THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2017 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

Constitution and Bylaws Amendments
Approved by the Convention
BUT Subject to Ratification by the Chapters

1. **Approve a General Revision to the Constitution and Bylaws which replaces the existing Constitution and Bylaws with a new version.**
   
   Entire Constitution and Bylaws *(pp. 11, 12-14, 16-17, 25-41)*

2. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2016-17 to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama. Honorable mentions were given to Florida Alpha at the University of Florida and Iowa Alpha at Iowa State University. *(p. 19)*

3. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2016-17 to Wisconsin Delta at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and honorable mention to Illinois Alpha at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. *(p. 19)*

4. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to California Upsilon at California State University, Sacramento, and an honorable mention to Texas Gamma at Rice University. *(p. 19)*

5. Applauded the announcement of the 2017 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor to Daniel F. Dolan, Ph.D., *Minnesota Alpha ’70*, former professor of mechanical engineering and director of the center of excellence for advanced manufacturing and production (CAMP) at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. *(p. 15)*


9. Applauded the presentation of 34 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2016-17 to: Alabama Delta, California Gamma, California Eta, California Xi, Colorado Alpha, Florida Gamma, Illinois Alpha, Illinois Delta, Indiana Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Beta, New York
Kappa, Vermont Beta, and Wyoming Alpha, and to the following 20 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, California Psi, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Theta, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Delta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Kappa, New Mexico Gamma, Ohio Iota, Puerto Rico Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wisconsin Alpha. (p. 15)

10. Made three changes to the Tau Beta Pi Ritual, charged the Director of Rituals to update the ceremony to accommodate initiates requiring special needs, and directed the Executive Council to create a database of Tau Beta Pi volunteers who could serve as sign language interpreters. (pp. 9-10, 17)

11. Granted a new chapter to the Oregon Institute of Technology to be known as Oregon Delta. (p. 10)

12. Reviewed the finances of the Association and made recommendations about the presentation of financial information to future Conventions. (p. 10)

13. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2018 Convention beyond those stated in Bylaw I, Sec. 1.06, to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2017 Convention with the exception of increasing the en-route dinner reimbursement from $10 to $12. (pp. 10-11)

14. Accepted the invitation from Georgia Alpha and the Atlanta Alumni Chapter to host the 2020 Convention in Atlanta. (pp. 11)

15. Charged the Executive Council with developing new template invitation emails and initiation materials for chapters, creating a website taskforce, and establishing an ad-hoc committee on image and marketing at the 2018 Convention. (pp. 11-12, 17)

16. Granted three appeals from NY B, OR B, and TN A regarding the eligibility of students in their computer science program. (p. 12)

17. Elected Scott E. Fable, CA T ’96, Stephan King-Monroe, MI E ’08, and C. Craig Smith, TN E ’80, to serve on the Executive Council for the 2018-20 term. (pp. 15-16)

18. Directed the Executive Council to review and respond to additional changes to the Constitution and Bylaws identified by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. (p. 17)

19. Charged the Executive Council to create a digital form to streamline the project report submission process. (p. 17)

20. Requested that an ad-hoc committee on alumni chapters be established at the 2018 Convention. (p. 18)

21. Made recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. (p. 18)

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