



THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2016 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

**Constitution Amendments
Approved by the Convention
BUT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters**

1. **Grant the authority for the Convention to set the size of the Executive Council, clarify requirements for re-election to the Executive Council, remove references to the election of groups to serve on the Executive Council, and define the process for electing members of the Executive Council at Convention.**

Constitution Article III, Sec. 2 (e), Secs. 3 (a), 3 (b), 3 (f), and 3 (g) *(p. 15)*

**Bylaw Amendments
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2. **Allow Fellowships to be given to members who only require a single term of financial support.**

Bylaw X, Secs. 10.03 (a), and 10.07 *(pp. 14-15)*

3. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2015-16 to District of Columbia Alpha at Howard University. An honorable mention was given to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama. *(p. 21)*

4. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2015-16 to Wisconsin Alpha at the University of Wisconsin and honorable mentions to Maryland Delta at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and Vermont Beta at Norwich University. *(pp. 20-21)*

5. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to North Carolina Gamma at the Duke University and honorable mentions to California Upsilon at California State University, Sacramento and North Dakota Alpha at North Dakota State University. *(p. 20)*

6. Applauded the announcement of the 2016 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor to **Antonette M. Logar**, Ph.D., South Dakota Alpha '78, professor in the math and computer science department at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. *(p. 13)*

7. Applauded the announcement of the 2016 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor **Sandra B. "Sandy" Pitzak**, Colorado Beta '00, Colorado Beta Chief Advisor. *(p. 13)*

8. Applauded presentations of the 2016 Tau Beta Pi Laureates : **Nathan J. Ferraro**, Oklahoma Alpha '16, **Angadbir S. Sabherwal**, Iowa Alpha '16, and **Kierstin K. Wang**, Florida Alpha '16 *(p. 20)*

9. Applauded the presentation of 33 **Chapter Excellence Awards** for outstanding chapter operations reporting in 2015-16 to: Alabama Alpha, Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, California Xi, California Omega, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Beta, Colorado Delta, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Epsilon, Florida Zeta, Illinois Beta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Alpha, Maryland Delta, Massachusetts Eta, Michigan Epsilon, New York Theta, New York Xi, North Dakota Beta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Lambda, Ohio Nu, Oklahoma Beta, South Carolina Beta, South Dakota Alpha,

South Dakota Beta, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, Utah Beta, West Virginia Beta, and Wisconsin Alpha. Honorable mentions went to Georgia Beta, Illinois Alpha, Illinois Delta, Indiana Gamma, Indiana Epsilon, Kentucky Beta, New Mexico Gamma, Ohio Theta, Ohio Mu, Oregon Gamma, Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania Mu, Vermont Beta, and Wisconsin Beta (pp. 12-13)

10. Applauded the presentation of 35 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2015-16 to: Arizona Alpha, California Gamma, California Eta, California Xi, California Tau, California Psi, Florida Gamma, Indiana Delta, Indiana Epsilon, Maryland Beta, Maryland Delta, Massachusetts Epsilon, New Mexico Gamma, Ohio Kappa, Tennessee Alpha, Tennessee Gamma, Texas Epsilon, and Wisconsin Alpha, and to the following 17 chapters that won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, Alaska Alpha, California Alpha, California Epsilon, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Theta, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Theta, Michigan Kappa, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Puerto Rico Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, and Texas Alpha. (p. 12-13)
11. Elected Wayne B. Paugh, FL G '93, George Youssef, NJ G '01, and Mennatoallah M. Youssef, VA G '04, to serve on the Executive Council for the 2018-20 term. (p. 18)
12. Granted a new chapter to the Brigham Young University-Idaho to be known as Idaho Delta. (p. 9)
13. Rejected proposals to eliminate the Committee on Petitions at future Conventions. (pp. 9-10, 16-17)
14. Reviewed the finances of the Association and made recommendations about financial support of non-voting delegates and advisors at Convention. (p. 10)
15. Authorized up to \$150 in reimbursable childcare expenses for a delegate attending the 2016 Convention. (pp. 10-11)
16. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2017 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2015 Convention with the exception of increasing the en-route breakfast reimbursement from \$6 to \$8. (p. 11)
17. Granted a request to allow a non-member American Sign Language interpreter to attend the Model Initiation to accommodate the needs of a member delegate. (p. 11)
18. Accepted updates regarding the format, curriculum, and content of the Engineering Futures Program and requested the \$50 scheduling fee be waived for chapters which have not hosted a session in the past three years. (p. 14)
19. Accepted the invitation from Colorado Alpha, Beta, and Epsilon and the Front Range Alumni Chapter to host the 2018 Convention in Denver. (pp. 15-16)
20. Accepted the invitation from Ohio Gamma, Delta, and Iota to host the 2019 Convention in Columbus. (p. 16)
21. Granted four appeals from OH H regarding the eligibility of students in their operations research program, CO A and NY A regarding the eligibility of students in their computer science

program, and IL G regarding the eligibility of students in their applied mathematics program. (pp. 17-18)

22. Adopted a resolutions governing the transition to the current Executive Council structure and authorizing the Executive Council to amend the Articles of Incorporation to meet any Federal, State, or Internal Revenue Service requirements. (pp. 18-19)
23. Made recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. (p. 20)

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