

MINUTES OF THE 106th CONVENTION
 THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Station, Indianapolis, IN
 October 27-29, 2011

Voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and national officials registered for the Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Station on October 27. Final registration of those who attended the business meetings was as follows:

Official Collegiate Chapter Voting Delegates:

AL A	Amanda C. Paine	FL E	Stewart R. Baskin	MI Z	Janese J. Jackson
AL B	Elizabeth A. Junkin	FL Z	-----	MI H	Richard Johnston
AL Γ	Ankit Kaushik	FL H	Michael A. Perez	MI Θ	Dennis R. Tucker
AL Δ	Chrissa L. Mayhall	FL Θ	Oskar Pio	MI I	Sorin Z. Mihaltan
AL E	Quan T.D. Tran	FL I	Yuvraj Dewan	MI K	Jessica H. Hartl
AK A	Nathan T. Burke	GA A	Lawrence M.K. Wong	MI Λ	Collin K. Rudnik
AZ A	Heather A. Waters	GA B	-----	MN A	Margaret G. Goshert
AZ B	Korhan Kaftanoglu	ID A	Nathan A. Yergenson	MN B	Gibran M. Hashmi
AZ Γ	Lindsay R. Cain	ID B	Jacob S. Rymer	MS A	Michael R. Helmbrecht
AR A	Thomas R. Rembert	ID Γ	John S. Winston	MS B	Martin P. Ducote Jr.
CA A	Austin M. Bly	IL A	David E. Korenchan	MO A	Sara E.A. Goebel
CA B	Sandeep P. Chinchali	IL B	Allen R. Baker	MO B	Rachel E. Downen
CA Γ	Zubair Ahmed	IL Γ	Kushal S. Amin	MO Γ	Iris L. Shelly
CA Δ	Bo J. Chan	IL Δ	Erin M. Westerby	MO Δ	Joseph D. Sparks
CA E	Jessica P. Yang	IL E	Bryan Q. Kah Ming	MT A	Ethan G. Keeler
CA Z	Jessica B.S.F. Song	IL Z	Joseph M. Kanikunnel	MT B	Matthew W. Morris
CA H	Matthias Reimann	IN A	Joseph H. Kubinski	NE A	Karleen M. Crone
CA Θ	Joseph D. Benzaken	IN B	Emily M. Yedinak	NV A	Colton M. Dudley
CA I	Vuong P. Tang	IN Γ	Yichao Pan	NV B	-----
CA K	David R. Fong	IN Δ	Vincent W. Killion	NH Γ	Britta C. Moore
CA Λ	Xiang Li	IN E	Patrick D. Campbell	NH B	Alden C. Adolph
CA M	Mathew W. Bissonnette	IA A	Aaron G. Kilstofte	NJ A	Thomas J. MacKinnon
CA N	Kyle J. Dominguez	IA B	Biming Wu	NJ B	Adam R. Pizzaiia
CA Ξ	Olivia B. Ready	KS A	Megan A. Ketchum	NJ Γ	Sundas Fatima
CA O	Jonathan H. Deutsche	KS B	Vasiliy A. Faustov	NJ Δ	Seung H. Nam
CA P	Trevor I. Holbrook	KS Γ	Josh W. Wetzig	NJ E	Brighid K. Burgin
CA Σ	Axel F. Palmstrom	KY A	Melody G. Burkhart	NM A	Luis F. Negrete
CA T	Jinwan Kim	KY B	Abigail R. Wooldridge	NM B	Andrew Gomez
CA Y	Kelly J. McCamman	KY Γ	Timothy D. Anderson	NM Γ	Alyssa J. Rose
CA Φ	Gregory A. Weissmann	LA A	Mitchell P. Feigley	NY A	Dmitriy Timerman
CA X	Jacob S. Bailey	LA B	Matthew J. Giannetti	NY B	-----
CA Ψ	Akshay S. Chaudhari	LA Γ	Samuel D. Ashley	NY Γ	Katherine E. Hansan
CA Ω	Y. Edward Wang	LA Δ	Colin M. Gould	NY Δ	Guo J. Chin
CA AA	Ryan L. Higuera	LA E	Oscar R. Coto	NY H	Philip Liu
CA AB	Nathan J. Martin	ME A	Amanda F. Mayette	NY Θ	Kevin B. Fisher
CA AΓ	Robert T. Hartsock	MD A	Alperen Degirmenci	NY I	Madeline R. Foster
CA AΔ	Colleen M. Clare	MD B	Sean P. Symon	NY K	Ting Zheng
CO A	Juinjay Chiang	MD Γ	Wilhelm B. Klinger	NY M	Erik H. Skorina
CO B	Erica L. Jorgensen	MD Δ	Amy M. Chou	NY N	S.M. Muazzam Azam
CO Δ	Travis J. Engle	MD E	Kwame J. Marshall	NY Ξ	Thomas Decina
CO E	Darick W. LaSelle	MA A	Jennifer L. Cooper	NY O	James A. Rosado
CO Z	Kenneth E. Siegenthaler	MA B	-----	NY Π	Andrew J. Komendat
CT A	-----	MA Δ	Jeffrey D. Arena	NY P	-----
CT B	Donald L. Karg	MA E	Shuntaro Okuzawa	NY Σ	Ryan J. Grohsmeyer
CT Γ	Amber M. Sorensen Van Cleave	MA Z	Carlo N. Domaoan	NY T	Alexander N. Hantman
DE A	Philip M. Guerieri	MA H	Raphael J. Landaverde	NY Y	Erik A. Hoempler
DC A	Desayo O. Ajisegiri	MA Θ	Jared O. DeFoe	NC A	Joshua S. Harford
DC B	-----	MA I	Laura M. Daniel	NC Γ	Katrina M. Wisdom
DC Γ	Ross A. Patterson	MI A	Kevin V. Andreassi	NC Δ	Jacob W. Chesna
FL A	Meghan C. Ferrall	MI B	Brandi L. Lundquist	NC E	Kelsey T. Ballance
FL B	Angie M. Alegria	MI Γ	Daniel P. Kiefer	ND A	Nickolas A. Krebsbach
FL Γ	Leah A. Bravard	MI Δ	-----	ND B	Cassius J. Hartl
FL Δ	Brandon F. Reeves	MI E	Katie M. Latimer	OH A	Vahagn F. Yeranossian

OH B	Brian M. Hammons	PA ⊕	Molly K. O'Driscoll	TX I	Melanie E. Evans
OH Γ	Michael F. Miller	PA I	David M. Santangelo Jr.	TX K	Jazmine N. Gosey
OH Δ	Thomas R. Irwin	PA K	Benjamin G. Lipton	TX Λ	-----
OH E	Michael J. Buckentin	PA Λ	James C. Smoyer	TX M	-----
OH Z	Erin K. McDonald	PR A	Paulette A. Santiago Santiago	UT A	Sean P. McCandless
OH H	Troy C. Welker	RI A	Brian J. Bierig	UT B	Hannah S. Davis
OH ⊕	Michael E. McArtor	RI B	Lindsay D. Lozeau	UT Γ	Joshua J. Kushlan
OH I	Jeffrey B. West	SC A	Jackson G. Turbeville	VT A	Sean P. Candon
OH K	Sunandini Chopra	SC B	Karson T. Leperi	VT B	Felicia J. Desorcie
OH Λ	Vince R. Travaline	SC Γ	-----	VA A	Ryan N. Van Dyk
OH M	Christopher C. Fischer	SD A	William H. Lichtenwaladt	VA B	Alexander M. Williams
OH N	Timothy P. Ronco	SD B	Mark J. Wager	VA Γ	Kimberly S. Scheider
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OK B	Brandon C. Neal	TN Γ	Christopher W. Byers	WA A	Michael C. Schetter
OK Γ	-----	TN Δ	Timothy A. Gooch	WA B	Sharon L. Cox
OR A	Farshad Farahbakhshian	TN E	Nathan C. Eason	WA Γ	Rachel N.M.S. Dang
OR B	Christopher L. Kulink	TN Z	W. Daniel Kelley	WA Δ	Andrew D. Matsumoto
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PA B	Casey A. Howsare	TX Γ	Roni M. Deitz	WI A	Justin T. Cacciatore
PA Γ	-----	TX Δ	Anas I. Al Bastami	WI B	Andrew A. Weingart
PA Δ	Patrick J. Malone	TX E	-----	WI Γ	Eugene T. Krakow
PA E	Ashutosh Tamrakar	TX Z	William D. Ware	WI Δ	Dmitry Tchaikovski
PA Z	Amanda E. Pentecost	TX H	Vikrant Sharma	WI E	Brian M. Genskow
PA H	Aurimas Liutikas	TX ⊕	Paola R. Gandara	WY A	Mallory K. Hunt

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AL E	Ma V.Y. Aguila	MD E	Robin K. Bratcher	OH I	Abigail M. Mogren
AZ B	Brandon L. Oselio	MA Z	Mengting Nan	OH ⊚	Daniel P. Dolan
AZ B	Sean J. Lucas	MI B	Jeffrey S. Lowe	OR A	Anthony K. Lee
AZ B	Kevin C. LaRosa	MI Γ	Daniel E. Becker	OR Γ	Nicholas G. Etzel
AR A	William C. Stanton	MI Γ	Oliver C. Chen	PA Z	Matthew D. Annen
CA E	Richard Q. Hill	MI Γ	Nicholas J. Cobane	PA Λ	Justin J. Tomko
CAN	Andrea C. Ferris	MI Γ	Michael J. Hand III	SC A	Molly T. Townsend
CA Y	John F. Susich	MI Γ	Eeshan J. Khanpara	SD A	Dustin J. Scheuffele
CA X	Alexander D. Garcia	MI Γ	Joshua I. Larson	SD A	Jeremy A. Simon
CA X	Jake W. Huntley	MI Γ	Nathan G. McKay	TN A	Christopher R. Potter
CO A	Joseph D. Whalen	MI Γ	Michele A. Mastria	TN B	Kathryn E. Maxwell
CO B	Xing Jie Zhong	MI Γ	Nathan M. Rowley	TN Γ	Rebecca A. Forbes
DE A	Lisa C. Wagner	MI E	Dalal A. Abed	TX Δ	Dillan R. Roshan
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FL Γ	Matthew A.T. Gum	MI Z	David J. Iozzo	UT Γ	Emily A. Chipman
FL Γ	Kevin M. Stiner	MI I	Ashraf M. Aboukhodr	WA A	Anning Yao
FL H	Seth T. Murphy	MI K	Mikkhael A. O'Dell	WA A	Ryan D. Mathis
FL ⊕	Josanne S. Batson	MI Λ	Alex J. Plotkowski	WV A	Brittney K. Benchoff
IL Δ	Andrew J. Aubry	MI Λ	Cody E. Shelner	WV A	M. Garet Bishop
IL E	Todd E. Peterson	MN B	Charles T. Knilans	WV A	Vincent M. Bonasso
IN B	Nicole J. Richardson	MN B	Christopher B. Lofgren	WY A	Melinda J. Kolm
KS Γ	Kira M. Klein	MN B	Asad Jawed		
KS Γ	Anthony J. Lang	MS A	Michael W. Barton		
KY A	James M. Frilling	MO Δ	Isaac S. Somogie		
KY A	Kirsten A. Graves	NE A	Suzanne J. Higgins		
KY A	Sean C. Karlage	NY Π	Geoffrey W. Carlson		
KY A	Adrienne L. Shearer	NY Π	Daniel R. Crossen		
KY A	David S. Spencer	NY Π	Heather S. Hussain		
KY A	Sean T. Whitfield	NY T	Joseph D. Carloni		
KY A	Nick Winquist	NY T	John Rocchio		
MD A	Judy C. Doong	NC E	Martin R. Blow		
MD Γ	Anand Jantzen	OH A	Peter W. Schmidt		

Collegiate Chapter Advisors:

AL Δ	Crystal D. Laws	IA A	LeAnn E. Faidley	NY H	Pradeep Ramsaran
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AR A	Charles W. Caldwell	KY A	Bruce L. Walcott	NY T	Corey L. Juliano
CA A	Neal T. Bussett	ME A	David E. Kotecki	OH Δ	Erica M. Amicone
CA E	Susan L.R. Holl	MD A	David S. Kaplan	OH H	Ronald R. Coutu
CA X	Sam Rokni	MD E	Gbekeloluwa B. Oguntimein	OH I	Robert L. Ward
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DC A	Robert E. Efimba	MI A	Eduardo E. Montalvo-Ortiz	OH N	Harwood A. Hegna
DC F	Scott M. Trocchia	MI F	Paul Kominsky	PR A	Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez
FL F	Paul Schnitzler	MI F	Elson Y. Liu	SC A	Mary Beth E. Kurz
ID A	David C. Drown	MI F	Sarang D. Supekar	SD B	Alex Moutsoglou
ID F	George A. Murgel	MI F	Pritpaul S. Mahal	TN F	David H. Huddleston
IN A	Matthew W. Ohland	MI E	Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak	TN E	Steven T. Griffin
IN F	David J. Schmidt	MI I	Andrew E. Toy	VA F	Mennatoallah M. Youssef
IN F	Jonathan C. Silver	MI K	Barry L. Frost III	WA Δ	Mara R. London
IN E	David R. Finley	MO F	Amanda L. Matheu	WV A	John M. Kuhlman
		NE A	Karen L. Coen-Brown	WI E	David R.B. Kraemer
				WY A	Steven F. Barrett

Alumnus Chapter Delegates:

Great Smoky Mountains	C. Craig Smith, <i>TNE '80</i>	Sacramento	Patrick D. Homen, <i>CA U '85</i>
Ohio's North Coast	Edward D. Basta, <i>OHE '82</i>	West Michigan	Wesley R. Repke, <i>MIL '09</i>
Rochester New York	Thomas A. Pinkham IV, <i>MA E '88</i>	Washington, DC	Joseph P. Blackford, <i>DC G '95</i>

Alumnus Visitors & Laureates:

Rosary C.T. Abot, IN F '11	Jonathan A. Gross, AZ A '11	Stephan L. King-Monroe, MI E '08
Christopher A. Burtka, MI I '04	Michael T. Harris, MS A '81	Harry W. Lange, MI Z '75
Zachary W. Carr, NJ A '11	Richard G. Higgins, ME A '79	Kenneth L. Martin, NM A '83
Michael J. Cunningham, NJ B '94	Dana N. Humphrey, NH A '78	James P. Sandman TX Z '11
Ann M. Gilman, IA A '11	Jennifer A. Johnson, SC A '11	Rodger F. Smith, WI A '64
William R. Goodin, CA E '75	Christine M. Maziar, IN A '82	Steven A. Stramsak, MI H '01

Hosts and Others:

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Chair Mark J. Tozzi (IN A) and assistant Arrangements Chair Yichao Pan. Other Indiana chapter members and initiates assisting at the Convention were: T.M. Moeller (IN G), J.D. O'Brien (IN A), G.L. Smith (IN A), and Y.L. Souroutzidis (IN A).

2012 Convention arrangements leader Brandon J. Isaac (KY A) was in attendance.

Non-member students from local engineering honor societies involved in the chapter petitioning process were:

Penn State Erie	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Student: Catherine E. Franks	Student: Egide Murisa

Representatives of the petitioning society:

University of San Diego	
Student: Joseph G. Ellis	Faculty: Susan M. Lord
Student: Trevor C. Fortuna	

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
Executive Director-Designate
C.D. Gomulinski
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
R.E. Hawks

Convention Chair R.M. Hickling
Parliamentarian J.R. Luchini

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District 1 — Lynn B. Farrington
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Matthew V. Paragano
Lauren J. Swett
District 2 — Anthony M. Olenik
Thomas A. Pinkham IV
Jason Rogan
George Youssef
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District 12 — Tricia E. Gomulinski
Wade A. Hull
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District 13 — Jeffrey G. Dabling
Matthew T. Pittard
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District 15 — Scott E. Fable
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District 16 — Jason A. Corl
Scott V. Eckersall
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Engineering Futures Facilitators:

Cheryl Cheng
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Catherine G. Gorzkowski
Nancy F. Gray
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George J. Morales
Alan J. Passman
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Dennis J. Tyner

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
Grand Hall, Crowne Plaza at Historic Union Station, Indianapolis, IN
Thursday, October 27, 2011

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.

The Secretary reported that a **quorum** was present although final registration was incomplete; 234 voting delegates and national officers were registered.

Executive Councillor Jonathan F.K. Earle defined the Tau Beta Pi *applau*, 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, Executive Director-Designate Curtis D. Gomulinski, Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling, Parliamentarian John R. Luchini, District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators present in standing groups, and former Executive Councillors E.D. Basta, E.J. D'Avignon, J.R. Luchini, R.W. Pierce, and R.L. Werneth.

The President's Report for the Executive Council for 2010-11 was presented by Dr. Simonson. It is a part of these minutes and will be published in the Winter 2012 **BENT**.

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 the Headquarters staff. He said that 35 Fellows and 156 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 TBPCoconnect 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 cleverly designed modules on their campuses. He said that last year 37 Facilitators conducted 234 sessions for nearly 3,300 students of 108 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.M. Wham (TN A), as follows:

First Business Meeting:

- Official opening of the Convention
- Quorum report of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Introduction of National Officers
- 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 Constitution and Bylaws

Third Business Meeting:

- Action as necessary on five Committee recommendations
- Report of Award Committee
- Report of MindSET Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of Website Development Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- New Business

Final Business Meeting:

- Presentation of 2011 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor
- Presentation of 2011 National Outstanding Advisor
- Presentation of 2011 Laureates
- Presentation of 2011 Distinguished Alumnus
- Final Report of Award Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Installation of Executive Director
- 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 are named for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

Petitions Committee:

Elizabeth A. Junkin, AL B
Heather A. Waters, AZ A
Austin M. Bly, CA A
Darick W. LaSelle, CO E, Chair
-----, CT A
Desayo O. Ajisegiri, DC A
Leah A. Bravard, FL G
-----, GA B
David E. Korenchan, IL A
Emily M. Yedinak, IN B
Samuel D. Ashley, LA G
Kwame J. Marshall, MD E

Jared O. DeFoe, MA Th
Richard Johnston, MI H
Dennis R. Tucker, MI Th
Colton M. Dudley, NV A
Alyssa J. Rose, NM G
Kevin B. Fisher, NY Th
Erik H. Skorina, NY M
Katrina M. Wisdom, NC G
Brian M. Hammons, OH B
Vince R. Travaline, OH L
-----, PA G
David M. Santangelo Jr., PA I
-----, SC G

Mark J. Wager, SD B
Timothy A. Gooch, TN D
C. Matthew Pool, TX A
Vikrant Sharma, TX H

Jason A. Corl, District 16
Director, Advisor
Dr. Edward P. Gorzkowski III, District 3
Director, Advisor
Gregory M. Newcomb, District 12
Director, Advisor
Dee Anne Stirm, District 6
Director, Advisor

Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Amanda C. Paine, AL A
Korhan Kaftanoglu, AZ B
Bo J. Chan, CA D
David R. Fong, CA K, Chair
Y. Edward Wang, CA W
Erica L. Jorgensen, CO B
Amber M. Sorensen Van Cleave, CT G
-----, FL Z
Michael A. Perez, FL H
Joseph M. Kanikunnel, IL Z
Patrick D. Campbell, IN E
Timothy D. Anderson, KY G
-----, MA B

-----, MI D
Katie M. Latimer, MI E
Ethan G. Keeler, MT A
Karleen M. Crone, NE A
-----, NY B
Thomas Decina, NY X
-----, NY R
Erin K. McDonald, OH Z
Jeffrey B. West, OH I
-----, OK G
Aurimas Liutikas, PA H
Jackson G. Turbeville, SC A
Jazmine N. Gosey, TX K

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Jessie K. Daniels, WV B

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Matthew V. Paragano, District 1
Director, Advisor
Thomas A. Pinkham IV, District 2
Director, Advisor

Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee:

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Axel F. Palmstrom, CA S
Jinwan Kim, CA T
Yuvraj Dewan, FL I
Kushal S. Amin, IL G
Aaron G. Kilstofte, IA A
Megan A. Ketchum, KS A
Alperen Degirmenci, MD A
Sean P. Symon, MD B
Wilhelm B. Klinger, MD G

Amy M. Chou, MD D
Raphael J. Landaverde, MA H
Rachel E. Downen, MO B
Iris L. Shelly, MO G
Thomas J. MacKinnon, NJ A
Sundas Fatima NJ G
Seung H. Nam, NJ D
Andrew J. Komendat, NY P
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Christopher L. Kulink, OR B
Matthew J. Burgess, TX B

Anas I. Al Bastami, TX D
Paola R. Gandara, TX Th
-----, TX L
Kimberly S. Scheider, VA G
Justin T. Cacciatore, WI A

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Christopher C. Fischer, OH M
Farshad Farahbakhshian, OR A
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-----, TX M
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Rachel N.M.S. Dang, WA G

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Ricardo K. Komai, District 8
Director, Advisor
Alexander J. Rovnan, District 3
Director, Advisor

Convention Site Committee:

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Trevor I. Holbrook, CA R
Travis J. Engle, CO D
Donald L. Karg, CT B
Angie M. Alegria, FL B
Lawrence M.K. Wong, GA A
Erin M. Westerby, IL D
Melody G. Burkhart, KY A, Chair
Matthew J. Giannetti, LA B
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Adam R. Pizzaia, NJ B
Guo J. Chin, NY D
Ryan J. Grohsmeyer, NY S
Thomas R. Irwin, OH D
Timothy P. Ronco, OH N
William C. Lenthe, PA A
Patrick J. Malone, PA D
Benjamin G. Lipton, PA K

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Melanie E. Evans, TX I
Sharon L. Cox, WA B
Andrew D. Matsumoto, WA D
Andrew A. Weingart, WI B

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Director, Advisor

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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 subject to the provisions of the Constitution & Bylaws, 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 continuing the training of *Robert's Rules* at the Second Business Meeting.

Chairman Hickling declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 3:55 p.m.

The Headquarters display was viewed during the Convention in the foyer of the Grand Hall. Refreshments were served from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Illinois Street Ballroom where a **Recruiting Fair** was staffed by: Air Force Recruiting Services, Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science, Cooper Tire, Cummins Inc., Electro-Motive Diesel, Inc., EMC, GEICO, George Mason University, International Paper, Iowa State University College of Engineering, Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, Lehigh University, Michigan State University, Michigan Tech Graduate School, MIT Lincoln Laboratories, NCEES, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, PPI, Purdue University, Raytheon, Rolls-Royce North America, Rutgers University, Sandia National Laboratories, Teach For America, The George Washington University School of Engineering, University of Kansas School of Engineering, University of Michigan College of Engineering, University of Notre Dame ESTEEM Program, University of Notre Dame Graduate School, and the U.S. Navy.

Meetings of all Convention Committees, Chapter Advisors, and Alumnus Chapters were held in rooms of the hotel starting at 4:10 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 5:00 p.m.

The Welcoming Dinner of the Convention was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall; seating was by Districts. Arrangements Chair Mark J. Tozzi was master of ceremonies and welcomed all the visitors to Indianapolis. Matthew Bennett, GEICO, welcomed the group and stated his organization's pride in sponsoring Tau Beta Pi scholarships, the Convention, the Saturday banquet for the delegates, and other activities. Jeffrey Henkle, P.E., design engineering manager for gas-turbine engines, Rolls-Royce, stated NCEES' pride in sponsoring the Welcoming Dinner, explained the benefits of licensure, and encouraged delegates to take the F.E. examination while still students. Dr. Christine M. Maziar, *INA '82*, vice president and senior associate provost, University of Notre Dame, welcomed the delegates to Indiana, explained why the city is called the circle city, and thanked the delegates for their leadership and encouraging excellence in engineering, which is extremely important. Christopher E. Propp, Assistant Arrangements Chair, stated his pleasure in welcoming all delegates to the Convention. Dr. Larry A. Simonson, P.E., President, welcomed all, thanked the five host chapters, and recognized the enthusiasm of the delegates. Rodger F. Smith, managing director of Greenwich Associates, was introduced by Councillor Norman Pih, who spoke of his career accomplishments. Mr. Smith presented a slide show on "Engineering Your Story." He explained what makes America great, what makes America work so well, and who is responsible for all of this. He identified 10 Tau Beta Pi members and spoke of their careers: Col. Buzz Aldrin, *MA B '62*, Dr. G. Wayne Clough, *VA B '64*, Frank R. Capra, *CA B '18*, Jeffrey P. Bezos, *NJD '86*, Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs, *NY D '56*, Lawrence E. Page, *MI G '95*, Timothy D. Ruddy, *IN G '94*, Jack L. Welch, *AL B '60*, Michael R. Bloomberg, *MD A '64*, and John S. Reed, *MA B '61*. He said that delegates must have a special skill and a passion to work, and he encouraged each to "write your own story." A total of 430 people enjoyed the banquet sponsored by NCEES, featuring a chicken entree and a caramel apple cheesecake.

Meetings of all Convention Committees, Alumnus Chapters, and Chapter Advisors reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Rodger F. Smith, *WIA '64*, and Harry Lange, *MI Z '75*, presented special sessions on Investments and Personal Finance at 8:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Melissa Gregson, Teach for America, presented a special session on "Impacting the Future of Engineering, Technology, and Innovation." Finally, a Leadership Development presentation by Vice President Dao was held at 9:15 p.m. for non-voting delegates.

Refreshments were served at 9:00 p.m., sponsored by GEICO.

A Continental Breakfast, sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories, was available at 6:45 a.m.

Committee, Alumnus Chapters, Chapter Advisor, 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. Twelve 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 the Grand Hall at noon, and seating was by ICE groups. A total of 430 people enjoyed the pasta entree and cake, sponsored by Raytheon. After the meal, Mr. Froula presented a summary of the Executive Director's Report for 2010-11, which was given to each Convention registrant (and appeared in the Fall 2011 BENT).

Secretary Froula and Vice President S.C. Dao presented 34 **Secretary's Commendations** for perfection of Headquarters reports and timely payment of fees in 2010-11 to: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Delta, California Omicron, California Upsilon, California Alpha Alpha, Colorado Delta, Colorado Zeta, Florida Beta, Illinois Alpha, Illinois Delta, Indiana Delta, Maryland Epsilon, Massachusetts Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Kappa, Michigan Lambda, Minnesota Alpha, Minnesota Beta, New Hampshire Beta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Texas Alpha, Washington Delta, West Virginia Alpha, West Virginia Beta, and Wyoming Alpha.

Assistant Secretary Hawks presented key tips to assist chapters in their responsibilities of the membership process, encouraged each chapter to initiate one more electee than the previous year, and presented 53 membership plaques to the following chapters: Alabama Alpha, Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Epsilon, California Kappa, California Lambda, California Mu, California Omicron, California Rho, California Tau, California Upsilon, California Psi, California Omega, Colorado Beta, Connecticut Alpha, District of Columbia Beta, District of Columbia Gamma, Florida Gamma, Florida Eta, Georgia Alpha, Illinois Alpha, Illinois Zeta, Indiana Gamma, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Massachusetts Alpha, Massachusetts Delta, Michigan Alpha, Michigan Delta, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Kappa, Nebraska Alpha, New Hampshire Beta, New Jersey Alpha, New York Alpha, New York Gamma, New York Mu, New York Xi, Ohio Iota, Ohio Nu, Oklahoma Alpha, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania Kappa, Rhode Island Alpha, Tennessee Epsilon, Texas Delta, Vermont Alpha, Vermont Beta, Virginia Delta, Virginia Epsilon, Washington Beta, and Washington Gamma.

The Convention **group photograph** was taken by R.H. Thompson, TBP Systems Administrator, at 1:20 p.m. in front of Lucas Oil Stadium. Photographs were delivered after the Saturday evening banquet.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, October 28, Grand Hall, Crowne Plaza at Historic Union Station, Indianapolis, IN

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The **Tellers' Committee**, comprised of non-voting delegates and advisors, had been appointed by Chairman Hickling as follows: D.A. Abed (MI E Alt.), A.M. Aboukhdr (MI I Alt.), A.A. Alkayyali (MI E Alt.), J.I. Larson (MI G Alt.), O.C. Chen (MI G Alt.), J.A. Gross (AZ A Alt.), A. Jawed (MN B Alt.), T.E. Peterson (IL E Alt.), and A.E. Toy (MI I Adv). Secretary Froula reported that registration was complete with 251 delegates registered and provided voting totals required for various actions. Patrick D. Homen (CA U Adv.) spoke on behalf of the Alumnus Chapter Forum and encouraged students to participate in alumnus chapters after graduation. Parliamentarian J.R. Luchini continued the review of the fundamentals of *Robert's Rules*.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was called. D.W. LaSelle (CO E), Chair, reported that his group had reviewed the final petition and the report of the inspection committee for Tau Alpha Zeta, the engineering honor society at the University of San Diego, and had met with the petitioners and heard their presentation. The group had corrected four deficiencies from the inspection visit, and the petition meets the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws. He said that his group was impressed with the representatives and that all questions from his group were answered easily. Mr. LaSelle **moved**, seconded by M.R. Helmbrecht (MS A), **to approve the petition from the University of San Diego and grant a charter to the institution**. There was no further discussion, and ballots were distributed. When the voting was completed just before the Second Business Meeting was closed, Mr. Hickling announced the results of the vote to grant a chapter to the University of San Diego: 236 in favor and 4 opposed. **The charter was therefore granted, and the chapter to be established will be known as California Alpha Epsilon**. The representatives walked to the front of the room, were introduced, and given a standing ovation.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs was called. M.J. Buckentin (OH E), Chair, said that his group had three responsibilities. It was continuing to review the topic of allowable delegates' expenses for the 2012 Convention. It had reviewed the accounts receivable to Headquarters, and all chapters except for NJ Delta and TX Mu (who were not in attendance) have plans to pay their accounts in full. The auditor's and Treasurer's Report for 2010-11 are being reviewed. Mr. Buckentin **moved**, seconded by W.D. Kelley (TN Z), **to amend Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06(a)(3), to replace 12 hours with 24 hours in two places**. David Fong, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, said that this amendment is under review by his group. Chairman Hickling ruled without objection that the matter be tabled until the Third Business Meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Rituals was called. J.W. Chesna (NC D), Chair, said that his group had practiced the ceremony and was ready for the Model Initiation.

The Report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. M.G. Burkhart (KY A), Chair, stated that additional financial data was needed by her group which had prepared recommendations for the Executive Council. There needs to be more consistency in the financial information provided to the committee. The financial data should include estimates for cost per voting delegate and per non-voting delegate, fixed costs estimates, estimates with and without travel costs, and any applicable taxes. It would be helpful to provide data on actual versus estimated costs for previous conventions. When reviewing the bid, the committee considered the following factors: cost per delegate, airport location, transportation, housing, meeting rooms, leisure activities, and general hosting ability. Ms. Burkhart **moved**, seconded by O.R. Coto (LA E), **that Washington Delta assisted by Washington Beta host the 2014 Convention in Spokane**. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, was called. D.R. Fong (CA K), Chair, stated that his group had reviewed four proposals and will take no action on the topic of Headquarters location. He **moved**, seconded by R.M. Wham (TN A), **to amend Constitution Art. V to delete Sections 2 and 3 and replace with a new Section 2 and renumbered Section 4**. T.D. Anderson (KY G) said that this change would bring the Constitution up-to-date with ERISA-required revisions to the Tau Beta Pi Employee Retirement Plan. Chairman Hickling ruled without objection that the amendment would be tabled. The wording of the motion appears below.

Article V

Retirement Provisions

SECTION 1. Coverage. The Executive Council shall establish an insurance and annuity account with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) for the retirement of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and such other employees of the Association as in its discretion shall be so included.

~~DELETE: SECTION 2. **Payments for Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.** Upon the completion of three years of full-time employment with the Association, five per cent (5%) of the Secretary-Treasurer's and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer's salaries shall be retained by the Association and transmitted monthly with equal amounts from the general funds of the Association to their accounts with TIAA.~~

~~DELETE: SECTION 3. **Payments for Other Employees.** The specific contributions for employees other than the Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall be determined by the Executive Council in the event that it is determined that a retirement program shall be established for such employees.~~

ADD NEW: SECTION 2. **Payments for Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and Other Employees.** Upon the completion of one year of full-time employment with the Association, up to five per cent (5%) of employees' salaries may be retained by the Association and transmitted monthly with equal amounts from the general funds of the Association to their accounts with TIAA-CREF through the Tau Beta Pi Employee Retirement Plan.

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D.R. Fong **moved**, seconded by E.A. Junkin (AL B), **to amend Bylaw VI, Sec. 6.05, and Bylaw VII, Sec. 7.09, to clarify the terminology and processes of postponement of initiation**. Chairman Hickling ruled without objection that the amendment be tabled. Mr. Fong said that his group was still reviewing the Code of Conduct for Conventions.

K.S. Amin (IL G) **moved**, seconded by V.F. Yeranossian (OH A), **to take from the table the matter on Constitution Art. V**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the motion was removed from the table. Discussion ensued on various aspects of the retirement plan and the Employee Retirement Security Act and Internal Revenue Service requirements. The question was called and ruled to have passed on a show of hands. However, the Chair was challenged, and discussion was ended on a standing vote with 180 in favor, 42 opposed, and 4 abstaining. **The Convention adopted the amendment on a written ballot with 214 in favor, 16 opposed, and 13 abstentions**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

The Second Business Meeting was closed at 3:58 p.m.

District Meetings reconvened and orientation for Engineering Futures Facilitators began at 4:15 p.m.

Dinner was held at 5:45 p.m. in the Grand Hall; seating was by committee grouping. A total of 420 people enjoyed the stuffed chicken and chocolate cake, sponsored by Cummins.

Vice President Dao recognized the service anniversaries of District Directors J. Rogan and S.D. Jennings-King for 18 years, Director W.A. Hull and Engineering Futures Facilitator A.J. Pinkus for 12 years, and District Directors R.A. Holcomb and R.C. Huck and Director of Rituals E.J. D'Avignon for 6 years.

Secretary Froula and Vice President Dao presented 30 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellence in project work during 2010-11 to: California Epsilon, California Sigma, California Tau, Colorado Alpha, Georgia Alpha, Illinois Alpha, Maryland Beta, Maryland Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Iota, Tennessee Gamma, West Virginia Alpha, and the 18 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 18 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Psi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Gamma, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Minnesota Alpha, New Mexico Gamma, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Ohio Kappa, South Carolina Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wyoming Alpha.

Secretary Froula presented plaques to the five chapters making successful Laureate nominations: Arizona Alpha, Indiana Gamma, Iowa Alpha, New Jersey Alpha, and South Carolina Alpha.

Councillor Huggins announced that the Executive Council had made two MindSET Chapter Project Grants and presented plaques to: 1) Michigan Gamma (\$1,220 two grants) for its MindSET project "working with elementary-school students;" and 2) New York Tau (\$565 two grants) for its MindSET project "working with sixth-grade students."

Sherry D. Jennings-King (DD 12) and the Tau Beta Pi Solid Brass Dancers presented an entertaining skit on philanthropy.

Committee meetings and Engineering Futures Sessions reconvened at 7:15 p.m. Vice President Dao hosted a reception for Alumnus Chapters and Chapter Advisors at 8:30 p.m. MindSET overview and training sessions were held at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Rodger F. Smith and Harry W. Lange repeated their informative seminar on Investments and Personal Finance at 9:30 p.m.

Secretary Froula met with the successful petitioners at 7:30 p.m.

District meetings reconvened at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 29.

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING Saturday, October 29, Grand Hall, Indianapolis, IN

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m., and Secretary Froula announced the number of votes required to pass various items of business.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter and Financial Affairs, M.J. Buckentin (OH E), Chair, said that his group had reviewed the chapter accounts receivable and would send a report to Headquarters. His committee had reviewed the Treasurer's report and the audit, and minor recommendations would be sent to Headquarters. Mr. Buckentin **moved**, seconded by M.R. Helmbrecht (MS A) **to amend the reimbursements for breakfasts from \$5 to \$6, lunches from \$6 to \$8, and dinners from \$8 to \$10 for the 2012 Convention**. He yielded the floor to M.A. Ketchum (KS A) who said that these amounts have not been altered in more than ten years, and using inflation rates from the U.S. inflation calculator, a \$5 item in 2000 would cost \$6.59 in 2011, a \$6 item in 2000 would cost \$7.91 in 2011, and an \$8 item purchased in 2000 would cost \$10.54 in 2011. Those who dine in airports deal with more expensive purchases which vary from city-to-city. She presented the breakdown of meal costs for various federal per diem reimbursements. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

Mr. Buckentin **moved**, seconded by G.M. Hashmi (MN B) **to remove the motion to amend Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06(3), from the table**. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, and the amendment was removed from the table as stated below.

Bylaw I The Convention

SECTION 1.06. Delegates' Expense Reports.

(3) Expenses at the Convention as approved by the immediate prior Convention, to include housing and meals for a period of time not to exceed ~~twelve~~ twenty-four hours in advance of the credentials validation deadline, extending through the days of Convention, and ending not more than ~~twelve~~ twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the Convention;

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A.G. Kilstofte (IA A) was opposed because the need for the change involved misinterpretation. M.J. Burgess (TX B) was opposed because the amended section affects only expenses at the Convention, not enroute meals to and from the Convention. K. Kaftanoglu (AZ B) was in favor of the change because his flight departs at 6 p.m. on Sunday in order to save \$250 on his ticket. A.R. Baker (ILB) spoke against because the expenses mentioned by Mr. Kaftanoglu are unusual expenses that could be reimbursed. A **motion to commit was made** and seconded, but M.A. Ketchum (KS A) spoke against committing because her committee had worked five hours on this topic. The **motion to commit failed** on a voice vote, and discussion returned to the main motion. M.J. Giannetti (LA B) spoke against the amendment because other options are already thoroughly covered in other subsections of Section 1.06. There was no more discussion, and the Bylaw amendment **failed** on a written ballot with 88 in favor, 134 opposed, and 6 abstaining.

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws, D.R. Fong (CA K), Chair, **moved**, seconded by J.P. Yang (CA E) **to remove from the table the matter of postponement and the amendments to Bylaws VI and VII**. The **motion was removed**, and a substitute motion was allowed as stated below. A grammatical correction to replace “or has received a postponement” with “has his or her initiation postponed” was accepted without objection. Debate ended, and the **bylaw amendments were adopted** on a written ballot with 204 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstaining and became effective immediately.

Bylaw VI *Election of Members*

SECTION 6.05. Records and Reports.

(c) A list of the eligible candidates above the Chapter deadline, if any, and including any graduate-student, alumnus, or eminent-engineer candidates, shall be made on the official form entitled Report of Final Action and shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association immediately after each initiation. This report shall indicate for each candidate the election or rejection for membership by the Chapter, acceptance or refusal of membership by the candidate, and; for whether each elected candidate, initiation has been initiated, has not been initiated, or postponement thereof, and, in the case of a postponement, whether that postponement is approved has received a postponement. Where appropriate, it shall also give the reason for rejection or refusal, and the expected date of initiation for each postponement. This report shall be accompanied by a photocopy of the Chapter’s Roll Book page(s) bearing the signatures of the persons actually initiated, as a validation of their membership. See Bylaw V, Sec. 5.03(d) (4); VII, Sec. 7.09; and VIII, Sec. 8.01(e).

Bylaw VII *Initiation*

SECTION 7.09. Initiation Postponement. Postponement of an electee’s initiation ~~may~~ must be approved by the Advisory Board. (See Bylaw VI, Sec. 6.05(c)). (a) Eligible Electee. An electee who remains eligible may be initiated at the next regular initiation without re-election. Such an electee who graduates may be initiated without re-election within five years from the date of election. (b) Ineligible Electee. (1) An electee who becomes ineligible and ~~has an approved postponement whose initiation has been postponed~~ may be initiated at the next regular initiation without re-election. (2) An electee who becomes ineligible and ~~does not have an approved postponement whose initiation has not been postponed~~ must become eligible and be re-elected during a subsequent term to be initiated.

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Mr. Fong **moved**, seconded by M.J. Burgess (TX B) **to amend Constitution IV, Sec. 2(g), to allow the Director to add one more alumnus member to the Fellowship Board and to clarify its duties**. P. Schnitzler (FL G Adv.) stated that the wording “up to four” could reduce the board membership to zero. M.J. Burgess (TX B) **moved**, seconded by R.L. Higuera (CA AA), **to amend the motion to replace “up to four” with “at least one and up to four.”** D.S. Pierre Jr. (Dir. of Fell.) spoke against this amendment and **moved**, seconded by E.A. Junkin (AL B), **to substitute the word “four” in place of “at least one and up to four.”** He said that the board needs one extra member. Debate ended on a show of hands. The **amendment with the substituted word “four” passed on a voice vote**. Without objection, Chairman Hickling ruled that the amended motion would now be voted upon. The **Convention adopted the amendment** by written ballot with 220 in favor, 5 opposed, and 2 abstaining, but final approval of the changes are **subject to chapter ratification**. The final amended Article is stated below.

Article IV Association Officers and Directors

SECTION 2. Designation and Duties.

(g) The Director of Rituals, Director of Fellowships, and Director of Engineering Futures shall be appointed by the Executive Council to serve a term of four years beginning on July 1st after the Executive Council takes office. ...

(2) The Director of Fellowships shall manage the Fellowship and Scholarship Programs of the Association. The Director of Fellowships shall be a member of and shall chair the Fellowship Board. The Fellowship Board shall consist of ~~three up to four~~ four alumnus members in addition to the Director of Fellowships. The Director of Fellowships shall recommend to the Executive Council the appointment of ~~one~~ the alumnus member(s) to the Board ~~each year~~ for a three-four-year

term, the term of office to commence on August 1st. A Board member may be reappointed. The Board shall review all applications for Tau Beta Pi fellowships and scholarships, and shall select those members to be awarded whom a fellowship or scholarship shall be awarded in accordance with the program rules, the number authorized, and the funds made available by the Executive Council. See Bylaws III, Sec. 3.04, X, and XI.

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Mr. Fong said that his committee had reviewed the “Code of Conduct” and makes the following recommendations to the Executive Council.

Being attentive to the business at hand

- o Arriving on time to all scheduled meetings
- o Using no electronic devices except for conducting the business at hand or urgent matters

Being capable to fully discharge your duties

- o Arriving mentally and physically alert to all meetings and functions
- o Consuming no alcohol prior to or during business meetings or functions

Being respectful to others in your presence

- o Limiting distractions by turning cell phones to off or vibrate (if you must answer a phone call use your phone, briefly excuse yourself from the meeting but return as quickly as possible)
- o Dressing appropriately based on the setting (business formal, business casual, casual)
- o Using no profanity or expletives
- o Being mindful of other attendees, guests, or employees at the meeting location
- o Ensuring that no damage is done to the facility hosting the meeting or event

Displaying responsible behavior in social settings associated with meeting or event

- o Not consuming alcohol or other substances to the point of intoxication or impairment
- o Not bringing alcohol or other substances to the meetings
- o Not bringing outside alcohol or other substances onto the event site

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The Report of the Committee on Awards was called. A.R. Wooldridge (KY B), Chair, said that her group had selected chapters to be honored with the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter award and the R.H Nagel Most Improved Chapter award based on the criteria and will report at the banquet. Her group made these recommendations to the Executive Council to improve the process of selecting the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapters:

1. The equation provided at the 2010 Convention was useful in screening chapters to identify finalists. Include a copy of the minutes explaining the equation in the letter to the committee. Providing specifics of the calculation of the scores for the finalists would be helpful.
2. The increased number of finalists was good (the ideal number of finalists is 5-10).
3. Financial Standing is listed as a criterion. Provide either financial data or a note that all chapters listed are in good standing.
4. Provide all hard copies (preferred) or all electronic copies of project reports.
5. Replace Headquarters report grades, now scored from 1 to 7, with percentage scores to allow differentiating chapters' improvement.
6. Add a question to the chapter survey asking each chapter to review the past 2 chapter surveys and comment on whether the chapter is improving, consistent, or in a decline, and the reason.
7. Provide a chapter survey with key statistics for each finalist chapter for each year, for a sample of reports other than the project report, and the response to the question above.
8. Provide an electronic spreadsheet with key statistics on all finalists for all three years including: a) Number of students eligible, b) Number of students elected, c) Number of students initiated, d) Number of chapter members, e) Number of active chapter members and f) The percentage scores for the Headquarters and project reports instead of, or in addition to, the numerical rankings.

She said that the committee makes the following recommendations to the Council for the Most Outstanding Chapter Award:

1. HQ should strongly recommend that chapters include the following in each chapter report submitted: Table of Contents, Chapter Survey, and Documentation on chapter meetings;
2. Identify in the chapter surveys given to the Award Committee the projects that HQ deems a “project;” and
3. Add a column indicating the number of initiated members of the finalist chapters in the Preliminary Screening table given to the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on MindSET (*ad hoc*) was called. C.A. Howsare (PA B), Chair, said that MindSET is a national K-12 initiative aimed at increasing interest in math and science through an emphasis on hands-on learning and is achieved through hands-on activities with kids that are conducted by a chapter, along with other training for teachers and parents that is conducted by TBP national representatives. The program seeks to produce an increase in students having completed algebra I by eighth grade and calculus by the completion of high school, which have been found to be good metrics for the ability of students to succeed in STEM fields. To date, 52 chapters have expressed interest in MindSET, but only 12 chapters are currently hosting sessions, which is a low level of participation. The main issues the committee has identified are:

1. There is a poor understanding of the role of the Chapter Implementation Team (CIT), which is typically composed of at least one student, one non-student such as an advisor or alumnus, and someone external to a chapter, such as a District Director. Formation of the CIT is the first step in developing a program, and having a strong CIT is the key to success.
2. Contacting schools has been the largest obstacle, with chapters often receiving little or no response from schools. Emphasis should be placed on seeking personal relationships that may already exist between a chapter or university and the target school. A chapter member, alumnus, or university employee may know a teacher or administrator who can serve as an advocate for establishing a program, and enlisting the help of Headquarters may be effective when a school is unresponsive.
3. Many chapters hesitate to consider MindSET because they are concerned about the potential cost, but grants up to \$1000 are available from Headquarters, which should cover all costs.
4. Chapters are concerned about the level of planning required, but Headquarters has developed several dozen modules that chapters can use and adapt to serve as the basis for a session. These modules are highly customizable, helping to reduce the planning burden. Chapters are free to develop their own modules or adapt an existing outreach program that resembles MindSET.
5. There is a lack of instruction on chapter implementation. The MindSET brochure is a good promotional tool but is not intended as a resource in the implementation process. A concrete guide for implementation is needed.

The committee recommends the development of a model “MindSET Implementation Process,” analogous to the “12-week Initiation Process” for chapters, to assist chapters that are uncertain about how to start a program. A draft of such a process has been provided to MindSET Coordinator Dylan Lane to be modified and provided to chapters. The group recommends that the Executive Council appoint a “2012 Convention K-12 Outreach Committee” to be tasked with evaluating progress of the MindSET Program and evaluating other K-12 programs operated by chapters to provide insight on how to improve the overall impact of MindSET. Finally, his group challenges all collegiate and alumnus chapters to examine how to implement MindSET and make a positive impact on K-12 students.

The Report of the Committee on Website Development (*ad hoc*) was called. A.M. Williams (VA B), Chair, said that his group was given two tasks: to generate a guide for chapters to create their own websites and to examine the chapter website located at www.tbp.org/chapters, and evaluate the implementation of the 2010 recommendations. His group also has recommendations to further improve the Headquarters website.

The 2010 Website Committee had suggested adding a guide to provide chapters a basic structure for their websites. Key content tabs that should be added include: “Homepage,” “About Us,” “Officers,” “New Member Information,” “Events,” and “Other Information.” This is needed because many chapters lack their own websites, and a base design that they can find easily and build upon is ideal. His group recommends that each website provide clear and concise information and be updated regularly to give prospective members a positive first impression about the chapter. For more emphasis, chapters should use applications such as Google-Calendar and Twitter and include links among the Tau Beta Pi servers and university servers.

The 2010 committee had identified and made recommendations to fix problems on the Chapter Website www.tbp.org/chapters. Most weaknesses, except the bulk of material, have been resolved. Other new areas needing improvement are: 1) the News and Announcements tabs would be most effective if combined; 2) the Homepage tab should be replaced with a “Hot Items” tab to provide chapters with a list of general report due dates for the semester; and 3) the structure of the documents posted should be made more clear and concise. The graphics on the Chapter Website are lacking and need to be modernized. The pages under tbp.org need to be made consistent and flow more easily between tabs. Finally, the side bar on the left of each webpage should be eliminated entirely, and the links they are connected to should be placed under a new tab.

His group is excited about an idea to create a chapter competition to create a template and structure for the appearance of the Association website. The competition would focus on overhauling the appearance and functionality of the website to provide visitors a good first impression of our Society. We recommend that the contest occur so that the winning design can be announced at the 2012 Convention.

He **moved**, seconded by M.G. Burkhart (KY A), **that the above recommendations be considered by the Executive Council for implementation. The motion passed** on a voice vote.

The **Report of the Committee on Resolutions** was called. J.S. Harford (NC A), Chair, requested that Chairman Hickling rule the Convention to be a committee of the whole. His group presented a humorous skit involving the ghost statues in the hotel and the difference between trains and earthquakes.

Chairman Hickling asked for any items of **New Business**.

C.C. Smith (GSMAC), representative of the Alumnus Chapter Forum, **moved**, seconded by R.M. Wham (TN A), **that the Executive Council establish an Alumnus Chapter Committee for the 2012 Convention**. He said that our Tau Beta Pi vision is to continue to be the foremost Engineering Honor Society and that there are 470,000 living members, mostly alumni who are an untapped resource. Alumnus chapters could connect the alumni with the collegiate chapters, but there are only 17 active alumnus chapters. These chapters provide speakers for collegiate chapter events, chapter advisors, District Directors, job opportunities, mentoring, networking, chapter event sponsorship and cash donations. He said that an official Convention Committee would allow alumni to coordinate and maximize their efforts by facilitating more coherent communication of good ideas among alumnus chapters, providing a defined role at Conventions, support for alumnus chapters and help for new ones, and improving standing with District Directors and other officials. The **motion passed** on a voice vote.

J. Hilerio-Sanchez (PR A Adv.) said that 40 chapter advisors had participated in the Chapter Advisor Forum, that 13 were new and had received training, and that YouTube would be used for further training.

E.T. Krakow (WI G) recommended that the 2012 Convention address the issue of paper ballots in order to improve voting efficiency.

The Third Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

A box lunch was provided in the Grand Hall at noon.

Focus Groups on ways to improve Tau Beta Pi, the benefits of membership, and suggestions to keep alumni involved were led by District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators at 12:30 p.m.

The Model Initiation was conducted at 2:30 p.m. in the Illinois Street Ballroom. 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 8 Director S.L. Forkner, IN A President J.H. Kubinski, Purdue University associate dean of engineering for undergraduate education Dr. Michael T. Harris *MS A '81*, and Ritual Committee members. The Model Initiation brought into membership in the Association 30 student members, one alumnus, and one eminent engineer of Indiana Alpha and three student members of Indiana Gamma.

The Initiation and Award Banquet was held in the Grand Hall at 6 p.m. Vice President Dao presented a humorous video thanking Secretary Froula that involved delegates, advisors, and officers commenting on various questions such as "When did you meet Jim?" "Do you like his mustache?" and "What do you see him doing in five years?" She presented a special Golden Duck Award and a special rubber duck necklace. Dr. David R. Finley, P.E., (IN E Adv.) was master of ceremonies. Vice President Dao welcomed and recognized the Indiana Alpha and Gamma initiates. Councillor Earle introduced the new 2011 Tau Beta Pi historical video, which the delegates enjoyed. A total of 420 enjoyed the salmon and steak entree with triple berry stack for dessert, sponsored for the voting delegates by GEICO.

At the conclusion of the Final Business Meeting below, Dr. Michael T. Harris encouraged the delegates to focus on the tough problems in the world, such as K-12 education, cancer, and food production. Assistant Arrangements Chair Yichao Pan thanked all for participating in the Convention, acknowledged the hosts and Headquarters staff for their work and the award winners, and encouraged safe travels, and led a round of applause for Mr. Gomulinski and Mr. Froula. President Simonson asked a series of questions of the delegates, thanked them for their good work and the Indiana hosts for a smooth-running Convention, and invited everyone to the 2012 Convention in Lexington, KY. Arrangements Chair Mark J. Tozzi stated his pleasure in hosting the Convention and assisting the delegates, who applauded Mark and the host chapters.

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 29, Initiation and Award Banquet
Grand Hall, Crowne Plaza at Historic Union Station, Indianapolis, IN

Chairman Hickling took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program in the Grand Hall at 7:25 p.m.

Councillor Pih introduced the 2011 **Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor**: Dr. William R. Goodin, *CAE '75*, was recognized for his accomplishments in supporting engineering students and presented him with a \$1,000 award and the McDonald Mentor Medallion. Mr. Pih announced that an additional \$1,000 grant had been credited to the California Epsilon Chapter. Dr. Goodin encouraged all Tau Beta Pi chapters to participate in Rube Goldberg contests.

Councillor Earle reviewed the history of the Advisor Award Program and presented the 2011 **Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor**: Dr. Robert L. Ward, P.E., *OHI '88*, Ohio Iota Chief Advisor. He spoke of Dr. Ward's accomplishments and presented \$1,000 to him and \$1,000 for the Ohio Northern University school of engineering for the college's discretionary fund. Dr. Ward acknowledged his dean, fellow advisors, Headquarters staff, and the outstanding work of his Ohio Iota student members.

Vice President Dao recognized the 2011 **Tau Beta Pi Laureates**: Rosary C.T. Abot, *IN G '11*, Zachary W. Carr, *NJA '11*, Ann M. Gilman, *IAA '11*, Jonathan A. Gross, *AZA '11*, and Jennifer A. Johnson, *SCA '11*, spoke of their outstanding achievements, and presented them with Laureate plaques and cash awards of \$2,500.

Dr. Simonson presented the 2011 **Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumnus**: Richard G. Higgins, *MEA '79*. Dr. Simonson read a citation of his accomplishments and presented a special plaque. (A \$2,000 scholarship in Mr. Higgins' name will be awarded in 2011.) Mr. Higgins stated his pleasure at receiving the most humbling award he had ever received, thanked his alma mater, and reminded the delegates that excellence in engineering is only the beginning.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards, A.R. Wooldridge (KY B) Chair, introduced Assistant Secretary Hawks who said that the Headquarters staff and Executive Council had established a new J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award. Mr. Froula presented the inaugural award to Missouri Beta with honorable mentions to Georgia Alpha, Nevada Alpha, and Arizona Gamma.

Ms. Wooldridge presented the **2011 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** to California Tau at the University of California, Irvine, for its extensive project activity and the honorable mention to **Tennessee Gamma** at Tennessee Technological University for its improvements in initiation rates.

V.F. Yeranossian (OH A), Vice Chair, spoke of the criteria for the Outstanding Chapter Award and presented the **honorable mention to California Alpha at the University of California, Berkeley**, for its exceptional community outreach in its robotic STEM project, and its chapter organization. He presented the **2011 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award to Michigan Epsilon at Wayne State University** for its exceptional membership program, significant involvement of its advisors, exceptional fundraising, strong community outreach program, and excellent chapter publication.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, J.S. Harford (NC A), Chair, presented appreciation plaques to the five host chapters and a special Tau Beta Pi plaque to Arrangements Chair Mark Tozzi and read the following:

Resolutions of the 2011 Convention

Thank you, on behalf of the entire Resolutions Committee. I can see some of you are already concerned, but don't worry. This will not be nearly as serious as the Resolutions report this morning. Thank you to everyone for being here; it is you who make this entire Convention and organization possible. It is only through your efforts that we are able to gather at a national level and conduct the business of Tau Beta Pi.

This Convention is unique in that there are five host chapters, and it is our privilege at this time to honor them. Please help me recognize Indiana Alpha at Purdue University, and President Joe Kubinski; Indiana Beta at Rose Hulman University and President Emily Yedinak; Indiana Gamma at Notre Dame University and President Yichao Pan; Indiana Delta at Valparaiso University and President Matthew LaRue; and, finally, Indiana Epsilon at Trine University and President Patrick Campbell (host plaques were presented).

Along those lines, next we have the pleasure of recognizing the man who has taken point on arranging the local details of this entire weekend, Convention Arrangements Chair Mark Tozzi (he received a special plaque). As a group, we are grateful to these Tau Bates who have carved time away from their precious studies to host us here.

But we also acknowledge that the host chapters' efforts would be futile without the financial support of alumni and corporate sponsors. 227 companies gave generously to Tau Beta Pi this year, as well as more than 11,000 individuals. In particular we thank: GEICO, NCEES, Raytheon, Sandia, Cummins Inc., and the rest of our sponsors who specifically made this 106th Convention possible. [Let's take a moment to applaud and recognize them]

TBP is an historic organization dating back to 1885. As part of its growth and expansion we have the privilege of celebrating the 2012 centennial anniversaries of the Pennsylvania Beta and Washington Alpha chapters. Their legacies honoring integrity and excellence in engineering are an inspiring example for our continued efforts. And now we can eagerly await celebrating the centennial anniversary of California Alpha Epsilon at the University of San Diego in 2112.

In truth, this is an organization of fantastic potential. Even among this group, however, there are those exemplary few who have risen as leaders among leaders. This summer, the 13th group of TBP scholars was introduced in THE BENT. These 156 individuals support the rigorous ideals of TBP: excellence and integrity. We look forward to seeing the return of accomplishments these scholars will bring in response to the generous TBP investment in their lives. We have the highest expectations, and look forward to their continued excellence. I would also like to mention the 2011 Tau Beta Pi Fellows and the five graduate Laureates we have just met this evening.

In addition, many Tau Bates stay active past their academic efforts. The three individuals honored here tonight are representative of hundreds of Tau Beta Pi alumni who volunteer their time and energy as chapter advisors and mentors. [Please join me in congratulating these members who have risen above their peers in exemplary achievements.]

Next, heartfelt thanks go out to all our local leaders. The 36 Engineering Futures Facilitators, and their wonderful work under the guidance of Director of Engineering Futures Russell Pierce, have provided us those 'soft skills' we need to succeed. Similarly, the District Directors provide invaluable services, for which we are sincerely grateful. Their many hours of volunteered time have unquestionably benefited our upcoming generations of Tau Bates.

In addition to the impressive commitment of our local leaders, there are a number of national figures who have coordinated all the individual efforts into a single, vibrant society. First, after reviewing the volunteer efforts of our extensive alumni family, we recognize Dr. Amy Forbes in her direction of the AlumNet Program; further thanks are due to those alumni who have generously pledged their time to mentor and guide students.

On a different note, Rebecca Davis, our Collegiate Chapter Assistant: can I see a show of hands here. How many people in this room have been stuck, and called Rebecca to bail you out? There you go. We are all grateful for her continued assistance and everything she does for us.

Look around at the banquet hall here—we would not have this hall and good food before us if not for the faithful work of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger Hawks.

As a historic society, our secret rituals are cherished and hallowed. We thank Edward J. D'Avignon, Director of Rituals, for providing the foundation of our traditions for years to come.

To the distinguished members of the TBP Fellowship Board, most notably their leader, Director of Fellowships Stephen Pierre, we thank you. Thanks to your committee and its hard work, countless Tau Bates have received well-deserved recognition for their achievements. [Join me in expressing gratitude to these and all the devoted Tau Beta Pi officials]

We would also like to extend a big thanks to Tau Beta Pi's Trust Advisory Committee, more specifically Chair Rodger Smith and members Jim Johnson Jr. and Harry Lange. Without their sound investment strategy, we would not have the funds to organize the Convention or continue operations.

And the Executive Council: This dedicated group symbolizes the pinnacle of dedication and heart for Tau Beta Pi. We thank President Dr. Larry Simonson, Vice President Solange Dao, and Council members Dr. Jonathan Earle, Jason Huggins, and Norman Pih for their ongoing work. [Help me to thank all of these national officials]

Finally, there is one among us who has been a visionary and inspiration to everyone in the room—Jim Froula. Jim has been our fearless leader since 1982. Without his efforts and involvement, TBP would simply not be the organization it is today. We thank Jim for serving with heart and passion.

And we offer a challenge and an encouragement to Curt Gomulinski. We know that he will perform his role with every bit of excellence as those who have come before him.

In looking around this very room, and looking over this impressive list of names, we can only be grateful. We look forward to next year, and the continued achievements of every Tau Bate. Thank you.

President Simonson conducted the transfer of Executive Directors and said: “Tonight marks an historic moment in the history of the Association. For only the third time in our history, we are transitioning the leadership of the organization to a new Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer.” He highlighted the three members who have held the position through a slideshow and video prepared by Dylan Lane. He said: “Jim Froula has had a huge impact on a number of different groups in Tau Beta Pi. It is my pleasure to introduce different groups of Tau Bates who will express their gratitude to Jim.

On behalf of the grateful members of Collegiate and Alumnus Chapters, C. Craig Smith (GSMAC), R. Matthew Wham (TN A), and Assistant Secretary Hawks presented a GPS unit to Jim. On behalf of the national officials, District 4 Director Russell Werneth presented a beautiful photographic memory book with congratulatory messages to Jim, and District 16 Director Stacey Ross presented a topographical map of Mars. On behalf of the Executive Council, the five members presented five bound copies of 116 issues of THE BENT dating from 1982 to 2011 for which he served as Editor, and Larry read the inscription on the cover of each bound volume.

Finally, on behalf of the Association, President Simonson presented a special one-of-a-kind plaque recognizing Jim’s service as Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor, and he announced that “The Executive Council is pleased to award you the title of Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus of the Association.” Mr. Froula responded and stated his great honor, privilege, and pleasure in serving the members and Tau Beta Pi for nearly three decades and asked all to support Mr. Gomulinski as they had supported him and the Headquarters staff during that period.

President Simonson installed Curtis D. Gomulinski as Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor in a formal ceremony. Mr. Gomulinski acknowledged his friends and relatives, expressed his enthusiasm and affection for Tau Beta Pi, recognized his Tau Beta Pi spouse Tricia, and stated his honor to serve the Association.

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. The entire banquet group joined Mr. Froula in the **Tau Beta Pi yell**. Chairman Hickling thanked Parliamentarian Luchini and Secretary Froula, and praised the delegates for their skills, collaboration, and cooperation. On the motion to adjourn sine die by A.R. Wooldridge (KY B), seconded by nearly every delegate, Chairman Hickling asked for and heard a voice vote. However, a division of the house was called. After a standing vote, Chairman Hickling declared the **Convention adjourned sine die at 9:21 p.m.**

Submitted by,

James D. Froula, P.E.
Convention Secretary

Approved by,

Ronald M. Hickling
Convention Chair