



THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2014 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

(Convention minutes pages in parentheses)

Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

Approved by the Convention

BUT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters

- 1. Remove the details of the Headquarters retirement plan from the Constitution.**
Constitution Article V, Sections 1 & 2 (p. 12)
- 2. Allow alumni chapters to specify an officer election period in their chapter bylaws.**
Constitution Article VII, Section 2 (a) (pp. 14-15)
- 3. Modify the size and term length of the Fellowship Board.**
Constitution Article IV, Section 2 (g) (2) (pp. 16-17)
- 4. Clarify the eligibility requirements for graduate students.**
Constitution Article VIII, Sections 4 (a) (5) and 5 (a) (5) (p. 17)
- 5. Provide flexibility in the position of Editor of the Association.**
Constitution Article IV, Section 2 (d) (4)
Bylaws III, Section 3.01 (a) and IX, Section 9.02 (pp. 17-18)
- 6. Adjust provisions regarding the salary determination of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.**
Constitution Article III, Section 5 (a)
Bylaw III, Section 3.01 (b) (pp. 18-19)
7. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2013-14 to Michigan Gamma at the University of Michigan. Honorable mentions were given to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama and California Alpha at the University of California, Berkeley. (p. 21)
8. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2013-14 to Florida Theta at Florida International University and an honorable mention to New York Tau at Binghamton University. (p. 21)
9. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to Pennsylvania Delta at the University of Pennsylvania. (p. 21)
10. Applauded the announcement of the 2014 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor **Brendan J. O'Toole**, Ph.D., *Nevada Beta '86*, professor of mechanical engineering and director of both the Center for Materials and Structures and the Mendenhall Innovation Program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (p. 14)
11. Applauded the announcement of the 2014 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor **Marvin E. Criswell**, Ph.D., P.E., *Nebraska Alpha '65*, Colorado Delta Advisor. (p. 14)

12. Applauded the presentations of 2014 Tau Beta Pi Laureates **B. Dennis Chua**, *New York Delta '14*, **Christopher M. Douglas**, *Illinois Delta '14*, **Lisa N. Garrett**, *Iowa Alpha '14*, **Erika M. Pliner**, *Wisconsin Gamma '14*, and **Tonya J. Whitehead**, *Michigan Epsilon '15*. (pp. 14, 21)
13. Applauded the presentation of 26 **Secretary's Commendations** for perfect chapter reporting in 2013-14 to: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Nu, Colorado Delta, Connecticut Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Iota, Idaho Beta, Illinois Delta, Indiana Epsilon, Iowa Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Theta, Montana Alpha, Nevada Beta, New York Xi, North Dakota Beta, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, South Dakota Alpha, South Dakota Beta, Virginia Epsilon, and Wisconsin Beta. (p. 10)
14. Applauded the presentation of 72 **Membership Awards** for excellent membership work in 2013-14 to: Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Alpha, Arizona Beta, California Alpha, California Epsilon, California Zeta, California Iota, California Lambda, California Nu, California Omicron, California Psi, California Omega, California Alpha Delta, California Alpha Epsilon, Colorado Zeta, Connecticut Alpha, Connecticut Beta, District of Columbia Beta, Florida Alpha, Florida Delta, Florida Zeta, Florida Theta, Florida Iota, Illinois Beta, Indiana Beta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Alpha, Maryland Epsilon, Massachusetts Delta, Massachusetts Iota, Michigan Alpha, Michigan Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Delta, Michigan Theta, Minnesota Alpha, Minnesota Beta, Missouri Gamma, Nebraska Alpha, Nevada Beta, New Hampshire Beta, New Jersey Delta, New Jersey Zeta, New York Alpha, New York Eta, New York Kappa, New York Mu, New York Sigma, Ohio Epsilon, Ohio Iota, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Nu, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Epsilon, Pennsylvania Zeta, Pennsylvania Eta, Pennsylvania Kappa, Rhode Island Alpha, Rhode Island Beta, South Carolina Gamma, Tennessee Epsilon, Texas Gamma, Texas Eta, Texas Kappa, Texas Mu, Virginia Beta, Virginia Delta, Virginia Epsilon, West Virginia Alpha, West Virginia Beta, Wisconsin Gamma and Wisconsin Delta. (p. 10)
15. Applauded the presentation of 23 **MindSET Grants** for 2013-14 totaling \$6,690 to 10 chapters: Alabama Gamma, California Epsilon, Florida Alpha, Florida Theta, New Jersey Alpha, New Jersey Beta, New York Gamma, South Carolina Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, and Tennessee Gamma. (p. 14)
16. Applauded the presentation of 28 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2013-14 to: Alaska Alpha, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Theta, Illinois Alpha, Illinois Epsilon, Maryland Beta, Michigan Theta, Michigan Iota, Nevada Beta, New York Nu, New York Tau, Puerto Rico Alpha, Wyoming Alpha, and to the following 15 chapters that had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Epsilon, Florida Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Georgia Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Kentucky Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Kappa, Minnesota Alpha, Ohio Iota, South Carolina Alpha, and Texas Alpha. (p. 14)
17. Granted new chapters to the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis to be known as Indiana Zeta and to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott to be known as Arizona Delta. (p. 11)
18. Recommended changes to the materials prepared for the Financial Affairs Committee regarding the Association's finances. (p. 11)
19. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2015 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2014 Convention with the exception of discontinuing onsite reimbursement of breakfasts. (pp. 11-12)

20. Made two changes to the Tau Beta Pi Ritual. *(p. 12)*
21. Granted two appeals from CA D regarding the eligibility of students in their computer science and computer science game development programs. *(p. 13)*
22. Recommended that a Committee on Alumni Chapters be chartered at the 2015 Convention. *(p. 15)*
23. Prepared a survey assessment for chapter advisors to reflect the state of their chapters. *(p. 15)*
24. Recommended revisions to the MindSET program including goals for chapters at different phases of their MindSET activities and updates to the implementation guide. *(p. 15)*
25. Reviewed the reporting website (*www.tbp.org/tbpeilig*) and recommended enhancements to the navigation and membership reporting components. *(p. 15)*
26. Revised the program of full reimbursement of non-voting delegates to attend Convention to include up to 10 percent of collegiate chapters nationally at the discretion of the Executive Council and to review the program at the 2017 Convention. *(pp. 15-16)*
27. Accepted the invitation from California Xi, Psi, and Alpha Epsilon to host the 2016 Convention in San Diego, California. *(p. 16)*
28. Made various recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. *(pp. 19-20)*
29. Installed the Elevate Executive Council Slate to office for the 2014-18 term. *(p. 22)*

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