



## THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2008 CONVENTION

#### Convention Actions

(Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

1. Gave the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2007-08 to Florida Gamma at the University of South Florida. Honorable mention was given to Texas Alpha at the University of Texas at Austin and California Alpha at the University of California, Berkeley. (p. 17)
2. Gave the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2007-08 to Pennsylvania Iota at Widener University. Honorable mention was given to Texas Alpha at the University of Texas at Austin. (p. 17)
3. Applauded new chapters California Alpha Delta and Ohio Xi. (p. 18)
4. Provided an update on the National K-12 MindSET Program. (p. 15)
5. Applauded the presentation of **78 Secretary's Commendations** and cash awards for perfect chapter reporting in 2007-08 to: Alabama Alpha (\$100), Alabama Epsilon (\$300), Arizona Alpha (\$100), Arkansas Alpha (\$300), California Alpha (\$300), California Epsilon (\$300), California Sigma (\$100), California Upsilon (\$100), California Omega (\$200), California Alpha Alpha (\$100), California Alpha Gamma (\$100), Colorado Alpha (\$200), Colorado Beta (\$100), Colorado Delta (\$200), Colorado Zeta (\$200), Connecticut Beta (\$200), Connecticut Gamma (\$200), District of Columbia Alpha (\$100), District of Columbia Beta (\$200), Florida Alpha (\$100), Florida Gamma (\$300), Idaho Beta (\$300), Illinois Beta (\$100), Illinois Zeta (\$100), Indiana Alpha (\$100), Indiana Gamma (\$100), Indiana Delta (\$100), Indiana Epsilon (\$300), Iowa Alpha (\$100), Kansas Alpha (\$200), Kansas Gamma (\$300), Louisiana Beta (\$100), Maryland Beta (\$100), Michigan Gamma (\$100), Michigan Delta (\$100), Michigan Epsilon (\$200), Michigan Theta (\$300), Michigan Iota (\$100), Michigan Kappa (\$300), Montana Beta (\$100), New Hampshire Alpha (\$300), New Hampshire Beta (\$100), New Jersey Alpha (\$100), New Mexico Gamma (\$100), New York Beta (\$100), New York Omicron (\$200), New York Rho (\$100), New York Tau (\$300), North Dakota Alpha (\$200), North Dakota Beta (\$300), Ohio Beta (\$100), Ohio Delta (\$100), Ohio Eta (\$300), Ohio Iota (\$300), Ohio Mu (\$300), Ohio Nu (\$300), Oregon Alpha (\$100), Oregon Beta (\$100), Oregon Gamma (\$300), Pennsylvania Beta (\$100), Pennsylvania Eta (\$100), Pennsylvania Iota (\$100), South Carolina Alpha (\$100), South Carolina Beta (\$100), South Dakota Alpha (\$100), South Dakota Beta (\$100), Tennessee Beta (\$100), Texas Alpha (\$200), Utah Beta (\$100), Utah Gamma (\$200), Vermont Alpha (\$200), Vermont Beta (\$100), Washington Beta (\$200), Washington Delta (\$100), Wisconsin Beta (\$100), Wisconsin Epsilon (\$300), and Wyoming Alpha (\$300). (p. 9)

6. Applauded the presentation of **33 Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2007-08 to: Indiana Beta, Iowa Alpha, Louisiana Gamma, Michigan Delta, Minnesota Alpha, New Jersey Alpha, New York Delta, New York Tau, North Dakota Alpha, Oregon Gamma, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, Texas Alpha, and West Virginia Alpha, and to the following 19 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Psi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Gamma, Illinois Alpha, Indiana Delta, Maryland Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Iota, New Mexico Gamma, Ohio Beta, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Beta, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha. (p. 12)
7. Applauded the announcement of 2008 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor: **Dr. Steven M. Cramer, P.E., Wisconsin Alpha '79**, associate dean of academic affairs and professor in the department of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. (p. 16)
8. Applauded the announcement of 2008 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor **Dr. Richard B. Hayter, P.E., South Dakota Beta '65**, of Kansas Gamma at Kansas State University. (p. 16)
9. Applauded the presentations of Tau Beta Pi Laureates **Austin D. Cooley, Florida Alpha '08, and Melanie R. Vedvei, South Dakota Alpha '08**. (p. 16)
10. Applauded the announcement of 2008 Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumni **Stephen D. Bechtel Jr., P.E., Indiana Alpha '46**, chairman retired and a director of Bechtel Group Inc., and **Dr. Warren G. Schlinger, California Beta '44**, venerated industrial leader and philanthropist. (p. 17)
11. Extended the deadline for invitations to host the 2011 Convention until November 21, 2008, and delegated the Executive Council to choose. (pp. 14-15)
12. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2009 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2008 Convention. (p. 10)
13. Accepted two appeals from IN A and OH M regarding the eligibility of students of various non EAC/ABET curricula. (pp. 11-13)
14. Developed documents to explain wording in the Ritual. (pp. 10-11)
15. Recommended that the *ad hoc* Committee on Chapter Advisors be extended to the 2009 Convention. (p. 14)
16. Made various recommendations to the Executive Council. (pp. 15-16)