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October 7-9, 2010

Voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and national officials registered for the Convention at the Radisson Valley Forge on October 7. Final registration of those who attended the business meetings was as follows:

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PA A Richard P. Vinci
PA Γ David S. Kaplan
PA E Rebecca L. Rosenbauer
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SD B Alex Moutsoglou
TN G Corinne M. Darvennes
UT B Robert H. Todd
WA D Jillian R. Cadwell

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Front Range Sandra B. Pitzak
Ohio’s North Coast Edward D. Basta
Sacramento Christine E. Holl
San Francisco Bay Area Nicholas J. Hwang
Southeastern Michigan Christopher A. Burtka
Washington, DC Leonard Sadauskas

Alumnus Visitors & Laureates:

Christina L. Bonnington, MS B’10
Ronal E. Butler, DC B ’78
J. Lehmon Dekle, SC A ’91
Lyle D. Feisel, IA A ’61
Michael A. Forman, CO B ’95
Andy Y. Hai-Ting, DC A ’05
Terry J. Hart, PA A ’68
Ravindranath Jaglal, DC A ’11
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Harry W. Lange, MI Z ’75
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Manish Paliwal, NJ D ’03
Alton D. Romig, PA A ’75
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S. David Wu, PA A ’81
Stephanie N. Zastrow, MN A ’11

Hosts and Others:

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Chair Dennis Kuan-Wen Tung (PA A). Other Pennsylvania Alpha members and initiates assisting at the Convention were: M.W. Brenner, J.B. Dow, A.E. Freeman, S.A. Horst, M.J. Melillo, D.J.T. Powell, K.F. Rom, and K.M. Tezlaf.

2011 Convention arrangements leader Mark J. Tozzi (IN A) was in attendance.

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Officials of the Association in attendance were:

**National Officers**
- President L.A. Simonson
- Vice President S.C. Dao
- Councillor J. F.K. Earle
- Councillor J.A. Huggins
- Councillor N. Pih
- Director of Fellowships
  - D.S. Pierre Jr.
- Director of Engineering Futures
  - R.W. Pierce
- Director of Rituals
  - E.J. D'Avignon
- Executive Director
  - J.D. Froula
- Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
  - R.E. Hawks
- Convention Chair
  - R.M. Hickling
- Parliamentarian
  - J.R. Luchini

**District Directors**
- District 1 — Selden J. Houghton
- District 2 — Anthony M. Olenik
- District 3 — Edward P. Gorzkowski
- District 4 — Joseph P. Blackford
- District 5 — Curtis G. Campbell
- District 6 — Kassy M. Lum
- District 7 — Ellie R. Armstrong
- District 8 — Stacey L. Forkner
- District 9 — Robert C. Huck
- District 10 — Brian R. Buisson
- District 11 — James C. Hill
- District 12 — Wade A. Hull
- District 13 — Jeffrey G. Dabling
- District 14 — Timothy M. Edgar
- District 15 — Joseph R. Burnett
- District 16 — Jason A. Corl

**Engineering Futures Facilitators:**
- Hitesh R. Bhambhani
- Cheryl Cheng
- Dirk J. Colbry
- Kathleen L. Colbry
- Catherine G. Gorzkowski
- Nancy F. Gray
- Wendy A. Hillard
- Bradley E. Kabes
- George J. Morales
- Alan J. Passman
- Dennis J. Tyner

*Representatives of the petitioning society:*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Student: Evan L. Phillips    Faculty: Dr. Howard D. Curtis, IN A ’63
President Larry A. Simonson called the Convention to order at 3:00 p.m. In accord with the Bylaws, Secretary J.D. Froula served as Secretary of the Convention. Dr. Simonson asked former Executive Councillors present to stand and be recognized.

The Secretary reported that a quorum was present although final registration was incomplete; 228 voting delegates and national officers were registered.

Executive Councillor Jason A. Huggins defined the Tau Beta Pi applause, introduced members of the Executive Council, Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., Director of Engineering Futures Russell W. Pierce, Director of Rituals Edward J. D’Avignon, Executive Director Froula, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger E. Hawks, Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling, Parliamentarian John R. Luchini, District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators present in standing groups, and Ray Thompson, photographer.

The President’s Report for the Executive Council for 2009-10 was presented by Dr. Simonson. 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 reviewed the history and importance of the Fellowship and Scholarship Program and recognized the assistance of the Executive Council, Executive Director, Ray Thompson, and Headquarters staff. He said that 27 Fellows and 102 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 TBPCertificates and Facebook, and to read the FAQs at www.tbp.org.

The Report of the Director of Engineering Futures was given by Mr. 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 35 Facilitators conducted 195 sessions for nearly 2,400 students of 91 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 R.J. Warren (MI G), as follows:

**First Business Meeting:**
- Official opening of the Convention
- Quorum report of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Introduction of National Officials
- President’s report for Executive Council
- Report of Director of Fellowships
- Report of Director of Engineering Futures
- Adoption of Convention Agenda
- 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

**Third Business Meeting:**
- Action as necessary on Committee recommendations
- Report of Chapter Advisors (ad hoc)
- Report of Chapter Website Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of Award Committee
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- New Business

**Final Business Meeting:**
- Presentation of 2010 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor
- Presentation of 2010 National Outstanding Advisor
- Presentation of 2010 Laureates
- Presentation of 2010 Distinguished Alumnus
- Final Report of Award Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Installation of Executive Council
- 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:
Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Elizabeth A. Junkin, AL B  
Stephen M. Dumas, AK A  
David M. Fryauf, AR A  
Kenneth Diedrich, CA D  
Annamarie R. Usher, CA M  
Emi Nakayama, CA Psi  
Chasen W. Peters, CA AD, Chair  
Jenna L. Graham, DC B  
Mark T. Pomereneke, IN G  
Gigi H. Phan, KS B  
Nicholas E. D'Eramo, MA Z  
Richard N. Danforth, MI A  
----------------------------, MO D  
Philip J. Croteau, NH B  
Vinay K. Varadarajan, NJ G  
Sarah A. Kilmer, NM G  
Matthew S. Souva, NY Th  
Michelle K. Sing, OH A, Secretary  
Eric S. Harper, OH Th, Chair  
Brian P. Oyster, OK G  
----------, PA H  
Jennifer A. Johnson, SC A  
Michael S. Davis, SC G  
Jeffrey L. McGehee, TN G  
Jason P. McCroskey, TN Z  
Rohit Rawat, TX H  

Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee:

George S. Waits, AL G  
Andrew C.L. Aw, CA G  
Vincent Sung, CA E  
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Aileen L. Ong, CA N  
Laura E. Gonzalez, FL B  
Daniel A. Rodriguez, FL E  
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Laura M. Zitella, IL Z  
Stephen E. Odegard, IN D  
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Eric M. Gingrich, MI E, Vice-Chair  
Gregory A. Nowak, MI L  
Aaron R. Cook, MO A  
Jared R. Funston, NM B, Chair  
Kyle E. Watters, NY G  
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Steven L. Strack, ND A  
Lauren S. Sutherland, OH I  
Clay A. Grogan, OK B  
Kyle R. Kendall, PA I  

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Joseph Y. Li, CA S  
Jessica M. Bartosch, CA Chi  
Joseph D.E. Vranich, CA AA  
Steven H. Bach, CA AB  
Heather J. Esposito, CA AG  
Timothy M. Douglas, CO A  
Scott M. Trocchia, DC G  
Cory A. Nation, FL G  
Ryan E. Brock, IL G  
Jose E. Suarez, LA E  
Robert Y. Romano, MD A  
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Sean M. Gordon, MA Th  
Blake J. Riley, MI Z  
Kaitlyn F. Mallett, MI I  
Benjamin R. Forry, NY B  
Karen M. Tschinkel, NY X  
Kirstie T. Caesar, NY T  
Heather C. Nejman, OH B  
Timothy A. Kidson, OH L  
Daniel E. LaCroix, OH N  
Gregory J. Sleasman, PA Th  
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Convention Site Committee:

Sean M. Ramsey, AL E  
Peter J. Renslow, AZ B  
Laura M. Karoly, CA Th  
Katherine M. Belluomini, CA O  
Ehimwenma Nosakhare, DC A  
Zachary K. Jankovsky, IL D  
Oliver S. Janovitz, IN A  
Adam P. Christiansen, IA A  
Anthony J. Melchiiorri, IA B  
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Elizabeth R. Avondo, MA I  
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---------------, MN B  
Allison M. Claas, MN A  
Jessica L. Stigile, MO G  
Rachel L. Beckett, NJ B  
Alycia S. Gailey, NY D  
Artém Durytsky, NY R  
Mark F. Spencer, OH H  
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Lucas J. Janes, PA K  
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Matthew S. Green, TX E  
Ethan L. Levelle, VT A  
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President Simonson announced that the Executive Council had appointed Ronald M. Hickling as Permanent Chair of the Convention, in accord with the Bylaws. He yielded the gavel to Mr. Hickling who announced that Dr. John R. Luchini 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, Mr. Hickling suspended the rules interfering with an early adjournment of the First Business Meeting and ordered the committee meetings to begin at 3:45 p.m. and District meetings to begin at 4:45 p.m.

Chairman Hickling declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 3:35 p.m.

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**The Headquarters display** was viewed during the Convention in the ballroom foyer of the convention center. Refreshments were served from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the 76 Tavern where a *Recruiting Fair* was staffed by: Air Force Recruiting Services, Case Western Reserve University, Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science, Cooper Tire, Electro-Motive Diesel, Inc., 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, Lehigh University P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, Lutron Electronics, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, MIT Lincoln Laboratories, NCEES, National Society of Professional Engineers, New Jersey Institute of Technology, PPI, Raytheon, Rutgers University, Sandia National Laboratories, Stevens Institute of Technology, Teach For America, Tyco Electronics, University of Connecticut, University of Kansas School of Engineering, University of Michigan College of Engineering, University of Notre Dame Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Tennessee.

**Meetings of all Convention Committees and Alumnus Chapters** were held in rooms of the hotel starting at 3:45 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 4:45 p.m.

**The Welcoming Dinner** of the Convention was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Bucks Ballroom; seating was by Districts. Arrangements Chair Kuan-Wen (Dennis) Tung was master of ceremonies; he welcomed all visitors to King of Prussia. J. Lehman Dekle, P.E., *SC A '91*, 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. Dr. S. David Wu, *PA A '81*, dean, college of engineering and applied science, Lehigh University, welcomed the delegates on behalf of his students and distinguished faculty. Robert É. Asselin, president of Pennsylvania Alpha, welcomed the delegates to enjoy a wonderful Convention and to visit King of Prussia and Lehigh University for the tours on Saturday and the rededication of the Bent monument. Dr. Lyle D. Feisel, P.E., spoke on the profession of engineering with its codes of ethics and body of knowledge. He encouraged all to read about the history of engineering, to grow into positive role models, and to become part of the long “brown and white” line of engineers. Dr. Larry A. Simonson, P.E., President, presented a plaque to the President of the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter in honor of its 125th anniversary. A total of 450 people enjoyed the banquet, sponsored by NCEES featuring a chicken piccata and chocolate layered cheesecake 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.

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**Committee and 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. Fourteen 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 Bucks Ballroom at noon, and seating was by ICE groups. A total of 440 people enjoyed the pasta entree and chocolate chiffon cake, sponsored by Raytheon. After the meal, Mr. Froula presented a summary of the Executive Director’s Report for 2009-10, which was given to each Convention registrant (and appeared in the Fall 2010 BENT).

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Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. The amendment failed said that the total cost would be closer to $7,000 or approximately three scholarships. The question was called, debate ended, and the sustain the trust investments. D.S. Pierre Jr., (DF) said that the amendment would cost approximately $3,500, and C.M. Rodi (V A E) bursed. M.J. Giannetti (LA B) believes that the costs are reasonable because delegates would be required to pay for their own breakfasts if they were not reim (V A B) spoke in opposition because many airport meals are higher than the policy allows. B.L. English (MD G) said that the commit $9 per day for on-site breakfasts at the Convention for voting delegates and certain specified non-voting delegates. D.E. Roseberry for delegates only of $5, $6, and $8 for breakfast, lunch, and dinner en route (limited to three meals each way), terminal expenses and purchase airline ticket for one non-voting delegate per collegiate chapter, for a maximal reimbursement of $200; meal reimbursement lodging en route only; flying reimbursement for a 14-day advance-purchase ticket for a delegate and 20 percent of a 14-day advance-voting delegates driving reimbursement of $.25 per mile plus $.05 per mile for additional member-passengers (3 maximum) and $42 be the same as that of the 2009 Convention with a minor clarification.

Mr. Clemon reported that his committee recommends that the expense reimbursement allowance to the 2010 Convention be the same as that of the 2009 Convention with a minor clarification. This policy provides for voting and certain selected non-voting delegates 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 per day for on-site breakfasts at the Convention for voting delegates and certain specified non-voting delegates. D.E. Roseberry (VA B) spoke in opposition because many airport meals are higher than the policy allows. B.L. English (MD G) said that the committee believes that the costs are reasonable because delegates would be required to pay for their own breakfasts if they were not reimbursed. M.J. Giannetti (LA B) moved, seconded by B.S. Banks (TX M), that the breakfast, lunch, and dinner reimbursements be increased to $7, $9, and $10. N.E. Wald (PA Z) said the expenses should not be increased in order to control spending and help to sustain the trust investments. D.S. Pierre Jr., (DF) said that the amendment would cost approximately $3,500, and C.M. Rodi (VA E) said that the total cost would be closer to $7,000 or approximately three scholarships. The question was called, debate ended, and the amendment failed on a voice vote. Without objection, debate ended, and the motion passed on a voice vote. 2010 Conv. 9
Mr. Clemon moved, seconded by an unidentified delegate, that up to 10 percent of chapters from each District be allocated full reimbursement for one non-voting delegate to attend the Convention, the number to be rounded up to the next highest whole number. Specific chapters are to be selected by the respective District Director with particular consideration given to struggling chapters. This policy will be placed under review by the 2013 committee. He said that current policy is to reimburse up to 20 percent, and that a more conservative policy would be more affordable, and that this policy is important for chapter development. In response to a question, Dr. Luchini said that a committee at the 2011 Convention could repeal the policy. Without objection, the subject was referred to committee.

The Report of the Committee on Rituals was called. Q. Hu (TX G), Chair, asked all non-members to leave the room and said that her group had prepared for the Pennsylvania Alpha Model Initiation by assigning reading positions, examining the initiation kit, preparing the keys for all initiates, and conducting a rehearsal. The group had reviewed the Ritual and decided that one change should be considered. She moved, seconded by R.W. Streeter (WY A) to change the text of the first reading part to “until instructed otherwise.” There was no further discussion, and the motion passed on a standing vote.

The Report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. R.J. Warren (MI G), Chair, said that his group was reviewing bids from Iowa Alpha and Washington Delta and would report again in the Third Business Meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter Website (ad hoc), was called. B.V. Getsinger (NJ E), Chair, said that two chapters had appealed three curricula and that his 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. His group had reached consensus on the motions for approval. A list of criteria was applied to all appeals for fair evaluation as proper measures of qualifications for Tau Beta Pi-eligible programs: 1) All requisite materials have been submitted in a timely manner. 2) Curriculum is endorsed/administered by a unit of engineering. 3) Curriculum’s core courses constitute an acceptable engineering course of study (as determined by committee approval). 4) Curriculum includes a senior design project, capstone project, or culminating experience. 5) Interview supported a well thought-out appeal and made a compelling argument for whether the curricula should be approved. nd 6) Final committee recommendation is based on consensus.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was called. E.S. Harper (OH Th), Chair, stated that his group was charged with four tasks. His first task was a proposal to fine chapters for failure to file IRS form 990-N for two consecutive years. He moved, seconded by V.K. Varadarajan (NJ G), to amend Bylaw V, Section 5.03(d), and Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01 and 8.05, to assess a $50 flat fine upon chapters that fail to file the appropriate 990 form as required by the IRS for two consecutive fiscal years. Discussion against the proposal suggested that a $50 fine is excessive and punitive and that chapters should not be referred to the committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs. Other speakers noted that the purpose of the fine is to get the attention of the irresponsible chapters and that responsible chapters would have nothing to fear. The exact wording of the motion appears in the Third Business Meeting. Chairman Hickling ruled that the motion be tabled.

Mr. Harper moved, seconded by A.M. Phillippe (TN A), to amend Const. Art. III, Sec. 2(b) and (d), to permit more than one Officer or Director of the Association to be appointed as advisors to each committee and to modify the permanent Convention Chair process such that the Chair would be selected rather than elected. J.A. Harmon (WA A) spoke in opposition because the original meaning of Sec. 2(b) would be changed. Without objection, Mr. Hickling ordered that the motion be committed. The wording appears in the Third Business Meeting.

Mr. Harper said that his group would report during the Third Business Meeting on the issue of defining engineering juniors and seniors.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter Advisors (ad hoc), was called. B.L. Frost (MI K Adv.) said that his group worked to address three goals: 1) Strengthen the network of chapter advisors; 2) Train new advisors; and 3) Gather information and ideas for the development of a Chapter Advisor Mentoring Program. His committee noted that a larger ratio than normal of advisors who are graduate students or from industry relative to faculty advisors is in attendance this year. Additional data will be compiled by the Advisor Recruitment and Development Committee and reported to advisors and the Executive Council.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter Website (ad hoc) was called. B.W. Gasser (AL D), Chair, said that the chapter website has problems and requires improvements and that Dylan Lane, Headquarters Webmaster, has created a pilot website that needs additional improvements, and he described various problems and made recommendations. He said that chapters need assistance with their websites and that Headquarters has a basic rigid, but limited design that chapters can use.

Chairman Hickling conducted a test of the proposed cell-phone voting system to be used for the next two days. The Second Business Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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District Meetings reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

Dinner was held at 5:45 p.m. in the Bucks Ballroom; seating was by committee grouping. Terry J. Hart, PA A ’68, professor of practice at Lehigh University and former NASA astronaut, reviewed the engineering accomplishments and history of aerospace flight development during the last 100 years including the Wright brothers, P-51 Mustang, Bill X-1 F104, Boeing 707, Redstone missile, Atlis missile, SR-71 Blackbird (2000 missiles fired at it without a single hit), Titan rocket, Saturn V, Apollo program, Skylab, and his future expectations. A total of 450 people enjoyed the filet of beef and Italian rum cake, sponsored by GEICO.

Vice President Dao recognized the service anniversaries of District 10 Director D.A. Kamat and Director of Engineering Futures R.W. Pierce for 18 years, and Engineering Futures Facilitators N.F. Gray and Dr. J.R. Luchini for 12 years.

Secretary Froula and Vice President Dao presented 30 Chapter Project Awards for excellence in project work during 2009-10 to: California Delta, California Epsilon, Colorado Alpha, Kentuckly Alpha, Maryland Beta, Minnesota Alpha, New York Nu, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Beta, Ohio Theta, Ohio Kappa, South Carolina Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, and Texas Beta and the 16 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 16 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, New Mexico Gamma, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Texas Alpha, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha.

Secretary Froula presented plaques to the five chapters making successful Laureate nominations: Indiana Delta, Minnesota Alpha, Mississippi Beta, South Dakota Alpha, and Utah Gamma.

Councillor Earle announced that the Executive Council had made three MindSET Chapter Project Grants and presented plaques to: 1) Colorado Alpha ($750) for its MindSET project “to develop hands-on projects for middle-school students;” 2) Florida Delta ($500) for its MindSET project with K-12 Orlando-area students; and 3) New Hampshire Alpha ($350) for its MindSET project working with K-12 students to improve STEM skills. He announced that the Executive Council had made two GIG Chapter Project Grants and presented plaques to: Ohio Iota for its “Wheelchair Ramp Project,” and Utah Gamma for its “Adventure Playground Project.”

President Simonson and David J. Soukup, managing director–ASME Centers, recognized Dr. Luchini as a new ASME fellow.

A special Quasquicentennial one-man performance by Bill Landry, “Einstein the Man,” sponsored by the University of Tennessee’s college of engineering, was presented at 8:00 p.m.

Committee, Alumnus Chapter, and Engineering Futures Meetings reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary Froula met with the successful petitioners at 9:00 p.m.

District meetings reconvened at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 9.

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 9, Lehigh Ballroom, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m. and Secretary Froula announced the number of votes required to pass various items of business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Petitions, J.R. Funston (NM B), Chair, said that his group had no further business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, L.M. Clemon (KS A), Chair, said that his group had reviewed the chapter accounts receivable and that all chapters that are in arrears except one will be financially sound by the end of the semester. Mr. Clemon moved, seconded by M.J. Pawalowski (NJ A) that the District Directors be authorized to select up to 10 percent (rounded up) of chapters from their Districts to receive full reimbursement for one non-voting delegate per selected chapter. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

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Continuing the Report of the Committee on Convention Site, R.J. Warren (MI G), Chair, said that his group had reviewed two exceptional proposals from Iowa Alpha at Iowa State University and Washington Delta at Gonzaga University. Both invitations were well prepared, and both chapters made strong arguments in favor of their respective locations. After long hours of deliberation spent considering factors such as cost, logistics, hosting ability, leisure activities, and others, he moved, seconded by R.D. Orendorff (MA D) that Iowa Alpha host the 2013 Convention in Ames, IA. B.M. Smith (WA D) said that he supported the motion and would resubmit a future bid. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Warren recommended that future Convention Site Committee members be provided the charts, “Expense analysis by area” and “Summary of Convention Costs” in the Financial Report to the Convention Committee on Financial Affairs.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (ad hoc), B.V. Getsinger (NJ E), Chair, said that his group had concluded its review of three appealed curricula. He reviewed Art. VIII, Sec. 2(b) (i) that states a chapter may appeal to Convention the eligibility of students of other undergraduate curricula that are administered by a unit of engineering of the institution... and reviewed the six guidelines that he presented in the Second Business Meeting.

Mr. Getsinger moved, seconded by J.D. Vranich, (CA AA), to approve the appeal by Massachusetts Delta to include the B.S. in computer science curriculum at Tufts University for eligibility for admittance into Tau Beta Pi. He stated that all guidelines were met. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed on a standing vote.

Mr. Getsinger moved, seconded by L.E. Gonzalez (FL B), to approve the appeal by Florida Alpha to include the B.S. in computer science curriculum at the University of Florida for eligibility for admittance into Tau Beta Pi. He restated that all guidelines had been met. O.S. Janovitz (IN A) inquired if computer science students were eligible for Phi Beta Kappa. E.C. Graham (FL A) said that C.S. students in the college of engineering were ineligible but C.S. students receiving a B.A. in the college of liberal arts were eligible. Chairman Hickling ruled that the motion passed by a voice vote but a division of the house was called. The motion to approve the appeal by Florida Alpha passed on a vote by cellphone texting with 191 in favor and 37 opposed.

E.C. Graham (FL A) moved, seconded by R.L. Perkins, (MI B), to approve the appeal by Florida Alpha to include the B.S. in digital arts and sciences as an engineering curriculum for eligibility into Tau Beta Pi. In response to a challenge, Chairman Hickling explained that he interpreted the curriculum appeal from FL A should be allowed in order that the minority could get a fair hearing before the Convention, rather than refuse to let them be heard. Ms. Graham said that the degree is in a department of engineering and that two-thirds of the courses are the same as those in ABET/EAC curricula. A.J. Wickersham (NV B) said that the committee determined that this degree required far fewer technical credits than the B.S.C.S. degree and spoke against the motion. A motion to close debate failed on a show of hands. P.S. Mahal (MI G Adv.) said that Tau Beta Pi should approve this appeal because of our purpose to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges. L.J. Janes (PA K) said that the curriculum lacks sufficient courses in the engineering core and the senior design course is insufficient. Debate was closed on a vote by cellphone with 155 in favor and 70 opposed. The motion failed on a vote by cellphone by 30 in favor and 187 opposed.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws, E.S. Harper (OH Th), Chair, moved, seconded by M.Youssef (VA G) to take from the table the motion to amend Bylaws V and VIII to fine chapters that fail to submit an appropriate 990 form.

Bylaw V, Section 5.03. Duties of Officers.
(d) (7) Report to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association a receipt from the IRS for the appropriate 990 form as required.'

See Bylaw VIII, Sec. 8.01 (h).
(7) (8) Report to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association....
(8) (9) Carry on such other correspondence....
(9) (10) Report to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association....

Bylaw VIII, Section 8.01. Failure to Report. A Chapter that fails to report or to send to the Secretary-Treasurer within two weeks of the time indicated information required by the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be assessed and shall pay the following fines (see Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d) (1-6 7)):
(h) Five dollars ($5.00) on the receipt for the appropriate 990 form.

Section 8.05. Failure to file the appropriate IRS 990 form. A chapter that fails to file the appropriate 990 form as required by the IRS for two consecutive fiscal years shall be assessed a flat fine of fifty dollars ($50.00) and shall be required to report to the next Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee.

Section 8.05.06. Failure to Comply....
Section 8.05.07. Application....
Section 8.05.08. Deadlines....

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B.L. English (MD G) moved, seconded by M.J. Pawalowski (NJ A), to delete the words “and shall be required to report to the next Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee.” He said that this reporting would be unnecessary because the
committee has enough work. After brief discussion, without objection, debate ended, and the amendment failed on a voice vote. A.S. Gailey (NY D) moved, seconded by an unknown delegate to replace “shall be assessed a flat fine of $50” with “shall be sent a warning letter.” She said that a chapter failing to file would also have enough problems. R.E. Hawks (AST) spoke against the amendment because warning letters would have already been sent and been ignored. Debate was closed without objection, and the amendment failed on a voice vote. The Bylaw amendment was adopted on a written ballot without objection with 217 in favor and 23 opposed and became effective immediately.

Mr. Harper moved, seconded by M. Vu (TX A), to take from the table the motion to amend Const. Art. III Sec. 2, to correct two inconsistencies.

Const. Art. III, Sec. 2, Convention.
b) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall, prior to the Convention, appoint an appropriate number of delegates to the following Committees: (1) Petitions, (2) Constitution and Bylaws, (3) Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, (4) Rituals, (5) Convention Site, (6) Resolutions, (7) Awards, and such other Committees as the Executive Council may authorize. Either an Officer or a Director of the Association shall be appointed to act as advisor to each Committee. One or more Officers or Directors of the Association shall be appointed to act as advisor(s) to each Committee. These Committees shall meet on the first day of the Convention to consider the respective subjects and later shall present their reports to the Convention.
(d) The Collegiate and Alumnus Chapters and Association officers may submit nominations for permanent Convention Chair to the Executive Council by June 1 of the Convention year for which the Chair will be elected. After consideration of these nominations, the Executive Council shall appoint a permanent Chair of the Convention in advance of each Convention.…

[Struck words deleted; underscored words added.]

He said that the amendment to Sec. 2(b) reflects the current operation of the Convention, where each committee has one advisor and usually a few consultants. This proposal changes the title of the consultants to advisors but in no way changes their actual role. The amendment to Sec. 2(d) reflects current practice. Since 1980, the Chair has been appointed by the Executive Council, and the word “elected” was accidentally left unchanged when the Constitution was amended to read “appoint.” Debate ended, and the Convention adopted the amendments by written ballot with 224 in favor and 16 opposed, but final approval of the changes are subject to chapter ratification.

Mr. Harper moved, seconded by L.M. Clemon (KS A), that each chapter must specify in its chapter bylaws its method of determining junior and senior standing. He moved, seconded by J.D. Vranich (CA AA), that a report of compliance be submitted to Headquarters by January 1, 2011. This is a required report. He said that his group unanimously determined that the Constitution includes a sufficient method to determine junior and senior standing found in Art. VIII, Sec. 2, (f) and (h). Additionally, the Constitution allows for each chapter to use its institution’s method of determining which students are juniors and which are seniors. The date was chosen so that the report will be submitted before everyone leaves for the summer. Debate ended on a show of hands on the first motion, and the motion passed on a show of hands.

M. Youssef (VA G), moved, seconded by R.E. Asselin (PA A), to amend the second motion to replace January 1 with April 1. She said that more time to comply would be useful to the chapters. J.A. Johnson (SC A) said that most chapters are thought to have already complied. C.M. Rodi (VA E) said that some chapters are non-compliant and do need more time. Debate ended on a vote by cellphone texting, and the amendment to change the deadline to April 1 passed on a voice vote. Without objection, debate ended, and the amended motion was carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Hickling recessed the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The Third Business Meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter Website (ad hoc) was called. B.W. Gasser (AL D), Chair, recognized Dylan Lane, Roger Hawks, and Ray Thompson for their work on www.tbp.org and restated his group’s charge to: 1) review the chapter website (www.tbp.org/chapters) with reference to the recommendations presented by the 2009 Convention and 2) evaluate resources provided by Headquarters for the building and maintenance of individual chapter websites. The chapter website has numerous problems including: 1) an overwhelming bulk of material is presented on each page, 2) drop-down menus with multiple levels are difficult to use; 3) pages require excessive scrolling, 4) many links are circular and 5) there is no visual hierarchical structure to allow the user to see the path and offer a simple method of return. He demonstrated a pilot website developed by Dylan Lane, Headquarters Webmaster, and recommended: 1) a four-hyphen click system, 2) a tab system to store site content, 3) the use of unique roots to material to eliminate circular links and redundant pages, and 4) improvements to the chapter report website. He moved, seconded by A.M. Phillippe (TN A), that www.tbp.org/chapters be visually simplified and content presented in a structure similar to a model that he demonstrated and that it shall be implemented and live on July 31, 2011. He said that the July transition would not confuse current officers. G.M. Hashmi (MN B) moved, seconded by M.J. Pawalowski (NJ A), to replace July with May. He said this would be preferred for new officers. D. Lane, TBP Webmaster, said that July is preferable. Debate ended and the amendment failed on a voice vote. R.E. Hawks, (AST) moved, seconded by B.R. Forry (NY B), that “no later than” be replaced with “on July 31.” Debate ended on a show of hands, and the July 31 amendment passed on a show of hands. The motion passed on a voice vote.

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Mr. Gasser made recommendations for further development: 1) when the new website is released, Headquarters should arrange for chapter presidents to beta test the mock-up and provide feedback prior to going live, and 2) his group created a recommended structure for the website content as a work in progress that the webmaster will develop further and deploy, and the progress of which should be reviewed at the 2011 Convention. He said that resources do exist for individual chapter websites and that: 1) availability needs to be advertised; 2) chapters without websites or with out-of-date sites should be specifically encouraged to use this system; and 3) use of the sites allows a list of access information to be maintained at Headquarters in case of loss or failure of officers to pass the information to new officers. He provided recommended instructions to enable chapters to create a chapter website for the first time.

**The Report of the Committee on Awards** was called. K.R. Fukumoto (ID G), Chair, said that the current method for selecting the finalists for the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award has some good portions and some that need improvement and recommended that the scoring system remain unchanged, but the final selection method be changed. The current system is based on three-year scores for chapter reports and chapter projects on a scale of 1 to 7 and is satisfactory. The method for picking finalists is subjective but does not consider the average change over time and is unsatisfactory. The new proposed method of selecting finalists is as follows: \( X_i \) represents the value of the score during a current three-year period, with \( X_0 \) representing the first year of the three year period. \( X_{\text{avg}} \) represents the mean value of the scores over the three year period. \( X_{i,j} \) represents the change in the score between the i-th year and the j-th year. If \( \Delta X_{i,j} \) is positive, then the score is subtracted from the total score. The total score for a given section (Report of Project) is calculated as follows:

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\text{Selection Score} = X_0 - X_{\text{avg}}
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IF \( \Delta X_{0,1} \) or \( \Delta X_{1,2} > 0 \), then \( \text{Selection Score} = -(\Delta X_{0,1} \text{ or } \Delta X_{1,2}) \)

The score from each portion is then added for a total score for each chapter that is to be used to select qualifying chapters. He provided further details and said that the proposed method takes advantage of the rolling three-year average of the scores, while taking into account the initial scores over the three-year span.

J.J.M. Fegurgur (CA U), Vice Chair, reviewed the criteria for the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award and said that winners would be announced at the Final Business Meeting.

The **Report of the Committee on Resolutions** was called. B.E. Ward (CO D), Chair, said that because of the schedule for special events during the afternoon, he had nothing to report.

B.L. Langrill, (MD A Adv.) presented an update on **Alumnus Chapters.** He described a pilot program in District 4 designed to show candidates that membership is more than a line on a resume, to benefit graduating seniors who are relocating, to provide a means for remaining involved in the Association, and to keep more people informed. Headquarters receives and provides address updates to alumnus chapters and of 204 alumni relocating to District 4, 10 of 18 new graduates have been paired with volunteer alumni, while work is continuing. The chapter will gather feedback during the year, refine the process, and report to the 2011 Convention. He recommended that future reports from alumnus chapters be included in the Convention agenda.

**The Third Business Meeting was adjourned** at 11:21 a.m.

A box lunch, sponsored by GEICO for voting delegates, was provided on the way to the Lehigh University campus.

**Campus tours** were conducted at 12:45 p.m.

The Lehigh University **Bent Monument was rededicated** in front of Asa Packard Laboratory at 2:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Alpha President Robert Asselin introduced Dean S. David Wu, who welcomed all to the birthplace of Tau Beta Pi on the 1,600-acre Asa Packard campus. He introduced Dr. Alice P. Gast, CA D ’84 and president of Lehigh University. She welcomed all and stated the appropriateness of Tau Beta Pi’s founding here because Lehigh was founded in 1885 by a risk-taker, Asa Packard. It is appropriate to move the monument to the current home of the engineering college. She said that every Lehigh president since 1895 was or is a member of Tau Beta Pi. She spoke of the importance of integrity and excellence in engineering, and Dr. Wu unveiled the monument initially planned and donated by the Lehigh Valley Alumnus Chapter and dedicated on a slope immediately in front of Williams Hall on October 13, 1960, during the 75th anniversary of the Tau Beta Pi Convention.

**The Model Initiation** was conducted at 2:35 p.m. in Packard Auditorium 101 on the campus. The Committee on Rituals and members of the host chapter had organized this ceremony. Director of Rituals D’Avignon 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 Vice President Dao, Secretary Froula, District 3 Directors E.P. Gorzkowski, A.J. Rovnan, PA Alpha President R.E. Asselin, PA Alpha Advisor R.P. Vinci, and Ritual Committee members. The Model Initiation brought into membership in the Association eight student members, one alumnus, and one eminent engineer of Pennsylvania Alpha and one student member of Indiana Alpha.
The *Initiation and Award Banquet* was held in the Bucks Ballroom of the Valley Forge Convention Center at 6 p.m. Dr. Richard P. Vinci was master of ceremonies. Vice President Dao welcomed and recognized the Pennsylvania initiates. The Final Business Meeting was held as recorded below after which the Convention received heartfelt messages. A total of 470 people enjoyed the shrimp and chicken entree with carrot cake for dessert, sponsored for the voting delegates by Sandia National Laboratories.

Dr. Alton D. Romig Jr., executive vice president, Sandia National Laboratories, spoke on “The Engineering Playground of Big Science” and described engineering as team-oriented, multi-disciplinary integration, involving modeling and simulation. His firm is a Department of Energy laboratory, owned by Lockheed Martin, and the lab is a government-owned corporate-operated complex. He described various major projects in development such as *Sunshine-to-Petrol* and the subsonic stealthy, joint air-to-surface 14-ft., 2,250-lb., standoff missile. He reminded the delegates that engineers shape the world.

At the conclusion of the Final Business Meeting below, Dr. Vinci wished all delegates successful careers and thanked everyone for the good work accomplished here. Pennsylvania Alpha President Asselin congratulated and thanked the initiates and the Headquarters staff; he thanked the delegates and wished safe trips home to all. President Simonson brought the Headquarters staff to the podium and recognized them. Dr. Simonson thanked the delegates and Pennsylvania Alpha hosts for a smooth-running Convention and invited everyone to the 2011 Convention in Indianapolis, IN. (A casino social celebration was held at 9:45 p.m. in the Monroe Ballroom.)

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**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Saturday, October 9, Initiation and Award Banquet**

Bucks Ballroom, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

Chairman Hickling took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program at 8:10 p.m.

Councillor Pih introduced the 2010 *Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor*: Dr. Donna S. Reese, *MS A ’79*, was recognized for her accomplishments in supporting engineering students and presented her with a $1,000 award. Marion and Capers McDonald presented the McDonald Mentor Medallion. Mr. Pih announced that an additional $1,000 grant had been credited to the Mississippi Alpha Chapter. Dr. Reese said that the real reward in mentoring is to see your students become successful.

Councillor Earle reviewed the history of the Advisor Award Program and presented the 2010 *Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor*: Dr. Robert E. Efimba, *MA B ’63*, District of Columbia Alpha Advisor. He spoke of his accomplishments and presented $1,000 to Dr. Efimba and $1,000 for the Howard University, school of engineering for the college’s discretionary fund. Dr. Efimba acknowledged his dean, fellow advisors, and others and the outstanding work of his District of Columbia Alpha student members.


Dr. Simonson presented the 2010 *Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumnus*: Dr. Merl Baker, P.E., *KY A ’45*. Dr. Simonson read a citation of his accomplishments and presented a special plaque to his son, Merl Baker. (A $2,000 scholarship in Dr. Baker’s name will be awarded in 2011.) Mr. Baker stated his father’s great honor in being named.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards**, K.R. Fukumoto (ID G), Chair, presented the 2010 *R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award* to Montana Alpha and the honorable mention to Michigan Lambda.

M.T. Pomerenke (IN G), Chair, presented **honorable mentions** for the *R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award* to California Alpha and Ohio Iota, whose projects were outstanding. He presented the 2010 *Outstanding Chapter Award to California Psi* at the University of California, San Diego, for its extensive efforts in elementary-school mentoring.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions**, B.E. Ward (CO D), Chair, read the following:

Resolutions of the 2010 Convention

“On behalf of everyone at the 2010 Tau Beta Pi Convention, we thank our hosts, the members of Pennsylvania Alpha, and congratulate them on 125 years of excellence and integrity. A special thanks to President Robert E. Asselin and Arrangements Chair Kuan-Wen (Dennis) Tung, as well as those who volunteered their time to make this event a great success (A plaque and a desk piece were presented). We also thank Executive Council members: President Dr. Larry Simonson, Vice President Solange Dao, and Councillors Dr. Jonathan Earle, Jason Huggins, and Norman Pih.”

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Engineering Futures presented 195 sessions this past year, thanks to Director Russell Pierce and his 35 volunteer instructors. Thanks also to Director of Fellowships Stephen Pierre and the members of the Fellowship Board, Dr. Darrell Donahue, Dr. Susan Holl, and Major Jammie Jamieson.

We appreciate the efforts of Edward D’Avignon as Director of Rituals for helping to maintain the sacred tradition of our initiation ceremony.

Further thanks to the 46 District Directors representing the 16 different Districts, whose knowledge and support have helped their respective chapters succeed. We also thank Tau Beta Pi’s Trust Advisory Committee—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.

Thanks to Pat McDaniel, Director of Development, whose work with our corporate partners has been self-evident over this weekend.

A special thank you to EMC, GEICO, Raytheon, Sandia National Laboratories, NCEES, the University of Tennessee’s college of engineering, and all the other corporate sponsors who graciously provided us with meals and made this Convention possible.

We recognize our five Laureates for their outstanding achievements this year: Christina Bonnington, Jaclyn Kondratko, Elisabeth Linton, Travis Walker, and Stephanie Zastrow.

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Efimba, our 2010 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor, and Dr. Donna Reese, our 2010 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor. Their dedication and contributions to the Association are greatly appreciated.

We would like to recognize 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Dr. Merl Baker for being such an exemplary inspiration to all current and future Tau Bates.

We honor our oldest member, Charles McMurdoo, Virginia Alpha, for providing us with 104 years of wisdom.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Amy Forbes for all her hard work on AlumNet.

Further thanks to the 12,000 outstanding Tau Beta Pi alumni who committed their time and support to the Association and our programs this past year. They exemplify everything that we stand for as Tau Beta Pi.

Thank you to all 220 generous corporations who provided their support to our Fellowship Program through matching grant gifts to our Alumnus Giving Program.

Congratulations also to the Maine Alpha Chapter for its centennial anniversary.

Congratulations to the 12th group of 102 Tau Beta Pi Scholars who received scholarships this year. They are also recognized in the summer issue of The Bent.

Welcome Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to Tau Beta Pi!

Finally, we appreciate all of you, the collegiate and alumnus chapter leaders, for your dedication and service to Tau Beta Pi throughout this year, especially for maintaining and improving the visibility and public image of the Association and its members.”

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by M. Youssef (VA G), that the resolutions be adopted. The motion passed on an enthusiastic voice vote. A humorous skit by the committee was presented later in the evening during the Casino party.

President Simonson reintroduced and officially installed members of the 2006-10 Executive Council, except Mr. Huggings who was absent, to continue to serve in office during 2010-14.

In the spirit of the occasion, Chairman Hickling heard a motion to remove a napkin from the table. The entire banquet group produced a long, complex ring of tied dinner napkins. President Simonson announced that Executive Director Froula plans to retire at the conclusion of the 2011 Convention and that members are encouraged to apply for the position by January 1, 2011. The entire banquet group joined Mr. Froula in the Tau Beta Pi yell. Chairman Hickling thanked Parliamentarian Luchini and the Tellers’ Committee members and praised the delegates for their skills, collaboration, and cooperation. On the motion of K.R. Fukumoto (ID G), seconded by numerous delegates, Chairman Hickling declared the Convention adjourned sine die at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by, Approved by,

James D. Froula, P.E. Ronald M. Hickling
Convention Secretary Convention Chair

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The Gamma Chapter into the Chester Ballroom.

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The Committee has resolved that sleeping during business meetings should be punished by public identification and humiliation by the use of large foam arrows.

We appreciate Headquarters looking at new means of voting, but since no Sprint phones will work in this room, the resolution committee has resolved to find alternative methods. The mechanical engineers suggested tennis balls. The aerospace engineers suggested paper airplanes. The drunken engineer on the side of the room suggested bows and arrows. The aerospace engineers suggested paper airplanes.

The Committee proposes for our 9th proposed resolution that the number of proposed resolutions be amended from 9 to 10.

The Resolutions Committee moves that these resolutions be sealed in a SunnyD bottle and Pennsylvania Alpha store this bottle in its basement for a period of a minimum of 10 years.

NOTE: The prepared skit by the Resolutions Committee was moved into the post-Convention activity and presented following the official adjournment. B.E. Ward (CO D), Resolutions Committee Chair, proposed ten resolutions to the Convention, assisted by a Powerpoint display and members of the Committee:

1. Proposed Resolution of further abbreviation of the abbreviated hand clap:
   We propose that the abbreviated hand clap be abbreviated even further in an effort to achieve the highest level of engineering efficiency. Therefore, we propose the amended quarter clap method for applause. And now we will demonstrate the efficiency increase.
   First, the regular hand clap.
   Next, the quarter clap.
   Did everybody see the increase in efficiency and decrease in energy usage?

2. Proposed Resolution of Storing Financial Assets:
   It has come to our attention that storing financial assets is of the utmost importance to all chapters. For this reason the Resolutions Committee resolves that all funds be placed in a sturdy box of cardboard construction and this box be secured inside another box of cardboard construction and those boxes be moved to an undisclosed location.

3. Proposed Resolution on Inner corridor movement:
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4. Proposed Resolution of Spontaneous Napping:
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5. Proposed Resolution to Improved Hospitality:
   We apologize to those of you that didn’t get rooms immediately upon arrival and propose a solution to this limited space issue. We have upgraded all of the national officials from executive business rooms to luxury suites. We feel this is an acceptable upgrade although we have discovered that there are some disadvantages to these rooms.
   The Nature’s Kingdom room, for example, comes complete with a cheetah.
   The Titanic room, although luxurious has been known to flood and sink with Celine Dion.
   The Cave room features leopard print toilet seats and a fire pit to roast meat.
   These luxuries have been helpful in placing national officials, but for those of you who arrived late we have a new and exciting option: George Washington’s tents featuring scenic views of the Delaware. Our final suggestion is to move all 16 members of the Florida Gamma Chapter into the Chester Ballroom.

6. Proposed Resolution of Axially Loaded Recessed Mystery Members:
   The Committee has been asked by the national officers to investigate the purpose of the axially loaded recessed mystery members. Upon professional engineering review it has been determined that either this room has a retractable roof or we are all sitting in the world’s largest trash compactor. Upon further calculations, the trash-compactor theory seems to carry a higher statistical probability factoring the relative proximity to New Jersey.

7. Proposed Resolution of Alternative Tourist Attractions:
   We propose that the packet of ‘Area Restaurants and Attractions’ take into account the limited spare time of convention attendees. We propose an alternate set of more accessible destinations.
   Instead of visiting the Center Ice skating rink……we recommend the ICE nightclub.
   Instead of visiting the Philadelphia Zoo……………we recommend asking friendly Tau Bates to make animal faces at you.

8. Proposed Resolution Regarding the Ambiguous Meeting Room Names:
   We further resolve to continue to be confused by the room names in this hotel…. Need a guy wrapped in a couple of towels like a toga (to be called SOCRATES) SOCRATES: I am Socrates…. From Athens Alpha. Can you direct me to the Hemlock room? Don’t worry about him, he’s not a voting delegate.
   To continue, we propose that all rooms be renamed by use of Latlong coordinate conventions. Therefore, the Hemlock room will now be known as 31 degrees 41 min 9 sec by 125 degrees 10 min 42 sec.

9. Proposed Resolution to Expand the Resolved Resolutions:
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10. Proposed Resolution for Alternative Voting Methods:
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