

**MINUTES OF THE 109th CONVENTION  
THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION, INC.  
The Davenport Hotel & Tower & Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, WA  
October 2-4, 2014**

Final registration of voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and Association Officials registered for the Convention at the Spokane Convention Center on October 2 is as follows:

**Official Collegiate Chapter Voting Delegates:**

AL A	Kayla E. Reid	FL B	Molly R. Marohl	MI A	Jessica L. Buschman
AL B	George B. Parker	FL Γ	Timothy W. Jacobson	MI B	Andrew M. Wallis
AL Γ	Ophelia L. Johnson	FL Δ	Robert E. Hoffman	MI Γ	Kelsey A. Hockstad
AL Δ	Ryan S. Longchamps	FL E	Juan D. Ramirez	MI Δ	Jonathon M. Kreska
AL E	Bryan A. Ricksecker	FL Z	Zachary D. Rubenfeld	MI E	Maryssa L. Mercer
AK A	Ryan T. McLaughlin	FL H	Robert D. Franklin	MI Z	Savannah R. Brown
AZ A	Daniel A. Martin III	FL Θ	Kathryn Chung	MI H	-----
AZ B	Jessica M. Piper	FL I	William C. Kusuma	MI Θ	Adam L. Quinn
AZ Γ	Christopher J. Gass	GA A	Sara A. Khalek	MI I	Gabriel A. Church
AR A	John P. Carradini	GA B	Wahaj U. Khan	MI K	Spencer G. Watza
CA A	Vivian Shen	ID A	Jonathan H. Paul	MI Λ	Christopher A. Foster
CA B	Max L. Wang	ID B	-----	MN A	Donald J. Mattia
CA Γ	Tim Schnabel	ID Γ	Lacie K. Rasley	MN B	Samuel M. Rothstein
CA Δ	Jason M.H. Pang	IL A	Jack H. Weinstein	MS A	Christopher A. Collins
CA E	Rachel M. Fang	IL B	Glen W. Eberts	MS B	Colin K. Wattigney
CA Z	William D. Leineweber	IL Γ	Sue Ann Gan	MO A	Heather L. Williams
CA H	Jacob T. Pichel	IL Δ	Raymond A. DeBoer	MO B	Jeremiah L. Amato
CA Θ	Araxia G. Sevdayan	IL E	Blake C. Jerrells	MO Γ	-----
CA I	Jonathan Ma	IL Z	Mark Brusilovsky	MO Δ	John G. Menteer
CA K	Ranna N. El Naga	IN A	Mark A. Harlan	MO E	Federico Garcia Lorca
CA Λ	Ashwin Bala	IN B	-----	MT A	Rebecca D. Johnson
CA M	Jill N. Thetford	IN Γ	Hannah M. Knochelmann	MT B	Benjamin C. Cook
CA N	Holli L. Rosdail	IN Δ	Hayden M. Hast	NE A	Evan P. Schultz
CA Ξ	Riley E. Winship	IN E	Christie R. Hasbrouck	NV A	Nolan A. Nicholson
CA O	Kyle T. Peerless	IA A	Jacob R. Mallams	NV B	Eduardo Hoyuela-Alcaraz
CA P	Austin T. Lord	IA B	Henry L. Wroblewski	NH A	Ian F. Gagnon
CA Σ	Grant A. Draper	KS A	-----	NH B	Brendan F. Nagle
CA T	Ling X. Kong	KS B	Carlton J.A. Hemphill	NJ A	Garrett T. Joyal
CA Y	Rachel K. Alexander	KS Γ	Ryan T. Whelchel	NJ B	Jordan T. Smart
CA Φ	Wilson Zhu	KY A	David K. Blanford II	NJ Γ	Jerry S. Martinez
CA X	Luis Marquez	KY B	Louis T. Curtis	NJ Δ	Dror Liebenthal
CA Ψ	Tiffany Kyi	KY Γ	Caitlyn L. Clark	NJ E	Timothy D. Reardon
CA Ω	Christopher E. Sugino	LA A	Michael D. Johnston	NJ Z	Jonathan Wang
CA AA	I. Nevada Inocencio	LA B	Scott A. Stewart	NM A	Joseph S. Graff
CA AB	Faiz U. Mirza	LA Γ	Amy L. Dagate	NM B	Regina F. Eckert
CA AΓ	Kevin J. Clarke	LA Δ	Joshua P. Roman	NM Γ	Allen D. Erickson
CA AΔ	Brendan E. Short	LA E	Luis E. De Grau Vidal	NY A	Jake G. Wood
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CO B	Alexander M. Mitkus	MD B	Emily M. Hitz	NY Δ	Ethan T. Yen
CO Δ	Patrick G. Harvey	MD Γ	Michael K. Johnson	NY H	Alex A. Bonilla
CO E	Todd B. Santee	MD Δ	Sarah L. Hemler	NY Θ	Khrystyna Dilai
CO Z	Sarah A. Folse	MD E	Gbelokoluwa B. Oguntimein	NY I	Vlad Ciocoi
CT A	Kayo Teramoto	MA A	Haley D. Hayden	NY K	Koji Muto
CT B	Vannesa Kello	MA B	Michael D. Fu	NY M	Samuel J. Pierce
CT Γ	Kimberly H. Colavito	MA Δ	Samuel M. Kessel	NY N	Kayleigh E. Miller
DE A	James P. Thomson	MA E	Anne G. Lally	NY Ξ	Christine E. Heller
DC A	Mohamed A. Bouzaghrane	MA Z	Jared M. Post	NY O	Jonathan M. Schneider
DC B	Diogenes A. Dichoso	MA H	Patrick W. Crawford	NY Π	Maria C. Luna Cabrera
DC Γ	Alexander P. Afonso	MA Θ	Viet Q. Le	NY P	Nima Simon
FL A	Nicholas A. Bianco	MA I	Tyler I. Gerhardson	NY Σ	Bernadette R. Cladek

NY T	Vivian Mo	PA Γ	Darwin Yang	TX H	David R. Campbell
NY Y	-----	PA Δ	Rocky L. Diegmiller	TX ⊕	Aldo I. Vidana
NC A	Reed S.R. Grimm	PA E	-----	TX I	Rachel M. Parsons
NC Γ	Benjamin F. Spilsbury	PA Z	Michael Chen	TX K	Damone L. Wright
NC Δ	Nathan J. Johnson	PA H	Kyle T. Montgomery	TX Λ	Christopher J. Dunkelberg
NC E	Wynton A. Johnson	PA ⊕	Samantha Butwill	TX M	Brenda Marchand
ND A	Megan E. Meyer	PA I	John C. Kindt II	TX N	Juan Carlos Lago
ND B	Seth R. Grundstad	PA K	-----	UT A	Christopher J. Creveling
OH A	Karun Kumar Rao	PA Λ	Alyson M. Egan	UT B	Eric G. Fuller
OH B	Michael R. Flanagan	PA M	Benjamin R. Frances	UT Γ	Serena L. Makin
OH Γ	Kacie N. LaBrecque	PR A	Tyrone Medina Velez	VT A	Baxter G. Miatke
OH Δ	Emily A. Blaha	RI A	Benjamin A. Basseches	VT B	Skylar R. Croy
OH E	Gregory R. Arcangelini	RI B	Catherine A. LiVolsi	VA A	Emily E. Nemec
OH Z	Logan M. Anteau	SC A	Brian D. Peterson	VA B	Samuel T. Phifer
OH H	Robert A. Lake	SC B	Taylor R. Garrick	VA Γ	Devin V. Samples-Wright
OH ⊕	Allison M. Ecker	SC Γ	Parker J. Singletary	VA Δ	-----
OH I	Alexander M. Altman	SD A	Zachary B. Hochhalter	VA E	Nicolas M. Andrade
OH K	Kenneth W. Smith Jr.	SD B	Erik D. Howe	WA A	Marissa N. Karpack
OH Λ	Ashley N. Martof	TN A	Chirag K. Tailor	WA B	Zoey M. Henson
OH M	Michelle E. Harr	TN B	Justin E. Huntress	WA Γ	Ames F. Fowler
OH N	John S. Grinalds III	TN Γ	Scott A. Hill	WA Δ	Barrett A. North
OH ⊚	Daniel R. Ferriell	TN Δ	Jennifer C. Lo	WV A	Matthew L. McCabe
OK A	Paige N. Riley	TN E	Chiu P. Yan	WV B	Kyle E. Diem
OK B	Kevin M. Buettner	TN Z	Michael S. A. Young	WI A	Jonathan R. Guay
OK Γ	Michael W. Johnson	TX A	David F. Gonzalez	WI B	Abigail E. Deats
OR A	Hannah G. Bulovsky	TX B	Paula A. Monaco	WI Γ	Lucas W. Resch
OR B	Keri J. Tegtmeier	TX Γ	Thomas R. Weidman	WI Δ	Ezra M. Imes
OR Γ	Alex G. Varvel	TX Δ	Craig R. Nolen	WI E	Jose G. Rosas
PA A	Neal E. Cousino	TX E	Natalia D. Caid	WY A	Dakota Roberson
PA B	Zechariah D. Meyer	TX Z	Jordan A. King		

**Collegiate Chapter Alternates (non-voting delegates):**

AL Δ	Nathan A. Schrock	DC A	Aaron M. Malveaux	MI Δ	Eva N. Berndt
AL E	Matthew B. Hancock	DC A	MaKamba S. Sackey	MI E	Matthew C. Melucci
AL E	Bradley D. Harris	DC A	Khabeer Salaam	MI ⊕	Abedin Sherifi
AK A	Douglas A. Gelineau	DC Γ	Brenden C. Maag	MI I	Vladyslav Slyusar
AR A	Anna J. Arnaud	FL Δ	Cody J. Pike	MI Λ	Zachary J. Walton
AR A	Emily A. Callaway	FL H	Emilio A. Kenny	MN A	Jack W. Nebel
AR A	K. Cody Johnson	FL ⊕	Alexander G. Ramos	MN B	Christopher E. Larson
AR A	Jesus E. Martinez	ID A	Adriana E. Carbon	MS A	Morgan A. Marrero
AR A	Michaela W. Mertz	IL B	Patrick G. Burgess	MT A	Bonnie K. Gilbery
AR A	Christopher M. Plate	IL B	Feras Fallah	MT A	Gage B. Shae
AR A	Rachel E. Reynolds	IL B	Kaela V. Gerald	NV B	Andrew L. Poland
AR A	Hannah S. Smith	IL B	Chaemoon Lee	NH B	Teresa Y. Ou
CA Γ	Niklaus H. Evitt	IL B	Carlos Ochoa-Vazquez	NJ A	Brian J. Juzefyk
CA E	Anthony I. Ambrosio-Meir	IL Γ	Andrew J.E. Rowberg	NJ Z	Nhi K. Lam
CA ⊕	Catherine M. Sakurai	IL Δ	Erik C. Anderson	NM B	Samantha P. Lemon
CA ⊕	Eric E. Tom	IL Δ	Hans C. Vik	NY Γ	MeiXing Dong
CAN	Dane A. Irwin	IN Γ	Matthew R. Kowalski	NY ⊕	Haley C. Grassi
CA O	Patrick B. Hodgkiss	IA A	Renee M. Megchelsen	NY I	Nicholas P. Mannarino
CA P	Shawn R. Demmers	KY Γ	Zachary B. Lancaster	NY K	Namita Sarraf
CA P	Kelsey R. Hoffman	LA B	David C. Sloas	NY ⊚	John F. Vermaelen
CA P	Tonia K. Holmes	MD Δ	Jacob D. Alvarez	NY T	Kavitha Chandrasekaran
CA P	Jessica A. Regier	MD Δ	Stephanie C. Bonadies	NC A	Haritha Malladi
CA Y	David A. Minnick	MI B	Chen Li	NC E	Chelsey S. Ransom
CA Y	Kristine Y. Tan	MI Γ	Michael L. Benson	ND A	Jake R. Eissingter
CA ΔΔ	Tyler E. Peterson	MI Γ	Scott M. Cooper	ND A	Ethan P. Hettwer
CO E	Emily K. Sedbrook	MI Γ	Leo P. Devota	OH A	Shriya S. Srinivasan
DE A	Lindsay M. Shapiro	MI Γ	Sylvia M. Domanico	OH B	Jason M. Fischer
DC A	Kistine M. Andall	MI Γ	Cameron D. McBride	OH Z	Heather N. Sunyak
DC A	Caleah T. Gregoire	MI Γ	Stephanie M. Miller	OH Z	Rebecca A. Soisson

OH Z	Nathan R. Tapper	SC Γ	Bradley R. Hendrickson	TX Δ	Tasnim A. Mohamed
OH I	Eric A. Holodnak	SC Γ	Jason A. Shea	TX Δ	Firas Abi Saleh
OH Λ	Benjamin N. Tadla	SD A	Zachary M. Scheuffele	TX Δ	Ayman Yamine
OK B	David E. Boll	SD A	Caitlin W. Taggart	TX E	Fabiana C. Cirino
OK Γ	Joshua T. Sorenson	SD A	Jonah W. Thune	TX K	Joseph M. Dowell
OR A	Kelly R. Gutierrez	SD A	Carrie C. Veer	TX Λ	Snehaben M. Bhakta
OR Γ	Patrick R. Kempster	SD B	Evan M. Glanzer	TX M	Emmanuel F. De Leon
PA Γ	William C. Records	SD B	Ryan R. Mahutga	UT A	Carina E. Hahn
PA Z	Ziyin Huang	TN A	Kristin L. Woodward	VA A	Ruijie Zhu
PA Θ	Aaron D. Williams	TN Γ	Morgan L. Bocci	VA B	Christopher G.F. Arenas
PA Λ	Dhruv N. Srinivasachar	TN Γ	Robert J. Walker	VA Γ	Mackenzie L. Payment
PR A	Alexander Millet-Ayala	TN E	Tyrell J.A. Forde	WV A	Christopher M. Nestor
SC A	Meredith A. Clemmens	TX A	Saurabh R. Limaye	WI Δ	Justin M. Collins
SC Γ	Erik R. Eisenach	TX B	Ryan A. Elder	WY A	Andrew S. Davis

#### Collegiate Chapter Advisors:

AK A	Margaret M. Darrow	IA A	LeVern W. Faidley	NM B	Julie M. Harvie
AR A	Charles W. Caldwell	ME A	Paige A. Case	NY A	Scott M. Trocchia
CA Γ	Zubair Ahmed	MI Γ	Michael J. Hand III	OH E	Edward D. Basta
CA Z	Drazen Fabris	MI Γ	Kyle A. Lady	OH I	Laurie K. Laird
CA Ξ	Andrew M. Reinhardt	MI Γ	Ethan M. Stark	OH N	Harwood A. Hegna
CA Y	Patrick D. Homen	MI E	Justin J. Khami	PA A	David W. Dobrowski
CA AE	Kathleen A. Kramer	MI Z	Mark G. Thompson	PR A	Evi De La Rosa-Ricciardi
CO B	Scott M. Busch	MS A	Jerry W. Bruce II	SD B	Richard A. Reid
CO Δ	Marvin E. Criswell	MO E	Raymond P. LeBeau	WA Δ	Mara R. London
DC A	Robert E. Efimba	MT A	Abigail M. Richards	WV A	John M. Kuhlman
FL A	Michael W. Griffis	NV B	Brendan T. Morris	WV A	Melissa L. Morris
FL Γ	Paul Schnitzler	NV B	Brendan J. O'Toole		

#### Alumni Chapter Delegates:

Ann Arbor Area	Pritpaul S. Mahal, MI Γ '07	Puget Sound	Caitlin M. Ryberg, WA Γ '13
Atlanta	Meghan C. Ferrall, FL A '12	Rocket City	Crystal L. McCartney, AL Δ '08
Baltimore	David S. Kaplan, PA Γ '03	Rochester, NY	Thomas A. Pinkham IV, MA E '88
Central Illinois	Lauren H. Logan, OH Δ '10	Sacramento	Alexander F. Weaver, CA Y '13
Central Texas	Adrienne L. Shearer, KY A '13	Saint Louis	Dennis A. Negron Rivera, PR A '13
Chicago	Joshua I. Larson, MI Γ '11	San Francisco Bay Area	Aaron R. Alpert, CA A '10
Front Range	Eric R. Paquette, CO E '12	Southeastern Michigan	Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, MI E '00
Greater Boston Area	Gerald J. Wang, CT A '13	Southern California	Kyle J. Dominguez, CA N '12
New York City	Jennifer Lui, NY T '13	Southern Tier	Anthony M. Olenik, NY T '08
Ohio's North Coast	Andrew J. Zak, OH E '14	Tampa Bay	Andrew K. Lloyd, FL Γ '12
Palm Beach/Broward	David J. Cowan Jr., FL E '14	Washington, DC	Kaitlyn H. Krukar, VA B '10
Pikes Peak	Robert W. Streeter, WY A '11	West Michigan	Nicholas A. Baine, OH M '07

#### Alumnus Visitors & Laureates:

Kurt E. Beschorner, IL A '04	Elson Y. Liu, AZ A '01	Delanyo K. Seshie, FL H '14
B. Dennis Chua, NY Δ '14	Asad M. Madni, CA E '69	Stephen J. Shrope, WA B '70
John F. Dacquisto, WA Δ '65	Kenneth L. Martin, NM A '83	Robert C. Styles, AL Δ '76
Christopher M. Douglas, IL Δ '14	Donald P. McMillan, PA A '81	Ateeq J. Suria, AZ A '10
Lisa N. Garrett, IA A '14	Gbadebo M. Owolabi, DC A '97	Tonya J. Whitehead, MI E '15
Delon Hampton, DC A '54	Gary E. Payton, CO Z '71	Wilho E. Williams, WA B '44
Madison R. Herman, OH Z '13	Charles C. Peterson, UT A '68	Joseph P. Wilson, FL A '07
Harry W. Lange, MI Z '75	Erika M. Pliner, WI Γ '14	

#### Representatives of the petitioning societies:

Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis  
Faculty: Kenichi Yoshida, CA E '89  
Student: Jeremy N. Mihajlovich  
Student: Leandro Moretti

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott  
Faculty: John E. Post, TX B '81  
Student: Scott S. Thoesen

**Hosts:**

Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangement Co-Chairs Madison M. Chambers (WA D) and Taylor J. Ellis (WA D). Other Washington chapter members and initiates assisting at the Convention were: T.M. Chen (WA B) and Washington Delta members: R.P. Dooris, K.A. McLaughlin, D.H. Fisher, C.A. Davis, M.Q. Burke, C.M. Burt, C.D. Croskrey, T.S. Kunke, and E.A.B. Rogers.

The 2015 Convention Arrangements Chair was not in attendance.

**Officials of the Association in attendance were:****Officers and Officials**

President  
Larry A. Simonson

Vice President  
Solange C. Dao

Councillors  
Jason A. Huggins  
Norman Pih

Director of Alumni Affairs  
Tricia E. Gomulinski

Director of Engineering Futures  
Russell W. Pierce

Director of Fellowships  
D. Stephen Pierre Jr.

Director of Rituals  
Edward J. D'Avignon

Executive Director and  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Curtis D. Gomulinski

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Roger E. Hawks

Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus  
James D. Froula

Convention Chair  
Ronald M. Hickling

Parliamentarian  
George K. Miyata

**District Directors**

District 1 Matthew V. Paragano  
Lauren J. Swett

District 2 Jason Rogan

District 3 Christopher C. McComb  
Alexander J. Rovnan

District 4 Edward P. Gorzkowski III  
Russell L. Werneth

District 5 Rebecca A. Lewis  
Elizabeth A. Stephan

District 6 Andrea M. Ramsey  
Dee Anne Stirm  
Ellen S. Styles

District 7 Timothy D. Anderson  
Brien C. Dux  
Wesley R. Repke

District 8 Bruce A. DeVantier  
Ricardo K. Komai

District 9 Brenda A. Kramer  
Will D. Lindquist

District 10 Daniel A. Kamat  
Brian R. Buisson

District 11 Christina M. Harrison  
James C. Hill

District 12 Christopher F. Benson  
Gregory M. Newcomb

District 13 Jeffrey G. Dabling  
Matthew T. Pittard

District 14 Sharon L. DeChenne  
Timothy M. Edgar  
Ian J. Frank

District 15 Joseph R. Burnett  
Scott E. Fable  
Kimberly R. Stillmaker

District 16 Neal T. Bussett  
Sam Rokni  
Stacey H. Ross

**Engineering Futures Facilitators**

Stewart R. Baskin  
Cheryl Cheng  
Catherine G. Gorzkowski  
Wendy A. Harper  
Diana Hasegan  
Stephan L. King-Monroe  
Julia M. Nolan  
Wayne B. Paugh  
Dennis J. Tyner

**Executive Council Elect**

Joseph P. Blackford  
Susan L.R. Holl  
George J. Morales  
Alan J. Passman

**Headquarters Staff**

Angela R. Boles  
Michael A. Brown  
Rebecca M. Davis

Sherry D. Jennings-King  
Sherry L. King  
Dylan S. Lane

Patricia M. McDaniel  
Raymond H. Thompson

**The Headquarters display** was viewed during the Convention in the Ballroom Lobby of the Spokane Convention Center. Refreshments were served from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Ballroom Lobby where a **Recruiting Fair** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. was staffed by: Aerotek, Columbia University, GEICO, George Washington University, Iowa State, Lehigh University, Michigan State University, NCEES, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, NextEra Energy, North Carolina State University, Northeastern University, Northwestern University, Purdue University, Raytheon, Saint Louis University Parks College, Sandia National Laboratories, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Teach For America, University of Idaho, University of Kansas, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Nevada Las Vegas, University of Pennsylvania, University of South Carolina, U.S. Navy Recruiting Command, Vanderbilt University, Washington State University, West Virginia University, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. A pizza and sub lunch was provided for 425 Convention attendees from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Ballroom 100A/B in the Spokane Convention Center.

**Professional Development Sessions** were held in rooms of the Spokane Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sessions included: Ask the Alumni—Tricia E. Gomulinski; Business Etiquette—Solange C. Dao, P.E.; The Elevator Speech: Your 15 Seconds of Fame—Ronald M. Hickling; Engineering Your Career Identity—Joseph P. Wilson; Managing Your Investments for Retirement—Harry W. Lange; Move Up the Ladder—Christina M. Harrison; Nailing Your Job Interview—Scott E. Fable; Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program—Lt. Matthew Snyder, U.S. Navy; Oh, The Places You'll Go: Uncommon Career Choices in Engineering—Wayne B. Paugh; Problem Solving with Mom—Rebecca M. Davis; Problem Solving for Advisors—Rebecca M. Davis; Robert's Rules—Ronald M. Hickling; Should I Go to Graduate School?—Bruce A. Lindvall, Ph.D.; Speed Networking—Solange C. Dao, P.E.; What the Career Office Didn't Tell You: Resume & Interview Tips—Edward J. D'Avignon; and Winning a TBP Fellowship & Scholarship—D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E., and Lauren H. Logan.

**District Meetings** were held in rooms of the Spokane Convention Center at 3:00 p.m.

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**FIRST BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Ballroom C, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, WA**  
**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

**President Simonson called the Convention** to order at 4:12 p.m. In accord with the Bylaws, Secretary C.D. Gomulinski served as Secretary of the Convention.

The Secretary reported that a **quorum** was present although final registration was incomplete; 275 voting delegates and Association Officials were registered.

President Simonson recognized former Executive Councillors E.D. Basta, E.J. D'Avignon, R.W. Pierce, E.S. Styles, and R.L. Werneth. President Simonson recognized Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus J.D. Froula and District 4 Director Russell L. Werneth for attending their 39<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Conventions, respectively. Councillor Huggins defined the Tau Beta Pi *applau* and introduced members of the Executive Council, members of the Executive Council Elect, Director of Alumni Affairs T.E. Gomulinski, Director of Engineering Futures R.W. Pierce, Director of Fellowships D.S. Pierre Jr., Director of Rituals E.J. D'Avignon, Secretary-Treasurer C.D. Gomulinski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer R.E. Hawks, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus J.D. Froula, Convention Chair R.M. Hickling, Parliamentarian G.K. Miyata, Tellers Committee Chair Elson Y. Liu, and District Directors and Engineering Futures Facilitators present in standing groups. He also introduced members of the "Elevate Slate."

**The President's Report** for the Executive Council for 2013-14 was presented by Dr. Simonson. It is a part of these minutes and will be published in the Winter 2015 issue of *The Bent*.

**The Report of the Director of Alumni Affairs** was provided by Mrs. Gomulinski. She indicated that the number of active alumni chapters has grown from 33 to 39 in the past 11 months. Twenty-four chapters sent voting delegates to Convention, which is the highest in Tau Beta Pi history. She shared that 60 chapters had participated in the inaugural *Tau Beta Pi Day* last year and encouraged everyone to participate this coming year on March 14, 2015. She thanked all the alumni who volunteer and encouraged students to remain active after graduation, to join the LinkedIn group, and to keep their email and mailing address updated to keep connected with the organization.

**The Report of the Director of Engineering Futures** was given by Mr. Pierce, who stated that 233 sessions attended by 2,862 students were hosted by 102 chapters. He stated that these numbers have been steady over the last several years as the program is interested in ensuring quality of sessions over quantity.

**The Report of the Director of Fellowships** was given by Mr. Pierre who recognized the Fellows and Scholars in attendance. He thanked the members of the Fellowship Board, Charles W. Caldwell, Solange C. Dao, Susan L.R. Holl, and Robert E. Efimba, for their work in selecting the Scholars and Fellows. He provided additional details in a written report provided to

Secretary Gomulinski.

**The Report of the Director of Rituals** was provided in writing by Mr. D'Avignon to Secretary Gomulinski.

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 sent to all delegates in advance. **It was adopted** on a voice vote on a motion by Secretary Gomulinski, seconded by B.D. Peterson (SC A), as follows:

**First Business Meeting:**

- Official opening of the Convention
- Quorum report of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Introduction of Association Officials
- President's Report for Executive Council
- Reports of Program Directors
- Adoption of Convention Agenda
- Convention orientation and Parliamentary procedure

**Second Business Meeting:**

- Continuation of Convention orientation
- Report of and action on Petitions Committee
- Report of and action on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Report of and action on Financial Affairs Committee
- Report of and action on Rituals Committee
- Report of and action on Convention Site Committee
- Report of Awards Committee
- Report of and action on Curriculum Review Committee  
(*ad hoc*)

**Third Business Meeting:**

- Report of and action on Alumni Chapter Committee  
(*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on Chapter Advisors Committee  
(*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on MindSET Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Report of and action on Website Development Committee (*ad hoc*)
- Action on Petitions Committee
- Action on Financial Affairs Committee
- Action on Convention Site Committee
- Action on Rituals Committee
- Action on Curriculum Review Committee
- Action on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Report of Resolutions Committee

**Fourth Business Meeting:**

- Unfinished Business
- New Business

**Final Business Meeting:**

- Presentation of 2014 Laureates
- Presentation of 2014 Distinguished Alumnus
- Final Report of Awards Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Installation of the 2014-18 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 Association Officials serve as advisors for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

**Petitions Committee:**

AZ B	Jessica M. Piper	MI I	Gabriel A. Church	VA E	Nicolas M. Andrade
CA D	Jason M.H. Pang	NJ Z	Jonathan Wang	WI B	Abigail E. Deats
CO D	Patrick G. Harvey	NY H	Alex A. Bonilla		
FL E	Juan D. Ramirez, Chair	NY S	Bernadette R. Cladek		Timothy D. Anderson, District 7
ID G	Lacie K. Rasley	OH G	Kacie N. LaBrecque		Director, Advisor
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NY K	Koji Muto				Admin., Advisor

President Simonson announced that the Executive Council had appointed R.M. Hickling as permanent Chair of the Convention, in accord with the Bylaws. He yielded the gavel to Mr. Hickling who announced that G.K. Miyata 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. Mr. Hickling explained the principles of parliamentary procedure and additional training would be provided to committee chairs at 7:20 p.m. this evening.

Chairman Hickling declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 5:03 p.m.

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**Meetings of all Convention Committees** were held in rooms of the Spokane Convention Center starting at 5:05 p.m. Engineering Futures Facilitators presented **Engineering Futures orientation meetings** for all non-voting delegates.

**The Welcoming Dinner** of the Convention was held at 5:45 p.m. in Ballroom A/B of the Convention Center; seating was by districts. The meal, sponsored by NCEES, featured a chicken/salmon entrée and chocolate cake enjoyed by 520 people. Madison M. Chambers, Convention Arrangements Co-Chair served as master of ceremonies. Welcoming remarks were made by

Taylor J. Ellis, Convention Arrangements Co-Chair, on behalf of the chapter and the hosts. Mr. Ellis apologized on behalf of Dean Stephen E. Silliman, Ph.D., *IN G '79*, who was planning to attend and welcome delegates but was unable to do so due to illness. Mr. Ellis shared with delegates the proper pronunciation of Spokane and Washington. Vice President Dao welcomed delegates on behalf of the Association and encouraged them to have a productive Convention. Ms. Chambers introduced Stephen J. Shrope, P.E., S.E., *WA B '70*, who welcomed delegates on behalf of NCEES. He explained the value of professional registration and encouraged all delegates to take the new computer-based Fundamentals of Engineering exam before they graduated.

**Professional Development Sessions** were conducted from 7:25 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. in rooms of the Convention Center.

**Committee meetings and Engineering Futures sessions** reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Refreshments were served at 9:30 p.m. in the Flowerfield Room of the Davenport Hotel.

Donald P. McMillan, *PA A '81*, presented his comedy routine *Engineer@Heart* at 10:00 p.m. in the Marie Antoinette room of the Davenport Hotel. Over 250 people enjoyed Mr. McMillan's show which highlighted various aspects of engineering as well as actors who might portray Association Officials in "Tau Beta Pi: The Movie."

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**A continental breakfast** was available at 7:15 a.m. Friday morning in the Hall of Doges at the Davenport Hotel. **District Meetings** were held in rooms of the Spokane Convention Center at 8:00 a.m.

**Committee meetings and Engineering Futures Sessions** reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

**Lunch** was at 11:30 a.m., and seating was by committees. A total of 515 people were served grilled cilantro chicken and chocolate chip pie. After the meal, Mr. Gomulinski provided a summary of the Executive Director's Report for 2013-14, which was given to each Convention registrant on a flash drive and appeared in the Fall 2014 issue of *The Bent*.

Secretary Gomulinski and Vice President Dao presented **26 Secretary's Commendations** for perfection of Headquarters reports and timely payment of fees 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.

Assistant Secretary Hawks shared key tips to assist chapters in their responsibilities of the membership process, urged each chapter to make the invitation to membership as personal as possible, and presented **72 Membership Awards** to the following chapters: 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.

The Convention **group photo** was taken by R.H. Thompson, TBP Systems Administrator, at 1:00 p.m. on a hill across the river from the Spokane Convention Center. Photos were available Saturday morning; it is also available on the website.

**Interactive Chapter Exchange (ICE) sessions were held at 1:30 p.m.**

Refreshments were served in the Ballroom Lobby at 3:30 p.m.

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**SECOND BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Friday, October 3, Ballroom C, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, WA**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. The **Teller's Committee**, comprised of non-voting delegates,

had been appointed by Chairman Hickling as follows: Z.B. Lancaster (KY G Alt.), E.Y. Liu (AZ A Alt.), and D.N. Srinivasachar (PA L Alt.). Mr. Liu would serve as Chair of the committee. Secretary Gomulinski reported that registration was complete with 282 voting delegates registered and provided voting totals required for various actions.

Mr. Hickling and Mr. Liu conducted a test of the text voting system.

**The Report of the Committee on Petitions** was called. J.D. Ramirez (FL E), Chair, indicated that his group had reviewed the final petitions and the report of the inspection committee for the engineering honor societies at Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott. The committee met with the petitioners from both groups, heard their presentations, and had the opportunity to ask questions. He **moved**, seconded by B.A. North (WA D), **to approve the petition from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and grant a charter to the institution.** Mr. Ramirez reported that the petitioning group met all the requirements of Bylaw IV, the president and vice-president of the group had made an excellent presentation, they had four active faculty member advisors, and they initiate a reasonable number of new members. The committee voted unanimously to approve the petition. Due to issues with the voting system, the vote was postponed until later in the meeting.

Mr. Ramirez asked that P.G. Harvey (CO D), be recognized to report on the petition from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott. Mr. Harvey **moved**, seconded by C.E. Heller (NY X), **to approve the petition from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott and grant a charter to the institution.** Mr. Harvey stated that the group met the requirements for a new chapter as outlined in Bylaw IV, they have widespread support from the administration, a detailed vetting process for new members is conducted, the committee was impressed with their character and academic requirements, and the group is growing and has a strong member base. P.S. Mahal (Ann Arbor Area AC) inquired if an inspection had been performed. Upon the request of Chairman Hickling, Secretary Gomulinski reported that an inspection had been conducted by Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Hawks and Councillor Pih and the report of the group had been provided to the committee. The vote was also tabled until later in the meeting. At that time, there was no further discussion and a vote was taken by text ballot for each petitioning group. Mr. Hickling announced the results: 250 in favor and 3 opposed for Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis and 261 in favor and 2 opposed for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott. **The chapters were therefore granted, to be known as Indiana Zeta and Arizona Delta, respectively.** Representatives were brought in front of the room and given a standing ovation.

**The Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs** was called. Z.B. Hochhalter (SD A), Chair, explained that his committee had been charged with four tasks and had split into four subcommittees to address each. He thanked Secretary Gomulinski and his committee officers and members for their support in completing the work of the committee. Three subcommittees had completed their work and would be presented during this meeting; the fourth group would present its conclusions on Saturday. He requested that I.N. Inocencio (CA AA) be recognized to present his group's report. Mr. Inocencio indicated that his group had been tasked with reviewing the finances of the Association including the auditor's and treasurer's reports. As the auditor's report was incomplete prior to Convention, next year's committee will need to review it. The subcommittee reviewed the treasurer's report and other supplemental financial information provided to the group. The subcommittee felt the finances of the Association were in good order but requested that changes be made to some of the information provided to the committee. He provided several examples which were provided to Secretary Gomulinski.

Mr. Hochhalter explained the committee's second charge which included reviewing the collegiate chapter receivables. He reported that members of the committee had met with representatives from each chapter that owed more than \$500 except for one that was not present at Convention. Each chapter that met with the committee agreed to a plan to repay what was owed based on their financial situation. All debts should be repaid by the end of the current fiscal year. The committee provided the repayment plan for each chapter to Secretary Gomulinski.

Mr. Hochhalter presented an overview of the committee's third charge related to allowable expenses for the 2015 Convention. He **moved**, seconded by B.D. Peterson (SC A), **to keep the mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.30 per mile plus \$0.05 per additional delegate up to \$0.45 per mile.** J.R. Guay (WI A) explained the committee had researched the matter and felt that the reimbursement rate should be left at the rate set for the 2014 Convention given that the average price of gasoline had decreased by \$0.02 per gallon to \$3.60. There was no further debate, and the motion **passed on a voice vote.** Mr. Hochhalter reported that the onsite expenses for voting delegates were covered per the Bylaws and no action was required by the Convention. He **moved**, seconded by D. Roberson (WY A), **to leave the allowance for stopover lodging at \$60 per night for the 2015 Convention.** K. Dilai (NY Q) shared that this allowance had only been used once in the past three years and the committee felt that the current rate was sufficient. Chairman Hickling heard no further debate and called for the vote. The motion **passed on a voice vote.** Mr. Hochhalter **moved**, seconded by T.M. Velez (PR A), **to set the reimbursement rate for meals en route for the 2015 Convention at \$6 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch, and \$10 for dinner with a maximum reimbursement of three meals.** R.D. Franklin (FL H) stated that the price of food had not changed substantially in the past year so there was no need to raise the reimbursement rate. There was no further debate, and the motion **passed on a voice vote.** Mr. Hochhalter indicated that the final item reviewed by the committee was the reimbursement of onsite breakfast. As

the Association is now providing a continental breakfast for delegates, the committee no longer saw a need to provide a separate reimbursement for onsite breakfasts.

Mr. Hochhalter stated that his committee was still working on their final charge related to the reimbursement of expenses for non-voting delegates. The committee would provide their recommendations at the Third Business Meeting.

**The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** was called. H.L. Wroblewski (IA B), Chair, thanked the officers, subcommittee chairs, and members of the committee for their work. He reported that his committee was charged with five major tasks: removing the position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer from the Constitution and Bylaws, redefining the role of the Editor of the Association, adjusting the appointment and size of the Fellowship Board, clarifying the eligibility of graduate students as alumni, and eliminating the details of the Headquarters retirement plan from the Constitution. He provided an overview of all of the changes including the rationale and sections of the Constitution and Bylaws that would be changed for each proposal. He stated that the committee was considering a proposal to adjust the salary provisions of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer rather than eliminating the position from the Constitution and Bylaws. Mr. Wroblewski stated that the committee was still working on their final proposals for four of the charges and would present them at the Third Business Meeting.

Mr. Wroblewski indicated that the committee had completed its work related to the removal of the retirement plan from the Constitution. He **moved**, seconded by D.A. Negron Rivera (St. Louis AC), to **amend Constitution V to remove the details of the Headquarters retirement plan from the Constitution.**

#### Article V

##### *Retirement Provisions*

SECTION 1. **Coverage-Retirement Plan.** The Executive Council shall establish and set the policies for a retirement plan for the employees of the Association. ~~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.~~

~~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 percent (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.~~

*[subsequent sections renumbered]*

*[Struck words deleted; underlined words added.]*

E.G. Fuller (UT B), subcommittee Chair, presented on behalf of the committee. He indicated that his subcommittee had studied the matter in detail and felt this change was warranted for a number of reasons. First, any changes to the retirement plan currently requires a change to the Constitution which has to be ratified by the chapters. Second, the retirement plan is an operational matter similar to health care and parking which are not documented in the Constitution but defined by Executive Council policy. Third, his committee had reviewed examples from 17 other honor societies and found that this change would make Tau Beta Pi consistent with similar organizations. Finally, he reported that the Executive Director felt that this matter was not related to the Association's governance but rather an operational issue better handled by Executive Council policy. R.K. Alexander (CA U) inquired as to renumbering Article V, Section 3. Chairman Hickling suggested that such a change was editorial in nature and would be handled by Secretary Gomulinski. P.S. Mahal (Ann Arbor Area AC) spoke against the change because Tau Beta Pi didn't need to be consistent with other organizations and that TIAA was a good, well-regarded company. D.S. Kaplan (Baltimore AC) spoke in favor of the amendment as the Constitution contains too much detail regarding the retirement plan and is unreasonable. He believed that this was an administrative matter and the Convention could still weigh in on the retirement plan in the future, but it wouldn't be in the Constitution. There was no further debate, and the **motion was adopted on a text ballot with 214 in favor and 25 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification.**

**The Report of the Committee on Rituals** was called. A.D. Erickson (NM G), Chair, explained that his committee had met and assigned roles for the model initiation on Saturday. He then requested that the non-members be excused from the meeting so his report could be presented. He indicated that three changes affecting two sections of the ritual had been reviewed by the committee. *The wording of the motions, debate, and action of the Convention are detailed in Appendix A, which is available on request from Headquarters.*

**The Report of the Committee on Convention Site** was called. K.A. Hockstad (MI G), Chair, indicated that her committee had no report at this time.

**The Report of the Committee on Awards** was called. G.T. Joyal (NJ A), Chair, stated that his committee had divided into two subcommittees with one group reviewing candidates for the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter and the other reviewing candidates for the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award. Both groups used the information provided by Headquarters, chapter surveys, and membership information to evaluate candidates. The committee had no further report at this time and would present the awards during the Final Business Meeting on Saturday.

**The Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (ad hoc)** was called. L.M. Anteau (OH Z), Chair, reported that the committee reviewed two appeals from California Delta for their computer science program and computer science game development program. He indicated that the committee considered three factors when evaluating the programs: accreditation, breadth and depth of the capstone design, and core math and science requirements. He **moved**, seconded by J.P. Carradini (AR A), **to approve the appeal by California Delta to include the B.S. in computer science curriculum at the University of Southern California for eligibility and admittance into Tau Beta Pi.** M.L. McCabe (WV A) spoke in favor of the motion and stated that the program met all of the constitutional requirements, it met the relevant EAC criteria, the capstone project was valid, year-long, and real world, and the required math and science courses were consistent with other engineering programs. He shared that the program was not ABET-EAC accredited but was accredited by ABET-CAC, and the committee felt that the criteria were similar enough to warrant inclusion as an eligible curriculum for membership in Tau Beta Pi. There was no further debate, and Chairman Hickling declared the motion passed on a voice vote. A division was called, and the **motion passed** on a show of hands.

Mr. Anteau **moved**, seconded by M.J. Collard (MD A), **to approve the appeal by California Delta to include the B.S. in computer science game development curriculum at the University of Southern California for eligibility and admittance into Tau Beta Pi.** G.M. Newcomb (D12 Director) inquired as to the precise name of the program, and Chairman Hickling directed a member of the committee to report on the precise name which was reported to be computer science game development. M.L. McCabe (WV A) stated that the committee had reviewed this curriculum and felt it warranted approval as the major difference between the two programs was the focus on game design during the senior design portion of this program. S.R. Croy (VT B) inquired as to the amount of math involved in the program. J.E. Huntress (TN B) had reviewed the website and shared that Calculus 1 & 2 were required as well as two additional math courses. He asked about the number of design credits required of this program. K.K. Rao (OH A) indicated that the difference between the two programs was 31 units in game development. D.J. Cowan Jr. (Palm Beach/Broward AC) spoke against the motion as he felt that game design was not engineering. D.S. Kaplan (Baltimore AC) spoke in favor of the motion by stating that engineers are involved in the design of “fun” projects like roller coasters and jungle gyms. J.C. Kindt II (PA I) spoke against the motion as engineers solve problems and designing games is just for pleasure. H.L. Wroblewski (IA B) expressed his confidence in the recommendation of the committee as the first program was adopted without debate, yet the second program is being reviewed in detail. H.A. Hegna (OH Nu Adv.) suggested that delegates at this Convention were not aware of the long history of the eligibility of computer science programs which had been discussed in detail since 2001. He suggested that Tau Beta Pi should admit all computer science students instead of admitting programs one at a time. R.D. Franklin (FL H) spoke in favor of the motion and stated that video games, such as Minecraft, have educational value and are used in math and history lessons. S.G. Watza (MI K) pointed out that computer science involves design, working out problems, and algorithm validation. M.J. Collard (MD A) stated two points: that game development does not involve problem solving and that computer science helps develop tools that engineers use. C.E. Heller (NY X) reported that computer science has its own honor society. N.A. Baine (West Michigan AC) related to the delegates that his chapter had appealed computer science several years ago and that not all computer science programs were engineering. D. Roberson (WY A) **moved**, seconded by H.L. Wroblewski (IA B), **the previous question.** The **motion passed** on a voice vote. Mr. Hickling felt that a vote on the main motion on a show of hands was inconclusive, so he ordered the vote be taken by text ballot. The **motion was adopted with 148 in favor and 108 opposed.**

Mr. Anteau thanked his vice chair, secretary, and all members of the Curriculum Review Committee. The committee recommended that clear requirements for computer science programs be spelled out for future Conventions.

With no further business, Chairman Hickling adjourned the Second Business Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

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**The Advisor Recognition Dinner** was held at 6:30 p.m. and seating was by ICE group. A total of 494 people were served prime rib and cheesecake for dessert. Mara R. London, Ph.D., *TX D '00*, Chief Advisor of WA Delta, served as master of ceremonies. Secretary Gomulinski recognized the work of Chapter Advisors and emphasized the important role advisors play in the life of a chapter. The Convention gave a well-deserved round of applause to the more than 30 advisors present. Special recognition was given to advisors who had served more than 30 years.

Vice President Dao recognized the service anniversaries of volunteers who have supported the Association. For six years of service, the following were recognized: J.R. Burnett, District 15 Director; M.V. Paragano, District 1 Director; A.J. Rovnan,

District 3 Director; and L.J. Swett, District 1 Director. For 12 years, the following were recognized: J.G. Dabling, District 13 Director; L.D. Feisel, Editorial Board; E.P. Gorzkowski III, District 4 Director; and J.W. Prados, Editorial Board. M.W. Ohland was recognized for 18 years of service as an Engineering Futures Facilitator. For 24 years, the following were recognized: E.J. D'Avignon, Director of Rituals; S.K. Kramer, Engineering Futures Facilitator; N. Pih, Engineering Futures Facilitator; and T.A. Pinkham IV, District 2 Director. She presented Outstanding Service Awards to R.L. Werneth for 36 years as a District Director and Association Vice President and R.F. Smith for his 30 years of service as a member of the Trust Advisory Committee. Also recognized were Angela R. Boles and Rebecca M. Davis for their 25 years of service with the Association.

Director of Engineering Futures R.W. Pierce presented two honorable mentions for the **Iron Man Award** to J.P. Blackford and W.A. Harper for each facilitating 16 Engineering Futures sessions. **The Iron Man Award** went to E.S. Styles for facilitating a total of 17 sessions during the 2013-14 academic year.

Vice President Dao presented plaques to the five chapters making successful Laureate nominations: Illinois Delta, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Epsilon, New York Delta, and Wisconsin Gamma.

MindSET Coordinator Dylan S. Lane announced that the Executive Council had made 23 **MindSET Grants** totaling \$6,690 to 10 chapters. He presented certificates to the following chapters for its work supporting K-12 STEM education: 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. Mr. Lane encouraged all chapters to participate in MindSET activities, to apply for grants, and to report their activities to Headquarters.

Secretary Gomulinski and Councillor Huggins presented 28 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellence in project work during 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 the 15 chapters listed below.

Secretary Gomulinski and Councillor Huggins presented **Chapter Performance Scholarships** of \$500 each to the following 15 chapters who would identify student recipients at a later date. These chapters had won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and include: 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.

Councillor Pih introduced the 2014 **Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor**: Brendan J. O'Toole, Ph.D., *NV B '86*. Dr. O'Toole was recognized for his accomplishments in supporting engineering students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and was presented with \$1,000 and an engraved medallion. Mr. Pih announced that an additional \$1,000 grant had been credited to the Nevada Beta Chapter.

Director of Alumni Affairs Tricia E. Gomulinski reviewed the history of the Outstanding Advisor Award program and presented the 2014 **Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor**: Marvin E. Criswell, Ph.D., P.E., *NE A '65*, Colorado Delta Advisor. She spoke of Dr. Criswell's accomplishments and presented \$1,000 to him and \$1,000 for Colorado State University school of engineering's discretionary fund. Dr. Criswell thanked the Association for the recognition and the officers and members of the Colorado Delta Chapter who make it a pleasure to serve as their advisor.

**Committee meetings** reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

**A continental breakfast** was available at 7:15 a.m. Saturday morning in the Davenport Hotel.

**District meetings** reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

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### **THIRD BUSINESS MEETING**

**Saturday, October 4, Ballroom C, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, WA**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**The Report of the Committee on Alumni Chapters (*ad hoc*)** was called. K.H. Krukar (Washington, DC AC), Chair, thanked her committee Vice Chair, L.H. Logan (Central IL AC), and Secretary, G.J. Wang (Greater Boston Area AC) for their work on behalf of the committee. She reported that her committee had one item of business related to the election of alumni chapter officers. The Constitution currently requires annual alumni chapter officer elections, but a number of chapters have expressed an interest in changing the requirement to allow officers to hold office for longer than one year. Alumni chapters

have a lower rate of turnover, and they believe it would benefit their operations and improve continuity to have terms of greater than one year. The Executive Council requires each alumni chapter to have bylaws, the committee on Constitution and Bylaws has reviewed their proposal, and her committee had voted unanimously in favor of the proposed amendment. She **moved**, seconded by L.H. Logan (Central IL AC), **to amend Constitution Article VII, Section 2 to allow alumni chapters to specify an officer election period in their chapter bylaws.**

## Article VII

### *Alumni Chapters*

SECTION 2. Officers. (a) Each alumni chapter shall elect annually [or as designated in the chapter's bylaws](#) a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office of Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and such additional members as the chapter may elect.

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L.H. Logan (Central IL AC), committee vice chair, spoke on behalf of the change indicating that alumni chapters operated differently than collegiate chapters and this change would benefit the continuity and operations of the alumni chapters. There was no further debate, and Chairman Hickling called for the vote to be taken by text ballot. **The motion was adopted with 258 in favor and 8 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**. Ms. Krukar thanked the Convention and explained that her committee recommended that another Committee on Alumni Chapters be convened at the 2015 Convention.

**The Report of the Committee on Chapter Advisors (*ad hoc*)** was called. R.P. LeBeau (MO E Adv.), Chair, indicated that the committee had worked on a survey assessment for chapter advisors to reflect the state of the chapters and any resources that were needed. On behalf of the committee, he thanked the members of the Advisor Recruitment and Development Committee that included S.C. Dao, L.W. Faidley, B.L. Frost, P.D. Homen, A.M. Richards, and M.M. Youssef.

**The Report of the Committee on MindSET (*ad hoc*)** was called. J.P. Carradini (AR A), Chair, reported that the committee had no motions to make but had reviewed the MindSET program and had several recommendations. The committee developed several goals including translating the mission of MindSET into practical applications at the chapter level, developing ways to further inter-chapter communication, and recognizing chapters that are active in MindSET and improving the feedback process. The committee prepared different goals for chapters that were in the early, developing, and developed stages of their MindSET program. The committee recommended that District Directors set aside time at District Conferences to discuss MindSET and raise awareness of the program. They also suggested a mentoring program and a forum or wiki to help successful chapters support chapters starting a program. Chapters were encouraged to complete a survey after each session based on proposed metrics. Finally, they recommended that chapters with active MindSET programs be recognized on the website as well as in *The Bent*. The committee shared their recommendations with MindSET coordinator Dylan S. Lane.

**The Report of the Committee on Website Development (*ad hoc*)** was called. S.A. Khalek (GA A), Chair, thanked the members of her committee and presented an update on the work of the committee to enhance the reporting website, [www.tbp.org/tbpelig](http://www.tbp.org/tbpelig). The committee separated into two subcommittees with one working on improving the site navigation and the other working on refinements to the membership reporting system. The committee prepared a series of recommendations for each area of work and shared them with System Administrator R.H. Thompson and Secretary Gomulinski.

J.D. Ramirez (FL E), Chair, stated that the Committee on Petitions had no further business.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter and Financial Affairs**, Z.B. Hochhalter (SD A), Chair, yielded the floor to A.M. Wallis (MI B), Vice Chair, to present the report on the funding of non-voting delegates to attend Convention. Mr. Wallis reported that the committee had reviewed the current policy of funding the full expenses of up to 10% of chapters in each district to attend the Convention. He indicated that the purpose of the program is to increase attendance on a per-chapter basis leading to an expansion of chapter activities, and, in the future, might improve the quality of the chapters. **He moved**, seconded by B.D. Peterson (SC A) **to send a fully-paid non-voting delegate from up to 10% of collegiate chapters nationally at the discretion of the Executive Council and that the full funding of the non-voting delegates be reviewed by the Financial Affairs Committee by the 2017 Convention**. S.A. Folsie (CO Z) reported that the committee felt this proposal would allow the non-voting delegates to continue to attend Convention at the Association's expense and would provide additional flexibility with input from the District Directors. The modified program would allow Headquarters and the District Directors to support the chapters that would benefit the most from the additional delegates. H.L. Wroblewski (IA B) inquired about documentation regarding the current program. Secretary Gomulinski explained that no formal Executive Council documentation or policies existed other than the policy adopted by prior Conventions. D.S. Pierre Jr. (Dir. of Fellowships) spoke against the motion as there is no formal program for non-voting delegates other than Engineering Futures. He encouraged chapters to fund their own non-voting delegates as AL E did this year using funds from a poster contest. D.S.

Kaplan (Baltimore AC) spoke in favor of the motion as it would give the Executive Council discretion based on available finances and the maximum number of supported non-voting delegates would not change, just their distribution. D.A. Negron Rivera (St. Louis AC) spoke against the motion as the Executive Council isn't involved enough to identify the best chapters to send and the Association should focus its finances on paying for the voting delegates first. D.V. Samples-Wright (VA G) spoke in favor as the rounding would reduce the number of delegates and save the Association money. J.G. Wood (NY A) spoke against the motion as supporting advisors at Convention was beneficial. Chairman Hickling stated that this proposal would not impact the paid advisors at Convention, just the non-voting delegates. N.A. Baine (West Michigan AC) expressed his support of the motion as his collegiate chapter had benefited from the program during their curriculum review process. He also stated that it helps small chapters that cannot finance a non-voting delegate, new chapters, and chapters that need the extra support. In response to a question by D.L. Wright (TX K) about what we were discussing, Chairman Hickling stated that the motion would change the existing policy. Mr. Wright stated his opposition to the motion as District Directors should have sole discretion in the program as his district had benefited from this program. Chairman Hickling replied that the current policy would remain in effect in response to a question from P.S. Mahal (Ann Arbor Area AC). A.M. Ecker (OH Q) reported that the committee would provide recommendations to the Executive Council regarding the management of the program including an application for chapters and District Directors would still be heavily involved in the process. M.A. Harlan (IN A) spoke against the motion as it promoted inefficiency and it wasn't substantially changing the existing process. L.M. Brady (NY B) stated her support of the motion as it would establish a clear process to improve the program. E.P. Hettwer (ND A Alt.) suggested that the proposal be amended or tabled for further review. J.P. Blackford (Councillor Elect) spoke in favor of the motion as the Executive Council was looking for recommendations from the Convention as to the policies for the program and this was not an attempt to take power away from anyone. On a request from D.S. Kaplan (Baltimore AC), the wording of the recommendations and guidelines was shown to the delegates. W.D. Leineweber (CA Z), subcommittee Chair, reviewed the proposed process and recommendations. J.C. Lago (TX N) spoke against and indicated that while the program is beneficial, he is concerned about the funding for the program given the comments by the Director of Fellowships. E.A. Stephan (D5 Director) spoke in favor of the motion as it was not eliminating the existing program, just altering the way it is administered. The program will continue to assist struggling chapters who need the additional support. Dr. Stephan **moved the previous question**. Hearing no objection, Chairman Hickling put the matter to a vote. **The motion was adopted on a voice vote.**

**The Report of the Committee on Convention Site** was called. K.A. Hockstad (MI G), Chair, thanked her group and reported that they had reached a consensus on a recommendation for the 2016 Convention site. She reviewed the goals established by the 2013 Convention for future Convention sites including growing the event, identifying a location with good logistics, minimizing the cost per person, encouraging more alumni attendance, and publicizing the event. Based on these criteria, she **moved**, seconded by R.E. Winship (CA X), **that the 2016 Convention be held in San Diego, CA, hosted by the local San Diego chapters**. D.F. Gonzalez (TX A), Vice Chair, indicated that the proposed site consisted of a single hotel with plenty of meeting space and there are several chapters in the area that could support a Convention in San Diego. The committee had carefully evaluated all proposed locations and felt that the potential site met all of the goals outlined by Ms. Hockstad which were recommended by last year's Convention. On a point of information, Chairman Hickling had the District 16 Directors reported that the three chapters in the area were California Xi, California Psi, and California Alpha Epsilon. In response to another point of information, the committee reported that the second and third place locations were Austin, TX, and Denver, CO. In response to a question by G.A. Church (MI I), S.H. Honch (CA AE) shared that the chapters in San Diego were on-board for hosting and would offer campus tours to those interested. E.A. Blaha (OH D) **moved the previous question**. There was no objection to voting, and the **motion passed on a voice vote**. Ms. Hockstad provided recommendations to the Executive Council and Headquarters related to the site selection process in the future. These included potential sponsorship opportunities, summarizing all bids on a single sheet, and having a representative available to talk about bids submitted by Headquarters.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Rituals**, A.D. Erickson (NM G), Chair, reported that his committee had no further business, and he looked forward to seeing everyone at 1:30 p.m. for the model initiation.

L.M. Anteau (OH Z), Chair, stated that the **Committee on Curriculum Review (ad hoc)** had no further business.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws**, H.L. Wroblewski (IA B), Chair, thanked delegates who had attended the committee's meeting on Friday evening and indicated that his committee was prepared to present their final set of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. The first amendment related to the Fellowship Board that selects recipients of the Fellowships and Scholarships. The size of the Board had been adjusted from three to four board members plus the Director of Fellowships in 2012. He **moved**, seconded by D.S. Pierre Jr. (Dir. of Fellowships) **to amend Constitution Article IV, Section 2 (g) (2) to modify the size and term length of the Fellowship Board**.

## Article IV

### Association Officers and Directors

#### SECTION 2. Designation and Duties.

(g) The Director of Rituals, Director of Fellowships, Director of Engineering Futures, and Director of Alumni Affairs 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 ~~four~~ alumnus members in addition to the Director of Fellowships. The number of members of the Fellowship Board shall be determined by the Executive Council upon recommendation of the Director of Fellowships. The Director of Fellowships shall recommend to the Executive Council the appointment of member(s) to the Board for terms of not more than three years. ~~a four-year term, the term of office to commence on August 1st.~~ A Board member may be reappointed. The Board shall select those members to be awarded a fellowship or scholarship 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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B.D. Peterson (SC A), subcommittee Chair, spoke in favor of the motion as it would provide more flexibility for the board as they review an increasing number of applications which are being read by more than one member of the board. In addition, this change would align the terms of service to be consistent with other volunteer positions. S.L. Hemler (MD D) inquired about the possibilities of ties in the case of a board with an even number of members. Director of Fellowships Pierre explained that the board worked to achieve consensus on their selections and there haven't been tied votes in the past. Sensing no further debate, Chairman Hickling called for the vote on the amendment. The **motion was adopted on a text ballot with 257 in favor and 7 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Mr. Wroblewski reviewed the proposal to clarify graduate student eligibility. He reported that both the top 1/5 of the senior undergraduates and top 1/5 of graduate students are eligible before graduation, but the current wording differentiates between the two groups for eligibility as an alumnus. He **moved**, seconded by C.E. Heller (NY X), **to amend Constitution Article VIII, Sections 4 (a) (5) and 5 (a) (5) to clarify the eligibility requirements for graduate students**.

## Article VIII

### Membership

SECTION 4. **Eligibility of Alumni of Own Institution.** (a) A chapter may elect to membership any alumnus of its institution who:

(5) Was not eligible ~~at the times of election as an undergraduate~~ at the last election held before the candidate's graduation, but who ~~was~~ graduated in the upper fifth of the candidate's undergraduate or graduate class.

SECTION 5. **Eligibility of Alumni of Other Institutions.** (a) A chapter may elect to membership any alumnus of a recognized engineering college other than the one in which the chapter proposing to elect is located who:

(5) Was not eligible ~~at the times of election as an undergraduate~~ at the last election held before the candidate's graduation, but ~~was~~ who graduated in the upper fifth of the candidate's undergraduate or graduate class. Elections under this subsection shall comply with the provisions of Subsection (b).

*[Struck words deleted; underlined words added.]*

D.R. Campbell (TX H), subcommittee Chair, stated that this was not a change to the eligibility standards, but would create a parallel system of eligibility for graduate students as it already exists for undergraduate students. S.G. Watza (MI K) inquired about the eligibility standards for an accelerated graduate program. With the permission of Chairman Hickling, Mr. Wroblewski read the graduate eligibility standards and suggested that such a program would be eligible. There was no further debate, and Chairman Hickling called for the vote by text ballot. The **motion was adopted with 244 in favor and 8 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Mr. Wroblewski presented a proposal to provide flexibility in the position of the Editor of the Association. Mr. Wroblewski explained that the role of Secretary-Treasurer has expanded since the duties of Editor were assigned by the 1946 Convention. The proposed change would have the Secretary-Treasurer continue to oversee the publications and allow him to employ someone to serve as Editor. He **moved**, seconded by C.D. Gomulinski (Secretary-Treasurer), **to amend Constitution Article IV, Section 2 (d) (4); Bylaw III, Section 3.01 (a); and Bylaw IX, Section 9.02 to adjust the position of Editor of the Association**.

## Article IV

### Association Officers and Directors

#### SECTION 2. Designation and Duties.

(d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

(4) ~~Serve as the Editor of such publications~~ Oversee all publications as may be prescribed by the Executive Council, the Convention, or the Bylaws;

## Bylaw III

### Association Officers

SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall:

(a) ~~Serve as the Editor of~~ Oversee all publications of the Association, and be responsible for the preparation and distribution of such publications. See Bylaw IX.

## Bylaw IX

### Publications

~~SECTION 9.02. Editor. The editor of the publications shall be the Secretary-Treasurer, who in such capacity shall be responsible to the Executive Council for the publications of the Association. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(a).~~

*[subsequent sections renumbered]*

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K.T. Peerless (CA O), subcommittee Chair, stated that the Secretary-Treasurer's role has expanded over the years and other Headquarters staff members handle most of the responsibilities of preparing the Association's publications. This change would reflect the present operating situation and would require the Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Council to continue to oversee the Association's publications. D.S. Kaplan (Baltimore AC) offered a friendly amendment to change the wording in Constitution Article IV, Section 2 (d) (4) to replace "Provide oversight of publications" to "Oversee all publications" to be consistent with the wording in Bylaw III. The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion. T.R. Weidman (TX G) spoke against the motion indicating his belief that the position of Editor should be explicitly stated in the Constitution and Bylaws. Z.D. Rubenfeld (FL Z) spoke in favor of the motion as the role of the Editor is an operational matter and does not need to be defined in the Constitution and Bylaws. Sensing there was no further debate, Chairman Hickling called for the vote. P.S. Mahal (Ann Arbor Area AC) **appealed**, seconded by D.A. Negrón Rivera (St. Louis AC), **the ruling of the chair to close debate**. On a voice vote, the ruling of the chair was sustained. **The motion was adopted on a text ballot with 242 in favor and 11 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**.

Chairman Hickling recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The Third Business Meeting was reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Mr. Wroblewski stated that the committee's final proposal dealt with the salary of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The proposed amendment would remove specific language regarding the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer from the Constitution and Bylaws. The salary will be set in the same manner as it is now per the provisions in Bylaw III, Section 3.01 (c). He **moved**, seconded by F.G. Lorca (MO E), **to amend Constitution Article III, Section 5 (a) and Bylaw III, Section 3.01 (b) to adjust provisions regarding the salary determination of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer**.

## Article III

### Government of the Association

SECTION 5. **Council Responsibilities.** (a) The Executive Council shall assume leadership of the Association. It shall study, or appoint committees for studying, such subjects as from time to time seem desirable. The Council may prepare legislation, amendments, proposals for change, etc., for consideration by the chapters, or by the Convention, or both. It shall determine the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer and report the amount to the annual Convention. ~~It shall determine the salary of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer on the recommendation of the Secretary-Treasurer.~~

## Bylaw III

### Association Officers

SECTION 3.01. **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall:

~~(b) Periodically recommend to the Executive Council appropriate adjustments in the salary of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.~~

*[subsequent sections renumbered]*

*[Struck words deleted]*

Z.D. Rubinfeld (FL Z), subcommittee Chair, indicated that this change would bring the Constitution and Bylaws into alignment with current practices at Headquarters. **He moved the previous question.** Hearing no objection to closing debate, Chairman Hickling requested a vote be taken by text ballot. The **motion was adopted with 248 in favor and 6 opposed**, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification.**

Mr. Wroblewski reported that the committee had studied a proposal to remove references to the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer from the Constitution and Bylaws but was not proposing any additional amendments at this time. This concluded the report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

**The Report of the Committee on Resolutions** was called. J.S. Grinalds III (OH N), Chair, yielded the floor to T.R. Weidman (TX G). The committee then presented a humorous skit on the events of Convention including the proper pronunciation of Spokane and Washington, Hunger Games and Districts, Ron's Rules of Order, and Don McMillan.

As there was still time remaining in the Third Business Meeting, Chairman Hickling ruled it in order for any items of **New Business.**

M.A. Harlan (IN A), supported by V. Mo (NY T), recommended that the events of the last day of the 2015 Convention be moved from Providence, RI, to Salem, MA, as it will be October 31.

B.G. Pomeroy (ME A), also speaking on behalf of C.R. Nolan (TX D) and A.F. Fowler (WA G), expressed their belief that too much time is spent at Convention on routine business matters. He recommended that the Executive Council work to streamline the committee and legislative process to free space on the agenda and expand the scope of the annual Convention. Additional programming could include lectures, discussions, and matters relevant to the field of engineering and technology. He provided a copy of his recommendations to the Secretary and Executive Council.

K. Salaam (DC A Alt.) suggested implementing "Pi Talks" modeled after "Ted Talks" to allow more inter-chapter communications. He felt that non-voting delegates should have additional time which could be used to discuss issues pertinent to engineering. He also recommended that the Association look at enhancing the liberal culture aspect of Convention by encouraging delegates to express their unique culture and flair during Convention. He suggested that delegates could dress in traditional native dress instead of business attire.

A.F. Fowler (WA G) recommended that the Executive Council consider reviewing the investment requirements defined in Article XVII, Section 4 of the Constitution to include aspects of ethical responsibility in our investments.

N.A. Baine (West Michigan AC) **moved**, seconded by D.A. Negron Rivera (St. Louis AC), **that the Executive Council define a strategic plan including the role of Alumni Chapters and that objectives of Alumni Chapters be prepared in the form of a Bylaw for review by the 2015 Convention.** Mr. Baine indicated that there were a number of bylaws related to different programs and activities of the Association, but nothing related to the role of Alumni Chapters. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed** on a voice vote.

T.E. Peterson (CA AD Alt.) recommended that clear standards and requirements be provided regarding the curriculum review process especially as it relates to computer science and similar programs. He also thanked Sherry King for her support in assisting delegates with their travel arrangements for Convention.

L.X. Kong (CA T) suggested that the eligibility requirements for graduate students be reviewed. He suggested that an individual's program may be very long and that waiting until one-half of the degree requirements are completed is too long a period of time. He recommended that the next Constitution and Bylaws Committee evaluate the requirements for graduate students.

As it was approaching time for the end of the meeting, Chairman Hickling asked whether the Rituals Committee needed to be excused. Director of Rituals E.J. D'Avignon indicated that the members of the committee would have sufficient time for setup if the meeting concluded by 12:30 p.m. Without objection, Mr. Hickling declared the rules suspended that interfere with continuing New Business.

A.L. Shearer (Central TX AC) recommended that the Executive Council consider including additional leadership development activities during Convention by leveraging the members of the Student Advisory Board.

J.I. Larson (Chicago AC) recommended that the Executive Council carefully consider the dates of future Conventions to avoid religious holidays or other events that could impact Convention attendance. Although he decided to attend Convention, he pointed out that some delegates may not have been able to attend due to Convention falling on Yom Kippur.

K.T. Peerless (CA O) indicated that there was a lack of discussions during Convention about engineering's role in society. He felt that too much time was spent on trivial matters like meal reimbursements and logistical matters and time could be better spent on bigger issues such as what is the purpose of engineering and its impact on society.

C.J. Creveling (UT A) thanked everyone for a wonderful Convention experience and suggested that more social activities, like a t-shirt exchange, be implemented to increase networking.

D.A. Negron Rivera (St. Louis AC) indicated that the MindSET contributions by alumni chapters be recognized at future Conventions.

There was no additional New Business, but Chairman Hickling stated that the agenda called for a Fourth Business Meeting. D.A. Negron Rivera (St. Louis AC) **moved**, seconded by P.G. Harvey (CO D), **to suspend the rules that would interfere with the cancellation of the Fourth Business Meeting.** The **motion passed on a text vote of 187 in favor and 58 opposed.**

**The Third Business Meeting was adjourned** at 12:10 p.m.

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A **boxed lunch** was provided in the Spokane Convention Center from noon until 1:00 p.m.

**The Model Initiation** was conducted at 1:30 p.m. in Ballroom 100C. The Rituals Committee 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 S.C. Dao, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus J.D. Froula, District 14 Director S.L. DeChenne, WA Delta Advisor M.R. London, WA Delta President B.A. North, and Ritual Committee members. The Model Initiation brought into membership in the Association nine student members of WA Delta, one student from Arizona Delta, and two students from Indiana Zeta.

Secretary-Treasurer Gomulinski and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Hawks met with the successful petitioners at 3:00 p.m.

**Campus tours** of Gonzaga University were held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

A reception for award winners, their guests, and Association Officials was held at 4:30 p.m. in the Flowerfield Room of the Davenport Hotel.

**The Initiation and Awards Banquet** was held in the Grand Pennington Ballroom of the Davenport Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Convention Arrangements Chair Taylor J. Ellis was master of ceremonies. Councillor Pih welcomed the new initiates to the Association and encouraged them to remain active. Councillor Huggins introduced the Tau Beta Pi historical video. A total of 536 people were served rosemary chicken breast and an apple crisp or crème brulee for dessert, sponsored for the voting delegates by GEICO.

Near the conclusion of the Final Business Meeting, Barrett North, Washington Delta President, expressed his thanks to Arrangements Co-Chairs Madison M. Chambers and Tyler J. Ellis and the members and candidates of Washington Delta for their work in making the Convention a success. George K. Miyata, past Washington Delta President, thanked everyone for visiting Spokane and Gonzaga University, and expressed his appreciation for their great work on behalf of Tau Beta Pi. President Simonson asked the delegates a series of questions, thanked them and the Washington Delta members for their hard work, and invited everyone to the 2015 Convention in Providence, Rhode Island. The members of the new Executive Council thanked the outgoing Foundation Executive Council for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Association over the last eight years. Mr. Blackford recognized Dr. Simonson for his leadership of the Association and presented him with canning supplies to continue his production of jellies. Mr. Pih thanked Ms. Dao for her work with the advisors and the Convention and presented her with a feather boa and crown. Dr. Holl acknowledged the work of Dr. Earle, who was not in attendance, in developing the Association's K-12 MindSET Program. Dr. Morales expressed his appreciation to Mr. Huggins for his excellent work as Council Secretary and as the District Program liaison and presented him with a Spiderman fishing pole. Mr. Passman thanked Mr. Pih for his work with the Engineering Futures Program and as the Council's finance liason and presented him with a pocket protector and magic 8-ball. All outgoing Councillors were also presented with a plaque, new Tau Beta Pi tumbler, and gift cards. Mr. Blackford again expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Council and thanked them for their service. On behalf of the new Council, he expressed their excitement and enthusiasm for the future of the Association. They intend to build on the foundation built by their predecessors to elevate Tau Beta Pi to the next level.

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**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 4, Initiation and Awards Banquet**  
**Grand Pennington Ballroom, Davenport Hotel, Spokane, WA**

Chairman Hickling took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program at 8:00 p.m.

Vice President Dao recognized the 2014 **Tau Beta Pi Laureates** in attendance: Bingxuan Dennis Chua, *NY D '14*, Christopher M. Douglas, *IL D '14*, Lisa N. Garrett, *IA A '14*, Erika M. Pliner, *WI G '14*, and Tonya J. Whitehead, *MI E '15*, spoke of their outstanding achievements, and presented them with Laureate plaques and cash awards of \$2,500.

President Simonson announced the **Distinguished Alumnus Awards**: Delon Hampton, Ph.D., P.E., *DC A '54*, Col. Gary E. Payton, USAF Retired, *CO Z '71*, and Asad M. Madni, Ph.D., *CA E '69*. A plaque was presented to each of them and a \$2,000 scholarship in their name was awarded for the 2014-15 academic year. Each recipient thanked the Association for the recognition of their work.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards**, G.T. Joyal (NJ A), Chair, introduced Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Froula who presented the **2014 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award to Pennsylvania Delta at the University of Pennsylvania**. Mr. Froula congratulated the chapters on improving their membership numbers this past year. The chapter had increased the number of initiates from 27 in 2010-11 to 68 in 2013-14: an improvement of over 250%.

M.E. Harr (OH M), Vice Chair, presented the **2014 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award to Florida Theta at Florida International University** for becoming a chapter that embodies the core values of Tau Beta Pi. The chapter had increased the number of projects ten-fold and ensured that the projects benefited the chapter, campus, and community. They have tripled the number of new members and actively worked to build chapter camaraderie through social and professional development activities and hosted a fundraising game night that has grown each year and now is an annual tradition with large turnouts. An **honorable mention** was presented to **New York Tau at Binghamton University** for providing numerous professional development opportunities to their members and demonstrating a high level of member engagement.

Mr. Joyal spoke of the history and criteria for the Outstanding Chapter Award and presented an **honorable mention to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama** for the chapter's work in promoting liberal culture, the engineering profession, and community outreach. He also presented an **honorable mention to California Alpha at the University of California, Berkeley** for their work in community service, STEM outreach, and professional development activities. He presented the **2014 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award to Michigan Gamma** at the University of Michigan. He stated that they received top scores in project activity, Headquarters reports, and membership growth. The committee was impressed with their unique and meaningful community service projects including work with Habitat for Humanity and Boy Scouts of America. They also excelled in developing the bonds of friendship among the members through a variety of different social activities.

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions**, J.S. Grinalds III (OH N), Chair, read the following:

Resolutions of the 2014 Convention

On behalf of the entire Resolutions Committee, I would like to present our final report. These resolutions will primarily recognize those who have worked so hard to make the annual Convention possible and this Association what it is today. First and foremost, we'd like to thank everyone for their attendance and hard work this weekend. It is only because of your continued effort and involvement that Tau Beta Pi remains the world's premiere engineering honor society.

We would like to start by thanking the host chapter, Washington Delta, for welcoming Tau Beta Pi to Spokane, Washington. A few individuals deserve special recognition: the Chapter President, Barrett North, and the Chief Advisor Dr. Mara London. Convention Arrangement Co-chairs are Madison Chambers and Taylor Ellis. We are thankful for all your hard work in taking care of the details for this weekend.

We also acknowledge that the host chapters' efforts would be futile without the financial support of alumni and corporate sponsors. Two hundred forty-nine companies gave generously to Tau Beta Pi this year, as well as more than 10,000 Tau Beta Pi alumni. For our corporate sponsors, we'd like to thank: GEICO, NCEES, the Navy, PPI, and Pratt and Whitney, as well as our other generous sponsors. Let's give them a well-deserved round of applause.

Even within such an elite organization, there are still those we want to recognize who have distinguished themselves above and beyond. The 25 Tau Beta Pi Fellows and 242 Tau Beta Pi Scholars were introduced in the

summer and fall issues of *The Bent*. We also offer special congratulations to our five Laureates: Dennis Chua, Christopher Douglas, Lisa Garret, Erika Pliner, and Tonya Whitehead.

Our Association would also like to specially mention Arkansas Alpha and Kansas Alpha for celebrating their centennial this year.

As is clear from the giving report and the number of alumni chapter activations, many alumni continue to invest in the future of our organization and profession through monetary gifts and volunteer efforts. Their mentorship and guidance is invaluable.

In addition, we want to thank the collegiate and alumni chapter leaders and advisors who directed their local groups so effectively in the 2013-14 academic year, preserving and improving the visibility and public image of this Association.

Many alumni also serve as District Directors, providing a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to local chapters. We want to thank these directors for their service to each of their districts, and especially Sharon DeChenne, Timothy Edgar, and Ian Frank from District 14 for their guidance in hosting this Convention.

We extend our congratulations to our 2014 Outstanding Advisor, Dr. Marvin Criswell, Colorado Delta; our McDonald Mentor, Dr. Brendan O'Toole; and our Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients, Dr. Delon Hampton, Dr. Asad Madni, and Col. Gary Payton.

Additionally, our heartfelt thanks go the Director of Engineering Futures, Russ Pierce and the program's multiple volunteer facilitators for their commitment to fostering the development of our beloved profession.

In addition to the impressive performance of our local leaders, there are a number of national figures who have coordinated all these individual efforts into a single, vibrant society.

Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer Curtis Gomulinski has worked tirelessly to make everyone happy all year long. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roger Hawks has ensured the smooth operation of yet another Convention. Without him and the tireless work of the Headquarters staff including Rebecca Davis, our Collegiate Chapter Assistant, and Sherry King, who arranged our travel, many of us may never have made it here at all.

Our Director of Alumni Affairs, Tricia Gomulinski, has taken on many responsibilities, and we are confident in her ability to further develop our alumni relations efforts. As a historic society, we cherish the tradition maintained by our secret rituals. We thank Edward D'Avignon, Director of Rituals, for his stewardship of our initiation traditions.

The distinguished members of the Fellowship Board are: Director Steve Pierre, Dr. Charles Caldwell, Dr. Darrell Donahue, Dr. Susan Holl and Dr. Robert Efimba. Thanks to their committee and its hard work, countless Tau Bates have received well-deserved recognition for their achievements.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to Tau Beta Pi's Trust Advisory Committee, specifically Chair Rodger Smith and members James Johnson Jr., and Harry Lange. Our trust fund is certainly in good hands under your stewardship.

The outgoing Executive Council was a dedicated group that epitomized the core values of Tau Beta Pi. We thank President Larry Simonson, Vice President Solange Dao, and Council members Dr. Jonathan Earle, Jason Huggins, and Norm Pih for their fantastic work. Finally, we would like to recognize the incoming Executive Council: President J.P. Blackford, Vice President Norm Pih, and Councillors Dr. Susan Holl, Dr. George Morales, and Alan Passman.

In looking around this room and reviewing this impressive list of names, I am thankful for the opportunity to stand before engineers of such quality. Thank you for your time tonight and for making this a great weekend. We look forward to your attendance next year at the 2015 Tau Beta Pi annual Convention, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Let's have one more round of applause for those who have distinguished themselves this year.

President Simonson introduced and formally installed each member of the **Elevate Executive Council** and **turned over the Tau Beta Pi gavel** to 2014-18 President Joseph P. Blackford. The Convention responded enthusiastically with a standing ovation and applause.

M.J. Hand III (MI G Adv.) rose to a **point of personal privilege**. Chairman Hickling recognized him, and Mr. Hand

requested a napkin. In the spirit of the occasion, 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 Miyata and Secretary Gomulinski and praised the delegates for their skills, collaboration, and cooperation. On the motion of G.K. Miyata seconded by M.A. Bouzaghrane (DC A), and nearly every delegate voting in favor, Chairman Hickling declared the **Convention adjourned sine die at 9:29 p.m.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Curtis D. Gomulinski  
Convention Secretary

Ronald M. Hickling  
Convention Chair