

THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2004 CONVENTION

**Constitution Amendment  
Approved by the Convention  
BUT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters**

1. **Revise Membership Eligibility of Undergraduates and Graduate Students—**  
Constitution Art. VIII, Sec. 2 & 3  
Convention minutes pages 11-17

**Other Convention Actions**  
(Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

1. Gave the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2003-04 to Wyoming Alpha, with honorable mention to California Alpha, Iowa Alpha, and Vermont Beta. (p. 19)
2. Gave the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2003-04 to California Sigma. (p. 19)
3. Granted a new chapter to the University of California, Riverside. (p. 9)
4. Applauded new chapters Idaho Beta and Michigan Lambda. (p. 20)

Secretary Froula and Councillor Hu presented letters of recognition and Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each to engineering students who would be named later of the following 15 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards:

5. Applauded the presentation of **34 Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2003-04 to: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Alaska Alpha, California Alpha, California Gamma, California Sigma, California Psi, California Alpha Alpha, Illinois Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Louisiana Gamma, Michigan Delta, Missouri Alpha, New Mexico Gamma, New York Delta, North Dakota Beta, Ohio Mu, Oregon Gamma, Texas Alpha, and to 15 chapters winning scholarships and listed below. (p. 11)
6. Applauded the presentation of **44 Secretary's Commendations** for perfect chapter reporting in 2003-04 to: Alabama Alpha, Alabama Beta, Alabama Delta, Arizona Gamma, California Sigma, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Zeta, Florida Theta, Idaho Alpha, Idaho Beta, Michigan Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Minnesota Beta, Missouri Gamma, New Jersey Gamma, New Mexico Gamma, New York Gamma, New York Delta, New York Nu, New York Tau, North Dakota Beta, Ohio Beta, Ohio Delta, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Lambda, Ohio Mu, Oregon Beta, Tennessee Alpha, West Virginia Beta, Wisconsin Delta, and the 14 chapters winning scholarships and listed below. (p. 8)
7. Applauded the presentation of **\$500 Scholarships** in the Tau Beta Pi Chapter Scholarship Program to: A.) District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Iota, Nevada Beta, New York Kappa, Ohio Beta, Ohio Iota, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha, which had won **three consecutive Project Awards**; and to  
  
B.) California Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Louisiana Gamma, Maryland Beta, Michigan Iota, New York Iota, Ohio Iota, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Epsilon, South Carolina Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha, which had won **three consecutive Secretary's Commendations**. (p. 8)
8. Applauded the presentation of a Greater Interest in Government Chapter Project Grant for 2004-05 to Iowa Alpha (\$545). (p. 19)

9. Applauded the announcement of Tau Beta Pi Laureate Matthew C. Rodrigue, ME A '04. (p. 19)
10. Applauded the announcement of 2004 Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumna Jill S. Tietjen, P.E., VA A '76, an independent engineering consultant. (p. 19)
11. Applauded the announcement of 2004 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor Dr. Richard J. Smith, IA A '69, of Iowa Alpha. (p. 19)
12. Accepted Michigan Iota's invitation to host the 2007 Convention in Dearborn and recommended that California Alpha, Lambda, Upsilon, Phi, and Alpha Alpha resubmit a bid next year for the 2008 Convention. (p. 10)
13. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2005 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2004 Convention except for an increased maximal breakfast reimbursement of \$9. (p. 9)
14. Approved an optional method to display an item during the initiation ceremony. (p. 10)
15. Established a five-year trial Secretary's Commendation Award Program until the 2009 Convention, which will review the program. (pp. 10-11)
16. Made recommendations on various materials and communications to improve the skills and knowledge of Chapter Advisors. (pp. 17-18)
17. Made recommendations on proposed member benefits. (p. 18)
18. Made various recommendations to the Executive Council. (p. 18)