Engineering Futures meetings and ICE seminars, is reported on page 7 in this issue. These informal sessions are extremely valuable benefits of the Convention, providing delegates the opportunity to exchange good ideas with other Tau Bates from all regions of the country. On Saturday afternoon an excellent model initiation was conducted by a team of national officers and Rituals Committee members; the ceremony brought seven students of Florida Alpha and 13

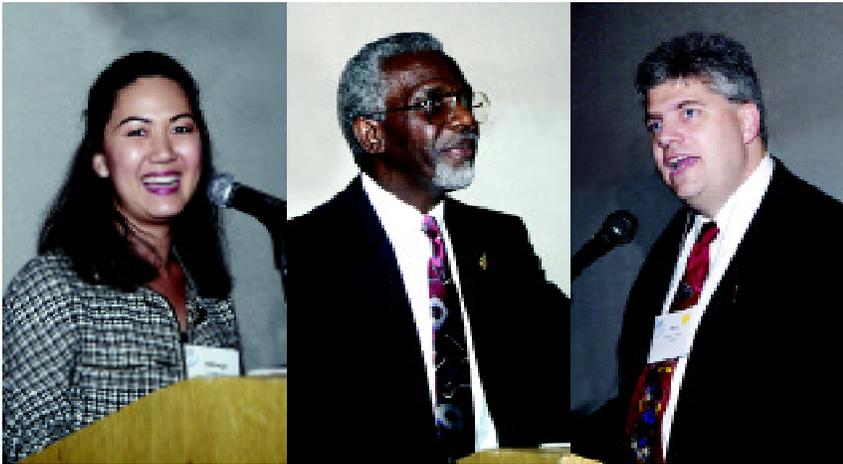


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Convention speakers Solange Dao, UF Dean Jonathan F.K. Earle, FL A '65, and President Matt Ohland.

students and one eminent engineer of Florida Delta into the Association.

The initiation and awards banquet was held in the Ivanhoe Ballroom of the hotel. The program included the presentation of Tau Beta Pi's 2004 National Outstanding Advisor, 2004 Distinguished Alumna, and 2004 Laureate. Biographical sketches of Outstanding Advisor Richard J. Smith, IA A '69; Distinguished Alumna Jill S. Tietjen, P.E., VA A '76; and Laureate Matthew C. Rodrigue, ME A '04; appeared in the Fall 2004 BENT.

In Tau Beta Pi's usual method, Convention business is handled by committees, except for those few items that emerge during the meetings as new business. Seven standing committees are called for by the Constitution, and two ad hoc groups were also appointed.

Every collegiate-chapter voting delegate served on a committee, and a national officer advisor opened each group's initial meeting on Thursday afternoon and then stood with other national officials for consultation. Each standing committee selected fellow students as chair, vice chair, and secretary to present reports, recommendations, and proposals to the entire Convention. The following reports summarize formal business.

#### Petitions

*Evan M. Borst, KS B, Chair.* After studying the petition, catalog, and inspection reports and interviewing the petitioner's representa-



EVAN M. BORST

tives, the group recommended that a new chapter be established at one institution. The school and leaders are: University of California, Riverside; Christopher Mayhew and Dr. Dennis K. Rice, OH E '64, advisor.

The Convention granted the petition by unanimous vote. California Alpha Beta will be officially installed on February 12, 2005, which will raise the number of active collegiate chapters to 229.

#### Constitution and Bylaws

*Uduak-Joe E. Ntuk, CA Θ, Chair.*

One topic had been referred to the



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committee prior to the meeting for study and recommendation. The Convention adopted, by the required vote, an amendment to Constitution Art. VIII, Sec. 2 and 3, to modify the eligibility criteria for undergraduates and for graduate students, particularly in the area of curricula; final approval of this change is subject to chapter ratification.

#### Awards

*Theresa A. LaFollette, KS A, Chair.*

The committee spent long hours evaluating the chapters and selecting the 2003-04 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter and R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter and honorable mentions. The winners are reported elsewhere in this issue, and special plaques for the awardees were delivered to them after the Convention.

#### Chapter/Association Financial Affairs

*Stefanie M. Moody, OH I, Chair.*

The group had been given the 2003-04 reports of the Association's auditor and Executive Director and the Society's budget for 2004-05. The committee reviewed the documents and concluded that Tau Beta Pi's financial records are satisfactory, to the best of its knowledge.

The committee recommended, and the Convention adopted, specific allowable Convention expenses beyond those specified in the Bylaws for delegates to the 2005 meeting.

#### Rituals

*Rachel A. Williams, IL A, Chair.*

The team recommended one change in



RACHEL A. WILLIAMS

the presentation of the Ritual for a new optional means of image display. On Saturday, delegates were favorably impressed by the model initiation for 20

students and one eminent engineer of Florida Alpha and Delta, which the committee helped to organize.

#### Convention Site

*Brian M. Crawford, IA A, Chair.*

This group reviewed invitations from



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California Alpha, Lambda, Upsilon, Phi, and Alpha Alpha and from Michigan Iota to host the 2007 Convention. The Convention happily accepted the bid to hold the national

meeting in Dearborn, MI, if the choice is deemed acceptable by the Council.

#### Member Benefits (ad hoc)

*Mela R. Johnson, MD Δ Chair.*

The committee studied ways to improve benefits to members at negligible cost and made recommendations in the areas of merchandise (more variety), discounts (on textbooks and test prep courses), events (District calendars) and services, and graduate/alumnus/jobs (career fairs).

#### Chapter Advisors (ad hoc)

*Raymond K. Auerbach, AZ Γ, Chair.*

The team studied ways to improve the training and development of advisors and made recommendations to make better use of the website to provide Advisors with needed materials, a discussion board thread, new Convention brainstorming information, and other related information. The Advisor Task Force will continue in its efforts, following up on these website changes and their results, recruiting additional volunteers, and increasing publicity.

### Resolutions

*Frank R. Opal, NE A, Chair.*

This group prepared the appropriate resolutions for Convention adoption, established the Secretary's Award Commendation Program as a five-year trial to provide \$100, \$200, and \$300 cash awards for one, two, or three or more consecutive Secretary's Commendations, and referred analysis of the program to the 2009 Convention. At the final banquet, Mr. Opal presented resolutions of thanks to the host chapters, officials, sponsors, alumni, and others, whose support had been gratefully received by the Association. The final resolution provided an inspirational charge to all:

*We are thankful for all the collegiate and alumnus chapter leaders who directed their local groups effectively in 2003-04 and truly maintained and improved the visibility and public image of the Association and its members. Let us continue to contribute, in some way, to promoting the ideals and vision of Tau Beta Pi.*

### New Business

In this brief session, delegates made two recommendations: 1) that the 2005 Convention examine whether or not Tau Beta Pi, a general honor society, could allow establishment of eligibility by department, rather than by college; and 2) that a District Button Challenge be held at the 2005 Convention.

## Nominate 2006-10 Council

Slates of candidates for the next Executive Council of Tau Beta Pi should be submitted by April 1, 2005. The voting will take place at the 2005 Convention in Salt Lake City, UT, and the successful slate will take office at the 2006 Denver Convention and serve through the 2010 Convention.

Tau Beta Pi's Constitution and Bylaws, particularly Const. Article III, Sections 3, 4, and 5, delineate the nominating and electing procedures and the Executive Council's responsibilities.

A slate of five alumnus candidates for Executive Council may be nominated by any chapter or group of chapters. Among them, the nominees should be from different branches of the profession and

should have experience in a variety of functions—management, finance, teaching, business, research, etc. Candidates must agree to serve if elected, but nominees are not required to reside in the same geographic area.

Nominations of Council slates must be sent to Headquarters for publication to all the chapters. If only one slate is nominated by the deadline, additional slates may be nominated at the 2005 Convention in Utah; but if two or more slates are nominated by April 1, nominations will then be closed.

The travel reimbursement policy permits the Society to provide on-site expenses, plus prorated travel expenses up to \$3,000 total, for all slates.

### GIG Grant Dollars

Your chapter may receive up to \$750 to conduct a project involving civic affairs and public policy issues. The cash is available and waiting under Tau Beta Pi's Greater Interest in Government program, to involve students in their communities and the political process. Iowa Alpha was recognized at the 2004 Convention for its interesting robotics project.

Send your chapter's proposal to National Headquarters. Application guidelines are in Section C-IV of the President's Book on the website. The deadline is May 15. (See *Chapter Projects* at [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).)

### An Easy Fundraiser!

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has partnered with Tau Beta Pi in offering sample FE examination books to chapters for resale. A 30 percent discount will be given for any order of 100 or more (shipped to a single address), and a 10 percent discount exists for any order of at least 25. For more information, contact Mike Shannon, P.E., at 800/250-3196, ext. 463, or at [mshannon@ncees.org](mailto:mshannon@ncees.org).



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## Convention

# \$14,500 in Scholarships

Twenty-three chapters, each of which had won Secretary's Commendations and/or Chapter Project Awards for three consecutive years, won \$500 scholarships.

CHAPTER	INSTITUTION	DELEGATE
California Alpha	University of California, Berkeley	Arthur J. Hebert
District of Columbia Alpha	Howard University	Aureus E. Griffith
Florida Alpha	University of Florida	Alison A. Trachet
Iowa Alpha	Iowa State University	Brian M. Crawford
Louisiana Gamma	Louisiana Tech University	Arden L. Moore
Maryland Beta (\$1,000)	University of Maryland	Kevin M. Calabro
Michigan Gamma	University of Michigan	Rebecca J. Cantor
Michigan Epsilon	Wayne State University	Jason R. Morse
Michigan Theta	Oakland University	Michael L. Banachowski
Michigan Iota (\$1,000)	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Christopher A. Burtka
Nevada Beta	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Drew A. Hall
New York Iota	Cooper Union School of Engineering	Bijun Tan
New York Kappa	University of Rochester	Bridget A. Baran
Ohio Beta	University of Cincinnati	Marie A. Granny
Ohio Iota (\$1,000)	Ohio Northern University	Stefanie M. Moody
Ohio Nu	Cedarville University	Matthew P. Sterner
Oregon Gamma	University of Portland	Erin M. Ferguson
Pennsylvania Epsilon	Lafayette College	Gregory R. Bouton
South Carolina Alpha	Clemson University	Michelle L. Malecha
South Dakota Alpha (\$1,000)	South Dakota School of Mines & Tech.	James C. Sheldon
Tennessee Alpha	University of Tennessee	Jeremy G. Tunnell
Vermont Beta (\$1,000)	Norwich University	Jaime M. Colby
Wyoming Alpha (\$1,000)	University of Wyoming	Joshua R. Duncan

## Graduate Fellowships

Tau Beta Pi's 72nd annual program of fellowships for graduate study in the 2005-06 academic year will close January 15, 2005, when applications must be in the hands of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E.

Up to 18 cash awards will be given, each worth \$10,000, made on the promise of future development in engineering or related fields, and financial need. Winners will be selected by the Fellowship Board and notified in April.

All members of Tau Beta Pi are eligible to apply. Students and alumni should apply on-line at [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).

Send application materials for both programs to the Director of Fellowships:

## 41 Scholarships!

The Tau Beta Pi Association Scholarship Program for senior-year study during the 2005-06 academic year will close March 1, 2005, when applications must be in the hands of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E.

A record total of up to 41 cash awards, each worth \$2,000, could be given in our fantastic, expanding program. They will be made on the basis of high scholarship, strong recommendations, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Winners will be selected and notified in early April. Junior members of Tau Beta Pi are eligible to apply online at [www.tbp.org](http://www.tbp.org).

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## 45 Chapters Commended

Executive Director Jim Froula presented commendations to the following chapters for perfect and punctual Headquarters reports in 2003-04:

Alabama Alpha	New York Delta
Alabama Beta	New York Iota
Alabama Delta	New York Nu
Arizona Gamma	New York Tau
California Alpha	North Dakota Beta
California Sigma	Ohio Beta
Colorado Alpha	Ohio Delta
Colorado Zeta	Ohio Iota
Florida Theta	Ohio Eta
Idaho Alpha	Ohio Kappa
Idaho Beta	Ohio Lambda
Iowa Alpha	Ohio Mu
Louisiana Gamma	Ohio Nu
Maryland Beta	Oregon Beta
Michigan Alpha	Oregon Gamma
Michigan Gamma	Pennsylvania Epsilon
Michigan Iota	South Carolina Alpha
Minnesota Beta	South Dakota Alpha
Missouri Gamma	Tennessee Alpha
New Jersey Gamma	Vermont Beta
New Mexico Gamma	West Virginia Beta
New York Gamma	Wisconsin Delta
	Wyoming Alpha

## 2005 Spring Conference Schedule

The District Program provides a vital link between the national organization and individual chapters. Each year the Directors gather students for regional conferences to provide both retiring and new officers opportunities to discuss chapter operations and to socialize. All chapters are urged to elect new officers before their District conference. New and outgoing officers are encouraged to attend.

DISTRICT	LOCATION	DATE
1	Boston, MA	Feb. 19
2	Newark, NJ	Feb. 26
3	Philadelphia, PA	Feb. 12
4	Raleigh, NC	April 2
5	Macon, GA	April 2
6	Mobile, AL	Jan. 29
7	Toledo, OH	April 9
8	Plattville, WI	April 2
9	Manhattan, KS	Feb. 19
10	New Orleans, LA	Feb. 19
11	Minneapolis, MN	April 2
12E	Estes Park, CO	April 2
12W	Pocatello, ID	April 9
13	Lubbock, TX	April 9
14	Seattle, WA	April 9
15	Reno, NV	April 23
16	Santa Barbara, CA	April 2

## Convention

# Outstanding Chapter: Wyoming Alpha

**W**yoming Alpha received the 2003-04 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award. No stranger to the pursuit of excellence, this chapter of 101 members at the University of Wyoming received this award just three years ago, along with a Secretary's Commendation, Chapter Project Award, and \$1,000 in scholarship funds. In 2002, members won an honorable mention for the R.C. Matthews Award.

This group is both hardworking and energetic. Annually, members professionally produce the engineering honors banquet, involving 550 people. The chapter also sponsors blood drives, provides weeknight tutoring, conducts Engineering Futures seminars, and assists with tours for elementary-school students, MATHCOUNTS, and judging science fairs.

Leading the activities last semester were President Jason C. Delaney, Vice President Erin L. Hennings, Sec-



President Matthew W. Ohland (left) congratulates Wyoming Alpha President Joshua R. Duncan.

retaries Brian J. Harwood and Erik S. Edgar, and Treasurer Raelynn K. Hoekema. Dr. Steven F. Barrett served as Chief Advisor.

Honorable mentions were given to **California Alpha** at UC, Berkeley, **Iowa Alpha** at Iowa State University, and **Vermont Beta** at Norwich University, who were close contenders. Presidents Brian R. Love and Arthur J. Hebert of California Alpha, Robert W. Flores and Ryan C. Burnley of Iowa Alpha, and Thomas A. Beyerl of Vermont Beta led their chapters in this close contest.

Presented since 1957, the R.C. Matthews Award, named for Tau Beta Pi's first Secretary-Treasurer, recognizes chapters in four areas of excellence: (1) quality and variety of chapter projects; (2) chapter organization; (3) quantity of projects; and (4) promptness and completeness of reports to Headquarters.

# Most Improved Chapter: California Sigma

**T**he R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award was established in 1971 to recognize major improvement in chapter development, including project work and reports to Headquarters. This year's recipient was **California Sigma** at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They overhauled their operations systems and implemented 46 projects. With an active membership of only 45, students nevertheless took on ambitious challenges. High school field trips facilitated by California Sigma members allowed young students to see engineering for the first time as an exciting possibility. Liaisons such as shoreline preservation with an ecological group, "Pizzas Across America" project with Google, and homeless-shelter service were some of the expansive projects **California Sigma** executed. Chapter operations were led by President Tanya B. Schikorr and Vice President Jyotirmaya M. Akkad. Dr. Robert G. Rinker is Chief Advisor.



Tanya B. Schikorr, California Sigma President, (left) is congratulated by Theresa A. LaFollette, Awards Committee Chair.

## Convention

# 34 Chapter Project Awards

At the Convention, Executive Director Jim Froula presented Chapter Project Awards for outstanding performance during 2003-04 to the following 34 chapters:

CHAPTER / INSTITUTION	# PROJECTS	CHAPTER / INSTITUTION	# PROJECTS		
AL	University of Alabama in Huntsville • Held a blood drive • Helped with "Elympics"	10	MI	Oakland University • Beautified the BENT monument • Assisted Detroit area pre-college engineering program	13
AL	University of South Alabama • Relocated the BENT monument • Held "Brain Bowl"	14	MI	University of Michigan-Dearborn • Held Quiz Bowl tournament • Recycled computers for donation	32
AK	University of Alaska, Fairbanks • Displayed photos of new initiates • Tutored fellow students	10	MO	University of Missouri-Columbia • Held Halloween "Tiger Night of Fun" • Helped with Special Olympics bowling	11
CA	University of California, Berkeley • Helped clean Montara Beach • Held a blood drive	38	NV	University of Nevada, Las Vegas • Recognized outstanding members • Assisted during orientation	16
CA	Stanford University • Held an egg-drop competition • Helped middle-school students "Explore New Worlds"	28	NM	New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology • Helped clean up Macey Center • Assisted with Science Olympiad	14
CA	University of California, Santa Barbara • Helped preserve the shoreline • Reached out to promote engineering	24	NY	Cornell University • Held Tau Beta Pi poster-puzzle contest • Assisted at the Cayuga Nature Center	14
CA	University of California, San Diego • Conducted science projects at local elementary school • Helped freshmen during orientation	40	NY	The University of Rochester • Volunteered at Mary Cariola Center • Helped advise students deciding on their majors	13
CA	California State University, Chico • Helped put K-12 students "Minds in Motion" • Co-hosted District Spring Conference	10	ND	University of North Dakota • Held a blood drive • Conducted second annual food drive	11
DC	Howard University • Provided community service in SC during spring break • Volunteered at Washington home for elderly	28	OH	University of Cincinnati • Held "Repair Affair" for elderly • Helped Habitat for Humanity	16
FL	University of Florida • Kept Alachua County beautiful • Assisted several local charities including Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army	53	OH	Ohio Northern University • Helped with the Honors Day convocation • Walked and ran for breast cancer	20
IL	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign • Held a blood drive • Tutored their peers	33	OH	Wright State University • Had an end-of-the-year cookout • Made Valentines for local nursing home	30
IA	Iowa State University • Adopted a highway • Held a catapult competition	27	OR	University of Portland • Cleaned the beach • Mentored freshmen	14
LA	Louisiana Tech University • Built homecoming float • Publicized award winners	24	SD	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology • Recycled aluminum cans • Kept a highway clean	9
MD	University of Maryland • Held "Snack Pack Attack" for homeless • Planted trees around Lake Artemesia	34	TN	University of Tennessee • Helped with "Boo at the Zoo" • Organized Engineers' Day	13
MI	University of Michigan • Helped the Hands-On Museum • Collected food and Easter baskets	49	TX	University of Texas at Austin • Helped with "Expanding Your Horizons"	29
MI	University of Detroit Mercy • Helped with Technology Discovery Day • Tutored at local high school	12	VT	Norwich University • Assisted the annual Vermont state math and science fair • Kept the BENT shining	21
MI	Wayne State University • Went "Into the Streets" to help with the Greening of Detroit • Held study groups for fellow students	35	WY	University of Wyoming • Conducted engineering honors banquet • Helped work several science fairs	33

## Convention

# Interactive Chapter Exchange Works!

One of the best ways for chapters to improve performance is to attend the annual Convention. Last October, 225 of the most active collegiate chapters in any honor society were in Orlando for our Convention. This record number of voting delegates, along with other chapter delegates and advisors, brainstormed solutions in Interactive Chapter Exchange (ICE) sessions. As has been the case in recent years, sessions filled much of the day on Friday. Special presentations at lunch and dinner offered a review of the 12-week membership schedule and a review of the chapter website and on-line reporting system. Resources, including information on all reports and how to complete them and on-line versions of the President's and Advisor's Books, can be found at [www.tbp.org/chapters](http://www.tbp.org/chapters).



*Good ideas are always popular!*



*Does anybody have a napkin?*

Numerous ideas and suggestions were presented. ICE groups provided an excellent forum to detail plans and projects for strengthening their chapters. Many improvements are being implemented now that these leaders are home.

Convention Chair Ron Hickling and Parliamentarian Jim Johnson instructed delegates in the valuable techniques of parliamentary procedure. Properly used, these basics of Robert's Rules of Order provide techniques necessary for conducting business meetings in an orderly fashion. Chapter presidents are well served applying this knowledge at home and passing along the fun.

After the first business meeting, committees selected students to serve as chairs, vice chairs, and secretaries. These

delegates gained additional experience as they guided their teams and presented reports before the entire body. Non-voting delegates built important interpersonal, team-building, and meeting-management skills at Engineering Futures sessions. District meetings gathered chapters in each of the 16 geographical regions to renew old friendships and begin new ones.

Committees reconvened on Friday morning and met twice before the second

business meeting to improve productivity. The business meeting brought a real opportunity to practice Robert's Rules as delegates debated the issues involving curriculum eligibility.

Vice President Ellen Styles reviewed the status of the Bicycle Project, the Association's first national project created to trademark the Society, improve its visibility, and appeal to corporations for funding. She urged chapters to join others who have begun projects. After Friday's dinner, Sherry Jennings-King and other officers and directors presented an entertaining skit to the delegates about philanthropy.

Advisors are critical to the development of chapters. In addition to participating in their own ICE group, advisors gathered in a committee to decide how they might better serve the Association and their chapters.

The annual Convention helped each Tau Bate gain something valuable to make the world a better place before braving the airways and highways for the trip home.

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### Important Deadlines

- **January 15** Fellowship Application
- **March 1** Scholarship Application
- **March 15** Laureate Nomination and Distinguished Alumnus Nomination
- **March 21** Outstanding Advisor Nomination
- **April 1** Executive Council Nominations
- **May 15** GIG Project Proposal
- **June 1** Convention Bid for 2008

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## The Laureate Program



*2004 Laureate  
Matt Rodrigue and  
Vice President and  
1985 Laureate  
Ellen D. Styles are  
all smiles during  
the award  
presentation at  
the Orlando  
Convention.*

Exceptional Tau Bates are recognized annually at each Convention for their talents and contributions to society beyond the normal perimeters of engineering. This year, Maine graduate Matt Rodrigue was recognized for his outstanding leadership and diverse achievements. He received a \$2,500 cash prize, a plaque, and publicity in THE BENT and on the web.

The Tau Beta Pi Laureate Program has been honoring collegiate members since 1982 and has recognized contributions of Tau Bates in the arts, athletics, diverse activities, and service. Chapters select nominees from their members; information on how to proceed is found in the President's Book (pp. C-29 & 30) and on the web at [tbp.org/chapters](http://tbp.org/chapters).

Search among your members, and submit a nomination package in triplicate to National Headquarters by March 15—attention Secretary-Treasurer Froula. Perhaps one of your chapter members will be featured smiling next year too!