



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)
6. Applauded the announcement of the 2017 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor **LeVern W. Faidley**, Ph.D., *Iowa Alpha '67*, Iowa Alpha Chief Advisor. (p. 15)
7. Applauded presentations of the 2017 Tau Beta Pi Laureates: Kasey M. Cooper, *Alabama Alpha '18*, Kevin Fraser, *North Carolina Gamma '17*, and Simone M.M. Stanley, *District of Columbia Alpha '17*. (p. 19)
8. Applauded the presentation of 22 **Chapter Excellence Awards** for outstanding chapter operations reporting in 2016-17 to: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Delta, Arkansas Alpha, California Zeta, California Eta, California Theta, Colorado Beta, Colorado Delta, Connecticut Alpha, Florida Alpha, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Michigan Epsilon, Nebraska Alpha, New Jersey Delta, New Mexico Gamma, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Pennsylvania Kappa, and Tennessee Alpha. Honorable mentions were presented to 25 chapters: Alabama Alpha, Alaska Alpha, California Alpha, California Epsilon, California Rho, California Tau, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Epsilon, Florida Epsilon, Illinois Beta, Illinois Delta, Illinois Epsilon, Indiana Gamma, Maryland Delta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Kappa, New Hampshire Alpha, Ohio Delta, Ohio Theta, Oregon Gamma, South Dakota Alpha, South Dakota Beta, Texas Alpha, Texas Epsilon, and Wisconsin Delta. (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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