

THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2005 CONVENTION

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

1. **Revise Responsibilities of the Trustee—**  
Constitution Art. XVII, Sec. 3 & 6  
Convention minutes page 10

**Bylaw Amendments Approved by the Convention  
NOT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters**

1. Require Initiation fees to be payable within two weeks —  
Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03  
Convention minutes pages 10-11 and 13
2. Allow Chapters to Remove an Elected Officer for cause —  
Bylaw V, Sec. 5.01 (a) and (d) (new) and Sec. 5.03 (g)  
Convention minutes pages 11-12 and 13-14

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

1. Gave the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2004-05 to Vermont Beta, with honorable mentions to Ohio Iota and New York Nu. (p. 18)
2. Gave the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2004-05 to Alabama Epsilon, with honorable mention to Florida Gamma. (p. 17)
3. Granted a new chapter to Rowan University. (p. 9)
4. Applauded new chapter California Alpha Beta. (p. 19)
5. Elected the Foundation Executive Council Slate to office for the 2006-10 term. (p. 12 and 16)
6. Applauded the presentation of **30 Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2004-05 to: Alabama Epsilon, California Lambda, Colorado Beta, Florida Gamma, Georgia Alpha, Illinois Epsilon, Indiana Delta, Louisiana Gamma, Missouri Beta, New York Nu, Oregon Gamma, Wisconsin Alpha, and to the following 18 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were awarded Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: California Alpha, California Psi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Iota, New Mexico Gamma, New York Delta, New York Kappa, Ohio Beta, Ohio Iota, Tennessee Alpha, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha. (p. 12)

7. Applauded the presentation of **55 Secretary's Commendations** and cash awards for perfect chapter reporting in 2004-05 to: Alabama Epsilon (\$100), Arizona Gamma (\$200), California Lambda (\$100), Colorado Alpha (\$200), District of Columbia Alpha (\$100), Florida Beta (\$100), Florida Gamma (\$100), Idaho Alpha (\$200), Idaho Beta (\$200), Illinois Alpha (\$100), Illinois Gamma (\$100), Indiana Beta (\$100), Indiana Epsilon (\$100), Iowa Beta (\$100), Maine Alpha (\$100), Maryland Gamma (\$100), Massachusetts Delta (\$100), Massachusetts Theta (\$100), Michigan Alpha (\$200), Michigan Theta (\$100), Michigan Iota (\$300), Michigan Lambda (\$100), Minnesota Alpha (\$100), Mississippi Alpha (\$100), Nevada Alpha (\$100), New York Gamma (\$200), New York Delta (\$200), New York Kappa (\$100), New York Nu (\$200), New York Pi (\$100), North Dakota Beta (\$300), Ohio Beta (\$200), Ohio Delta (\$200), Ohio Zeta (\$100), Ohio Iota (\$300), Ohio Kappa (\$200), Ohio Lambda (\$200), Ohio Mu (\$300), Ohio Nu (\$300), Oklahoma Alpha (\$100), Oregon Beta (\$200), Oregon Gamma (\$300), Pennsylvania Eta (\$100), Pennsylvania Theta (\$100), Pennsylvania Kappa (\$100), Pennsylvania Lambda (\$100), South Carolina Alpha (\$300), South Dakota Alpha (\$300), Tennessee Alpha (\$300), Utah Gamma (\$100), Vermont Beta (\$300), Virginia Beta (\$100), Virginia Delta (\$100), West Virginia Beta (\$200), and Wisconsin Epsilon (\$100). (p. 9)
8. Applauded the presentation of a Greater Interest in Government Chapter Project Grant of \$746 for 2005-06 to Maryland Beta. (p. 17)
9. Applauded the announcement of Tau Beta Pi Laureate Clara C. Shih, CA G '05. (p. 17)
10. Applauded the announcement of 2005 Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumnus Dr. H. Vincent Poor, AL A '72, professor of engineering at Princeton University. (p. 8)
11. Applauded the announcement of 2005 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor Dr. Sally G. Steadman, WY A '69, of Alabama Epsilon. (p. 17)
12. Referred invitations to host the 2008 Convention from California Alpha, Lambda, and Upsilon and from Massachusetts Beta to the 2006 Convention. (pp. 13 and 16)
13. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2006 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2005 Convention. (p. 10)
14. Accepted appeals from CA A, CA G, CA Psi, CA AB, CO B, IN E, KS G, MI G, NY K, OK A, and OR G and denied appeals from CA A, CO B, KS A, MS A, and MO G regarding the eligibility of students of various non ABET/EAC curricula. (pp. 14-15)
15. Approved remote video conferences of the initiation ceremony meeting certain conditions and approved by the Executive Council and made minor revisions to the Ritual. (p. 13)
16. Set a limit of \$25,000 for the Secretary's Commendation Award Program that would require Convention review, until the 2009 Convention, which will review the program. (p. 13)
17. Made recommendations on various materials, seminars, and communications to improve the skills and knowledge of Chapter Advisors. (p. 15)
18. Made recommendations to improve the effectiveness of alumnus chapters. (p. 16)
19. Made various recommendations to the Executive Council. (p. 16)