Final registration of voting delegates, non-voting delegates, chapter advisors, alumnus visitors, and Association Officials registered for the Convention at the Edward Hotel and Convention Center on October 12–14 is as follows:

Official Collegiate Chapter Voting Delegates:

| AL A | Connor L. Sorrells | DC, Γ | Jillian E. Miles | MA, E | Colin Vincent |
| AL B | Lindsey T. Martin | FL, A | Madeline G. Sciuolo | MA, Z | -------------------- |
| AL Γ | Ashley L. Boggs | FL, B | Sarah V. Vargas | MA, N | Anthony G. Lambert |
| AL Δ | Kimberly E. Dutour | FL, Γ | Bryan J. Hare | MA, Θ | Kennedy Udechukwu |
| AL E | Phiwat Klomkaew | FL, Δ | Ryan T. Reed | MA, I | Jacob Willemain |
| AK A | Sarah A. Riopelle | FL, E | Janet Weinthal | MI, A | Jason P. Sammut |
| AZ A | Nicholas Q. Fritz | FL, Z | Lucia M. Lopez Martinez | MI, B | Zachary B. Jensen |
| AZ B | Tyler I. Piper | FL, H | Latarence J. Butts | MI, Г | Joanna L. Ciatti |
| AZ Γ | Jacob D. Barker | FL, Θ | Dylan A. Myers | MI, Δ | Brian C. O’Hara |
| AZ Δ | Trupti Mahendrakar | FL, I | Taylor C. Fazzini | MI, Е | Monica Prasad |
| AR A | Boyce R. Bethel | GA, A | Jingwei Xie | MI, Z | Megan L. Warteman |
| CA A | Kaede Yoshioka | GA, B | -------------------- | MI, H | Luis J. Rodriguez |
| CA B | Naveen Arunachalam | ID, A | Andrea C. Mansfeld | MI, Θ | Andrew M. Carle |
| CA Γ | Kaitlyn E. Gee | ID, B | Merat Rezaei | MI, I | Daniel Becht |
| CA Δ | -------------------- | ID, Γ | Sterling Croft | MI, K | Corey J. Lee |
| CA E | Brian C. Lui | ID, Δ | Patrick J. Fisher | MI, A | Audun D. Myers |
| CA Z | Alexander Seto | IL, A | Esther Murray | MN, A | Daniel Sousa Schulman |
| CA H | Cameron Chien | IL, B | -------------------- | MN, B | Jethro J. Land |
| CA Θ | Edward Thai | IL, Γ | Rebeca Rymsza | MS, A | Brandon L. Butler |
| CA I | Luis F. Fernandez Jr. | IL, Δ | Thomas J. Guerger | MS, B | Norah O. Daghstehani |
| CA K | Yin Fung Khong | IL, E | Alyssa N. Matlock | MO, A | Stephanie R. Atkinson |
| CA Δ | Alexander D. Coffman | IL, Z | Darius S. Ansari | MO, B | Alyssa K. Wagner |
| CA M | Gabrielle S. Santamorena | IN, A | John M. Irons | MO, Г | -------------------- |
| CA N | Xiao Zhang | IN, B | Lucas M. Huston | MO, Δ | Garrick Zinecker |
| CA Σ | Sarah D. Morton | IN, Г | Joseph P. McGill | MO, E | John J. Peters |
| CA О | Alexander R. Hendricks | IN, Δ | Dylan P. Antonides | MT, A | Hannah Worrest |
| CA Р | Regina E. Barton | IN, Е | Jonathan T. Phillips | MT, B | Liana J. Galayda |
| CA Σ | -------------------- | IN, Z | John C. Kellum | NE, A | Kelsey G. Bohling |
| CA T | Jordan L. Edmunds | IA, A | Eric B. Westfall | NV, A | Jacob T. Black |
| CA Y | Luke M. Ervin | IA, B | Lauren Hillman | NV, B | Artuan McGee |
| CA Ф | Richard R. Van Winkle | KS, A | -------------------- | NH, A | Sarah A. Jakositz |
| CA X | Valentino G. DiCerto | KS, B | Amy P. McClain | NH, B | Victor A. Borza |
| CA Ψ | Ansel E. Blume | KS, Г | Lucas G. Verschelden | NJ, A | William M. Reinhardt |
| CA Ω | Aurora J. Leeson | KY, A | Ethan J. Russell | NJ, B | Ravina Jani |
| CA ΑА | Jasm Alhumaidi | KY, B | Adam Vest | NJ, Г | Brendan R. Dente |
| CA ΑВ | Judith Perales | KY, Γ | Lindsey N. Byrd | NJ, Δ | Daniel E. Wood |
| CA ΑГ | -------------------- | LA, A | Kyle M. Beckert | NJ, Е | Biaggio Uricoli III |
| CA ΑΔ | Henry J. Hinton | LA, B | Amira A. Muhsen | NJ, Z | Michael P. Salek |
| CA ΑΕ | -------------------- | LA, Γ | Cameron S. Henry | NM, A | Brennon P. Shay |
| CO A | Johanna M. Madenjjan | LA, Δ | Zachary A. Trampel | NM, B | Ava Mauser |
| CO B | Vismaya S. Bachu | LA, E | Cynthia Shrestha | NM, Г | Melissa A. Freeman |
| CO Δ | Casey M. Visscher | ME, A | -------------------- | NY, A | Scott M. Trocchia |
| CO E | Nathan Webster | MD, A | Sunny Thodupunuri | NY, B | Sarah A. Utz |
| CO Z | Thomas W. Molnar | MD, B | Christopher R. Strem | NY, Г | Connor P. Wood |
| CT A | Leah S. Suratt | MD, Г | William D. Gomperts | NY, Δ | Kayla C. Niccum |
| CT B | Justin R. Greenwood | MD, Δ | Bethany J. Wolinski | NY, Н | Shahrouk Reza |
| CT Γ | Max J. Bieryla | MD, E | Obinna Okudoh | NY, Θ | Brett C. Mazza |
| DE A | Eryn D. Gerber | MA, A | Karim A. Elsayed | NY, I | Mark Perelmuter |
| DC A | D’mariee C. Hanson | MA, B | Samantha M. Briasco-Stewart | NY, K | Rebecca Walton |
| DC B | Joseph L. DiBella | MA, Δ | -------------------- | NY, M | Lianna Gangi |
| NY | Adam B. Behrendt     | OR A | Levi J. Clark       | TX Δ | Erica Y. Yarbrough |
| NY | Matthew R. Drotar   | OR B | Grady Goodenough    | TX E | Shin Yun Lim      |
| NY | Nicholas P. Lamberson | OR Γ | Christopher A. Hampel | TX Z | Carley E. Richmond |
| NY | Leigh M. Bechet     | PA A | Lezheng Fang        | TX H | Joakim S. Lea     |
| NY | Shafqat T. Islam    | PA B | Meghan L. Glaviano  | TX Θ | Jacqueline A. Reyes |
| NY | Justin C. Fossum    | PA Γ | Emily M. Carvalho   | TX I | Kristina Ninan    |
| NY | Matthew D. Dubinsky | PA Δ | ------------------- | TX K | ------------------ |
| NY | Thomas H. Purvis    | PA E | Laura T. Strang     | TX M | Anthony R. Montez  |
| NC | Madison E. Baldwin  | PA Z | Mark R. Odorizzi    | TX N | Justin M. Imel     |
| NC | Brian K. Chan       | PA H | ------------------- | TX  |                  |
| NC | James C. Freeman    | PA Θ | Ariel Thompson      | UT A | Polly Creveling   |
| NC | Dekerde B. McGee    | PA I | ------------------- | UT B | Brett D. Piepkist  |
| NC | Laura A. Mosley     | PA K | Yosuke Higashi      | UT Γ | Jonathan P. Ruesch |
| ND | Tyler G. Toepke-Floyd | PA A | Richard L. Hollenbach III | VT A | John Swett         |
| ND | Nicole M. Eisenschenk | PA M | Nathaniel F. Rothert | VT B | Jaani E. Barclay   |
| OH | Thomas J. Milyo     | PR A | Angel L. Padilla Viruet | VA A | Casey M. Baker     |
| OH | Rickey C. Terrell   | RI A | Noemaikelohaiku’ulei S.L. Lum | VA B | Kiran K. Bagalkotkar |
| OH | Kretaeecha Chaudhury | RI B | Emma Orton          | VA Δ | Taylor W. Thomas   |
| OH | Stephanie T. Tieu   | SC A | Johnathan B. Stephan | VA E | Pooja P. Nanjannavar |
| OH | Dominick S. Lapinta | SC B | John T. McManus      | WA A | Samantha H. Sun    |
| OH | Alexander K. Binder | SC Γ | Connor M. Fuhrman    | WA B | Mathilde M. Idoine |
| OH | Bianca E. Romanyak | SD A | Jessica A. Weinakaf | WA B | Carrie A. Smith    |
| OH | Malle R. Schilling  | SD B | Evan C. Tarrell      | WA Γ |                      |
| OH | Katie S. Cooperrider | TN A | Delaney Fisher       | WA Δ | Cesar Ortiz Rios   |
| OH | Mary T. Teague      | TN B | Kamal M.H. Kamal Azmi| WV A | Peyton E. Panger   |
| OH | Tayah D. Turocy     | TN Γ | Robert J. Ponder     | WV B | Matthew W. Siomos  |
| OH | Cody L. Wintermute  | TN A | Christopher C. Black | WI A | Cassandra T. Bradley |
| OH | Sara E. Freeland    | TN E | David LeVine         | WI B | Zachary G. Wehner  |
| OH | Miranda R. Caudle   | TN Z | Cooper P. Thome      | WI Γ | Jacob B. Grodek    |
| OK | Lauryn A. Carver    | TX A | Patrick R. Harold    | WI Δ | Caleb J. Klaty    |
| OK | Abigail T. Chellis  | TX B | Sabrina N. Benge     | WI E | Andrew J. Lee      |
| OK | Alicia V. Aguilar   | TX Γ | Haihao Liu           | WY A | Mark T. Fenn       |

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

| AL Δ | Maliha Lubna | CA  | William Wiseman | MI A | Nathan T. Maise |
| AL E | Logan J. Gonzalez | CA Y | Arthur E. Ingraffia | MI A | Anna Leigh L. Thomas |
| AZ Δ | Zachary T. Gibbons | DE A | Samantha A. Hoffman | MI A | Jacob J. Wojnicki |
| AZ Δ | Jinsung Lee | DC A | Emmanuel O. Balogun | MI B | Morgan M. Herzog |
| AZ Δ | Emma P. Schneider | DC A | Goodness A. Fowora | MI Γ | Alexa L. Cichon |
| AZ Δ | Shayla R. Watson | DC A | Maci E. Joseph | MI Γ | Elvihan J. Encarnacion |
| AR A | Jordan A. Gadberry | DC A | Babin Manandhar | MI Γ | Kevin P. Greenman |
| AR A | Sarah C. Gould | DC A | Natasha A. Rouse | MI Γ | Ilkka K. Kovanan |
| AR A | Laura C. Gray | DC B | Grace E. Brodeaur | MI Γ | Brianna M. Lax |
| AR A | Kathleen A. Lutz | FL A | Shannon B. Brown | MI Γ | Angelo O. Vozza III |
| AR A | Alexander D. O'Brien | FL A | Jessica R. Matthews | MI Γ | Gregory E. Willett |
| AR A | Brooks J. Walker | FL Θ | Daniela S. Gil | MI E | Hana Bagomaan |
| AR A | Hannah N. Young | GA A | Tivon T. Tsung | MI E | Jeremy D. Barnes-Smith |
| CA Γ | Laura V. Cruz-Albrecht | IA A | Branden M. Moreau | MI E | Nathan C. Brant |
| CA Γ | Ryan L. Holmdahl | IA B | Nathaniel Weger | MI E | Bilal Dabboussi |
| CA Γ | Luke M. Murphy | KS Γ | Zachary C. Stanley | MI E | Douglas P. Harriman II |
| CA Γ | Chuen Pan | KY A | Benjamin C. Burdette | MI E | Nazir A. Jairazbhoy |
| CA E | Mark Tai | KY A | Douglas R. Martin | MI E | Jong Youl Lee |
| CA Z | Sophia L. Castillo | KY A | Xuan Qu | MI E | Kenneth W. Olson |
| CA Z | Milan O. Copic | MD B | Vaishnavi Murthy | MI E | Brandi Wingate |
| CA Z | Justin M. Meeken | MD Γ | Ace A. Padilla | MI E | Sienna Wong |
| CA H | Peeyusha Boorada | MD Δ | Tania G. Evans | MI E | Christopher M. Wood |
| CA Θ | Joshua M. Gagan | MA Θ | Erin Shaughnesssey | MI E | Melissa R. Wrobel |
| CA I | Jovanny Santana | MI A | Noah S. Keppers | MI Z | Christopher M. Chapin |

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Collegiate Chapter Advisors:

**AL** Khira N. Morgan, IA A  Richard J. Smith, MI E  Tonya J. Whitehead
**AR** Charles W. Caldwell, KY A  Bruce L. Walcott, MI I  Andrew E. Toy
**CA** James E. Hazelrig, MD A  David S. Kaplan, MI A  Nicholas A. Baine
**CA** William R. Goodin, MD E  Gbekeloluwa B. Oguntimein, NY O  Sandhya Kannan
**CA** Patrick D. Homen, MI G  Michael L. Benson, NC Z  Ricky T. Castles
**DC** Robert E. Efimba, MI G  Paul J. Kominsky, OH N  Harwood A. Hegna
**IN** Jeffery J. Leader, MI G  Cameron D. McBride, SD B  Richard A. Reid
**IN** Ryan A. Overton, MI E  Stephen D. Caren, WV A  Christopher M. Nestor
**IA** LeVern W. Faidley

Executive Council Candidates:

Bruce A. DeVantier, IL '77  Stephan L. King-Monroe, MI E '08  C. Craig Smith, TN E '80
Scott E. Fable, CA T '96

Alumni Chapter Advisors:

**Ann Arbor Area** Kyle A. Lady, MI G '10  Orange County  Kyle J. Dominguez, CA N '12
**Atlanta** James P. Fairbanks, GA A '16  Palm Beach/Broward  John E. Nees, NY A '70
**Central Illinois** Lauren H. Logan, OH D '10  Phoenix  Stephen E. Hermens, AZ B '15
**Central Texas** Jose C. Davila Labastida, TX A '17  Pioneer  Kurt P. Rouser, OH H '11
**Chicago** Joshua I. Larson, MI G '11  Pittsburgh  Christopher T. McMullen, MI G '13
**Dayton** Morgan M. Highlander, OH M '16  Portland  Jeffrey S. Zola, NY A '91
**Front Range** Sandra B. Pitzak, CO B '00  Puget Sound  Russell W. Pierce, WA A '70
**Great Smoky Mountains** Anne A. Campbell, IN A '06  Research Triangle  Suzette Morales, NC A '09
**Greater Boston** Leah B. Moore, OH M '10  Sacramento  Rachel K. Alexander, CA Y '15
**Greater New Orleans** Leo P. Champagne Jr., LA E '76  San Francisco Bay Area  Joseph Li, CA A '11
**Greater San Diego** Arianna N. Lasche, CA M '13  Southeastern Michigan  Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, MI E '00
**Los Angeles** Riley E. Winship, CA Σ '15  Tampa Bay  Luke M. Ricker, VT B '07
**Milwaukee** Aaron M. Hartwig, WI G '16  Tucson  Matthew A. Granato, OK A '11
**New York City** David M. Keim, NY A '14  Washington, DC  Khabeer Salaam, DC A '14
**North Texas** Michael J. Futer, TX H '10  West Michigan  Sarah E. Hoyle-Katz, IL A '15
**Ohio's North Coast** Zakaria A. Benmerzouga, OH E '14

Alumnum Visitors & Laureates:

Lilia A. Abron, DC A '68  Tricia L. Faidley, OH A '06  Damon A. Miller, KY B '78
Kistine M. Andall, DC A '14  Kevin Fraser, NC G '17  Terry D. Olberding, TN A '78
James A. Anderson, MI E '66  Paul H. Kimpel III, DE A '70  Angela D. Pyle, TN Z '91
Melissa A. Childers, OH K '16  Kalea Kramer, AZ B '16  Ralph A. Rockow, OH G '58
William P. Cleveland, MS A '10  Harry W. Lange, MI Z '75  Simone M.M. Stanley, DC A '17
Kasey M. Cooper, AL A '18  Jennifer Lui, NY T '13  Charles E. Sukup, IA A '76
Christopher J. Creveling, UT A '13  Pritpal S. Mahal, MI G '07  Nicholas A. Thorne, MI I '08
Jason B. Ditman, IL A '91  Kenneth L. Martin, NM A '83
Galen W. Faidley, IA A '00  Marit E. Meyer, AZ A '87

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Representatives of the Association in attendance were:

**Executive Council**

President
Norman Pih

Vice President
Susan L.R. Holl

Secretary
George J. Morales

Treasurer
Alan J. Passman

Councillors
Joseph P. Blackford
Wayne B. Paugh
Mennatoallah M. Youssef
George Youssef

**Program Directors**

Director of Alumni Affairs
Tricia E. Gomulinski

Director of the District Program
Kelly J. Hammar

Director of Engineering Futures
Kathleen L. Colbry

Director of Fellowships
Sally J. Steadman

Director of Rituals
Edward J. D’Avignon

**Convention Officials**

Convention Chair
Ronald M. Hickling

Parliamentarian
Jason A. Abellada

Teller’s Committee Chair
Elson Y.-H. Liu

**District Directors**

District 1
Brian M. Leslie
Haley H. Smestad
Lauren J. Swett

District 2
Anthony M. Olenik
Thomas A. Pinkham IV
Jason Rogan

District 3
Lara L. Spinelli
Justin M. Glasgow
Jon M. Sonstey

District 4
Melissa L. Morris
Michelle Nanney
Russell L. Werneth

District 5
David J. Cowan Jr
Meghan C. Ferrall-Fairbanks
Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez

District 6
Laura M. Martin
Crystal L. McCartney
Ellen S. Styles

District 7
Timothy D. Anderson
Michael J. Hand III

District 8
Bruce A. DeVantier *
Stacey L. Forkner

District 9
Thomas F. Schaub Jr.
K. Cody Johnson
Raymond P. LeBeau

District 10
Will D. Lindquist
Madison R. Herman
Gary L. O’Day Jr.

District 11
Jose E. Suarez
Christina M. Harrison
James C. Hill

District 12
George K. Miyata
Matthew T. Pittard

District 13
Jeffrey G. Dabling
Allen D. Erickson
C. Christopher Stemple

District 14
Ian J. Frank
Janette A. Keiser

District 15
Daniel T. Kruusmagi
Christopher W. Potts

District 16
Neal T. Bussett
Sam Rokni

**Headquarters**

Executive Director
Curtis D. Gomulinski

Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus
James D. Froula

Director of Chapter Programs
Roger E. Hawks

Major Gifts Officer
Sherry L. King

Non-member Headquarters Team
Angela R. Boles
C. Alexander Cross
Rebecca M. Davis
Dylan S. Lane
Patricia M. McDaniel

Representatives of the petitioning society:
Oregon Institute of Technology
Faculty: Sean W. St Clair, UT G ’98
Student: Gwendoline D. Jones

Hosts:
Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee
Awards Committee
Committee. Committees for this Convention were: authorized by the Executive Council. Voting delegates are appointed to committees. Required by the 8:00 a.m. He explained the purpose and goals of the committees and outlined their operations over the next three days. Meetings of all Convention Committees were then held in rooms of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center at 8:30 a.m.

Appointment of delegates to the Convention Committees had been made by the Executive Director in advance as required by the Constitution, and the committees were given instructions and information about their assignments. Not all voting delegates are appointed to committees. Standing committees are specified in the Constitution. Ad hoc committees are authorized by the Executive Council. Committees select their own chairs, and Association Officials serve as advisors for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

**Awards Committee:**

| AZ A | Nicholas Q. Tritz | OH Q | Malle R. Schilling | Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez |
| CA S | Shiri Arnon | OK G | Alicia V. Aguilar | District 5 Director, Advisor |
| CA AE | Troy J. Pascoe | PA Z | Mark R. Odorizzi | Daniel T. Kruusmagi |
| GA A | Jingwei Xie | RI B | Emma Orton | District 15 Director, Advisor |
| MI Z | Megan L. Warteman | TX H | Joakim S. Lea | Crystal L. McCartney |
| NM B | Ava Mauser | UT A | Polly Creveling | District 6 Director, Advisor |
| NY O | Nicholas P. Lamberson | ONSAC | Zakaria A. Benmerzouga | Melissa L. Morris |
| NC A | Madison E. Baldwin | Stacey L. Fornkner | District 4 Director, Advisor |
| NC E | Dekedre B. McGee | | District 8 Director, Advisor |

**Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee:**

| AL E | Phiwat Klomkaew | TX G | Haihao Liu | Madison R. Herman |
| CA K | Yin Fung Khong | Ann Arbor | Kyle A. Lady | District 10 Director, Advisor |
| FL Z | Lucia M. Lopez Martinez | Dayton | Morgan M. Highlander | K. Cody Johnson |
| KY G | Lindsey N. Byrd | Fr. Range | Sandra B. Pitzak | District 9 Director, Advisor |
| MD A | Sunny Thudupunuri | | | George J. Morales |
| MA Z | -------------- | | | TBP Secretary, Advisor |
| OR A | Levi J. Clark | Curtis D. Gomulinski | | Matthew T. Pittard |
| TN B | Kamal M. H. Kamal Azmi | Executive Director, Advisor | | District 12 Director, Advisor |

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee:**

| CA N | Xiao Zhang | NY P | Leigh M. Bechet | Joseph P. Blackford |
| CA R | Regina E. Barton | ND B | Nicole M. Eisenschenk | Executive Councillor, Advisor |
| CO B | Vismaya S. Bachu | OH N | Sara E. Freeland | Neal T. Bussett |
| IL D | Thomas J. Gouger | OR B | Grady Goodenough | District 16 Director, Advisor |
| IN D | Dylan P. Antonides | PA L | Richard L. Hollenbach III | Meghan C. Ferrall-Fairbanks |
| IA B | Lauren Hillman | SC G | Connor M. Fuhrman | District 5 Director, Advisor |
| MD B | Christopher R. Strem | Chicago | Joshua I. Larson | Michael J. Hand III |
| MA Q | Kennedy Udechukwu | L.A. | Riley E. Winship | District 7 Director, Advisor |
| MI E | Monica Prasad | Puget Snd. | Russell W. Pierce | Russell L. Werneth |
| MI H | Luis J. Rodriguez | Sacramento | Rachel K. Alexander | District 4 Director, Advisor |
| NJ E | Biaggio Uricoli III | | | |

2018 Convention arrangements leader, Scott M. Busch (CO B), was in attendance.

* Names with an asterisk indicate members with two roles who appear elsewhere in the list of attendees.

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An orientation for all delegates assigned to Committees was led by Executive Director Gomulinski in the Grand Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. He explained the purpose and goals of the committees and outlined their operations over the next three days. Meetings of all Convention Committees were then held in rooms of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center at 8:30 a.m.
Convention Site Committee:

CA G  Kaitlyn E. Gee  MT A  Hannah Worrest  Susan L.R. Holl
CA Z  Alexander Seto  NY B  Sarah A. Utz  TBP Vice President, Advisor
CO E  Nathan Webster  OH A  Thomas J. Milyo  Anthony M. Olenik
IL G  Rebecca Rymszza  OK B  Abigail T. Chellis  District 2 Director, Advisor
LA A  Kyle M. Beckert  WY A  Mark T. Fenn  Sam Rokni
MD D  Bethany J. Wolinski  SEMIAC  Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak  District 16 Director, Advisor
MI D  Brian C. O’Hara  Timothy D. Anderson  Jon M. Sonstey
MO E  John J. Peters  District 7 Director, Advisor  District 3 Director, Advisor

Curriculum Review Committee (ad hoc):

CA F  Richard R. Van Winkle  MS A  Brandon L. Butler  Allen D. Erickson
CA Y  Ansel E. Blume  NY X  Matthew R. Drotar  District 13 Director, Advisor
FL G  Bryan J. Hare  NY S  Justin C. Fossum  Will D. Lindquist
FL H  Lalorence J. Butts  NC G  Brian K. Chan  District 9 Director, Advisor
KS G  Lucas G. Verschelden  OK A  Lauryn N. Carver  Wayne B. Paugh
KY B  Adam Vest  WV A  Peyton E. Panger  Executive Councillor, Advisor
MA D  ------------------------  Portland  Jeffrey S. Zola  Jose E. Suarez
MN B  Jethro J. Land  District 10 Director, Advisor

Image and Marketing (ad hoc):

AL D  Kimberly E. Dutour  OH K  Mary T. Teague  Justin M. Glasgow
CA X  Sarah D. Morton  SD A  Jessica A. Weinkauf  District 3 Director, Advisor
CA U  Luke M. Ervin  TN A  Delaney Fisher  Christina M. Harrison
FL Q  Dylan A. Myers  TN D  Christopher C. Black  District 11 Director, Advisor
IN A  John M. Irons  TX M  Zachary N. Hudson  Alan J. Passman
MO A  Stephanie R. Atkinson  Boston  Leah B.H. Moore  TBP Treasurer, Advisor
NE A  Kelsey G. Bohling  New Orl.  Leo P. Champagne  Christopher W. Potts
NV B  Artuan McGee  District 15 Director, Advisor
NY D  Kayla C. Niccum  David J. Cowan  Lauren J. Swett
OH E  Dominic S. Lapinta  District 5 Director, Advisor  District 1 Director, Advisor

Petitions Committee:

AZ G  Jacob D. Barker  TX L  Anthony R. Montez  Janette A. Keiser
CA W  Aurora J. Leeson  Cent. IL  Lauren H. Logan  District 14 Director, Advisor
FL E  Janet Weintal  W. MI  Sarah E. Hoyle-Katz  Lara L. Spinelli
IA A  Eric B. Westfall  District 2 Director, Advisor
MI I  Daniel Becht  Jeffrey G. Dabling  George Youssef
NY K  Rebecca Walton  District 13 Director, Advisor  Executive Councillor, Advisor
NC D  James C. Freeman  James C. Hill
TX D  Erica Y. Yarbrough  District 11 Director, Advisor

Resolutions Committee:

CA B  Naveen Arunachalam  PA E  Laura T. Strang  Michelle Nanney
CA AA  Jasem Alhumaidi  TX K  District 4 Director, Advisor
CT G  Max J. Bieryla  WA G  Carrie A. Smith  Ellen D. Styles
KY A  Ethan J. Russell  Cent. TX  Jose C. Davila Labastida  District 6 Director, Advisor
NJ A  William M. Reinhardt  Tucson  Matthew A. Granato  Mennatoallah M. Youssef
OH I  Katie S. Cooperrider  Raymond P. LeBeau  Executive Councillor, Advisor
OH M  Cody L. Winterrrude  District 9 Director, Advisor

Rituals Committee:

CA Q  Edward Thai  OR G  Christopher A. Hampel  Gary L. O’Day
ID A  Andrea C. Mansfeld  PA G  Emily M. Carvalho  District 10 Director, Advisor
MI B  Zachary B. Jensen  WA A  Samantha H. Sun  Norman Pih
MI G  Joanna L. Ciatti  WI A  Cassandra T. Bradley  TBP President, Advisor
MO D  Garrick Zinecker  Atlanta  James P. Fairbanks  Thomas F. Schaub
NH A  Sarah A. Jakositz  Pitt.  Christopher T. McMullen  District 8 Director, Advisor
NY T  Matthew D. Dubinsky  Edward J. D’Avignon,  C. Christopher Stemple
OH H  Bianca E. Romanyk  Director of Rituals, Advisor  District 13 Director, Advisor
**Professional Development Sessions** were held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and included: Equity and Inclusion—Katy L. Colby; and Plans for the Summer? Consider Summer Research—Tiffany Porties.

Lunch was at the delegates’ discretion beginning at 11:00 a.m. around the hotel and at the local Fairlane Town Center food court. An orientation meeting for committee chairs was held in the Grotto of the Giulio and Sons Restaurant at 11:00 a.m. ICE Training for Association Officials was held in Desoto at 11:45 a.m.

**Committee Meetings reconvened at 12:30 p.m.**

Additional **Professional Development Sessions** were held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and included: Networking through Conversation—Janette A. Keiser; and Using ASEE Profiles to Apply for Grad School—Bruce Lindvall.

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

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**FIRST BUSINESS MEETING**  
Thursday, October 12, Edward Hotel and Convention Center, Dearborn, MI

President Pih called the Convention to order at 4:24 p.m. In accordance with the Bylaws, Executive Director C.D. Gomulinski appointed himself to serve as Secretary of the Convention.

The Secretary reported that a quorum was present although final registration was incomplete; 256 voting delegates and Association Officials were registered.

President Pih recognized District 1 Directors B.M Leslie, H.H. Smestad, and L.J. Swett for a special presentation. Ms. Swett spoke on the contributions of fellow District 1 Director Mallory D. Ivanowsky to Tau Beta Pi and her Vermont Beta Chapter. She was saddened to share with attendees that Mallory had passed away in June leaving behind her husband Roger and newborn son Emmett. After observing a moment of silence in Mallory's memory, they displayed a memorial quilt which attendees were encouraged to sign. The quilt will be delivered to Mallory's family following Convention.

President Pih recognized Secretary Morales to introduce the officials. He taught attendees the time-saving Tau Beta Pi applause and introduced members of the Executive Council, Director of Alumni Affairs T.E. Gomulinski, Director of the District Program K.J. Hammar, Director of Engineering Futures K.L. Colby, Director of Fellowships S.J. Steadman, Director of Rituals E.J. D’Avignon, Executive Director C.D. Gomulinski, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus J.D. Froula, Convention Chair R.M. Hickling, Parliamentarian J.A. Abellada, Tellers Committee Chair Elson Y.-H. Liu, and Credentials Committee Chair G.K. Miyata. District Directors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, the Fellowship Board, the Trust Advisory Committee, and the Student Advisory Board members present were recognized in standing groups. Vice President Holl introduced the four candidates running for Executive Council.

The President's Report for the Executive Council for 2016-17 was presented by N. Pih. It is a part of these minutes as Appendix A and will be published in the Winter 2018 *Bent*.

Reports by the officers and program directors were given to the delegates.

The President and Executive Director 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 Executive Director Gomulinski, seconded by J.C. Fossum (NY S), as follows:

**First Business Meeting:**
- Official Opening of Convention
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Introduction of Association Officials
- President’s Report for Executive Council
- Report of Officers of the Association
- Report of the Convention Program Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Adjournment

**Second Business Meeting:**
- Convention Orientation
- Adoption of Standing Rules
- Executive Council Candidate Presentations
- Report of and action on Rituals Committee

**Second Business Meeting (continued):**
- Report of and action on Petitions Committee
- Report of and action on Financial Affairs Committee
- Report of and action on Convention Site Committee
- Report of and action on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- 9:30 p.m. Adjournment

**Third Business Meeting:**
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report of and action on Image and Marketing Committee *(ad hoc)*
- Report of and action on Curriculum Review Committee *(ad hoc)*
- Action if necessary on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Adjournment

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Fourth Business Meeting:
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Election of members of the Executive Council
- Action if necessary on Petitions Committee
- Action if necessary on Financial Affairs Committee
- Action if necessary on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Action if necessary on Convention Site Committee
- Action if necessary on Rituals Committee
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- Report of Awards Committee
- Report of and action on Curriculum Review Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Image and Marketing Committee (ad hoc)

President Pih 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 J.A. Abellada 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.

Chairman Hickling declared the First Business Meeting of the Convention closed at 5:36 p.m.

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A Welcoming Reception was held at 5:45 p.m. in the Great Lakes Center of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center. Food stations included an antipasto display, roasted turkey, and assorted pasta dishes. Tables lined the perimeter of the room where attendees could meet the Executive Council candidates, talk with the Directors of Engineering Futures, Fellowships and Scholarships, and District Programs, and learn more about the Student Advisory Board, Alumni Chapters, and MindSET. An Image Materials table displayed items that are available from Headquarters. A total of 470 people attended the reception.

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SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
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Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and requested a revised quorum report. Secretary Gomulinski stated that registration was complete with 205 collegiate chapter delegates, 28 alumni chapter delegates, and 29 Association Officials for a total of 262 voting delegates.

Mr. Abellada introduced Robert’s Rules of Order, slides were provided, and the process was practiced. Mr. Hickling discussed ways to limit debate with the use of Robert’s Rules. Chairman Hickling requested a test of the text voting system. Standing rules, which appear below, were adopted without objection.

1. Identification
   a. The Credentials Committee shall issue identification badges and colored wristbands, which shall be worn for admission to Convention activities. Badges and wristbands may not be transferred without proper action by the Credentials Committee. Wristbands for voting delegates shall be yellow, and lost wristbands shall be immediately reported to the Credentials Committee.
   b. Voting delegates must check in with a member of the Tellers Committee prior to entering the Convention Business Meeting room. Voting delegates must check out when leaving the room and check in when returning to the room while the meeting is in session.

2. Voting
   a. At their discretion, the presiding officer may request a “show of wristbands” in lieu of a rising vote.
   b. A counted vote shall be taken by a text voting procedure approved by the Tellers Committee.
   c. Text voting shall be open for 30 seconds for each question for which it is used.
   d. Voting delegates who do not have a cell phone or text capabilities will be issued paper ballots by the Tellers Committee to record their votes.
   e. A vote may be taken by roll-call only when three-fourths vote in favor of a roll-call vote.

3. Recognition
   a. To request recognition, a delegate shall be at one of the microphones placed throughout the Convention Business Meeting room.

Fourth Business Meeting (continued):
- New Business
  - 10:30 a.m. Adjournment

Final Business Meeting:
- Distinguished Alumnus Award Presentation
- Laureate Presentation
- Final Report of Awards Committee
- Final Report of Resolutions Committee
- Recognition of Executive Council Service
- Installation of new Executive Councillors
- Farewell Messages
- Adjournment Sine Die
b. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, a delegate shall state their name and representing chapter.

4. **Debate:** For each debatable motion, a delegate shall be limited to one (1) speech of not more than five (5) minutes each unless the Convention orders otherwise.

5. **Executive Council Elections.**
   a. Nominations received prior to Convention and on the floor of Convention shall be accepted.
   b. Speeches of up to two (2) minutes by each candidate shall follow the closing of nominations.
   c. The method of voting shall be text voting as approved by the Tellers Committee.
   d. The election of Councillors shall occur by position. On the first ballot for each position, all unelected nominees shall be included on the ballot. Each position shall be filled by a majority vote. After each ballot, if no candidate receives a majority vote, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped from subsequent ballots for that position. This procedure shall be repeated until all Councillors have been elected.

Chairman Hickling explained the election process to delegates. During this meeting, each candidate would be given two minutes to make a presentation.

Mr. Hickling recognized Bruce A. DeVantier, Ph.D., IL E ’77, to make his presentation. Dr. DeVantier stated that he enjoyed the Welcoming Reception and the chance to meet several of the attendees. Bruce has been involved in various roles with Tau Beta Pi for 30 years and would like to see Tau Beta Pi focused on chapter activities and Convention. He wants the Executive Council to come together to make Tau Beta Pi a 21st century organization.

Scott E. Fable, CA T ’96, was called on to make his presentation. Mr. Fable shared that he has been involved with Tau Beta Pi for 20 years as an Advisor, District 15 Director, Engineering Futures Facilitator, and has served on various committees. He questioned “Why do you stay involved?” Tau Bates need to give back, share, and develop their own skills.

Chairman Hickling introduced candidate Stephan L. King-Monroe, MI E ’08. Stephan noted that 10 years ago he did not know what he wanted to do with Tau Beta Pi. He now feels that Tau Beta Pi has shaped his life, career, and given him purpose. His emphasis is on chapter programs, what happens after the college experience, and the image of Tau Beta Pi. He wants Tau Beta Pi to be the honor it is intended to be.

C. Craig Smith, P.E., TN E ’80, came forward to make his presentation. Mr. Smith remarked you are the pilot, prepare a flight plan, and follow it. You are the future. We are counting on you. Good luck.

Mr. Hickling thanked the candidates and noted that elections would take place during the Fourth Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

The Report of the Committee on Rituals was called. C.T. Bradley (WI A), Chair, thanked her committee and vice chair. She reported that her group had three charges including adding an alumni chapter section to the initiation ceremony, reviewing and providing recommendations regarding accommodating disabilities during initiation, and preparing the Model Initiation on Saturday. Mr. Hickling requested that non-members be excused from the meeting so Ms. Bradley could continue her presentation on the proposed changes to the ritual. A single motion passed to change the wording of the Ritual. The wording of the motions, debated, and action by the Convention are reported in Appendix C, which is available on request from Headquarters.

After inviting non-members back into the room, Ms. Bradley continued her report regarding accommodations for members with disabilities. She presented recommendations to accommodate electees who are blind and can read Braille, vision impaired, mute, wheelchair bound, and unable to sign their name. She moved, seconded by J.C. Fossum (NY S), to charge the Director of Rituals to formalize the accommodations as presented by the committee. A.C. Mansfeld (ID A) believes these are reasonable guidelines to accommodate candidates with special needs and will make the initiation experience the best it can be. A.A. Campbell (GSM AC) feels accommodations should also be made for hard of hearing candidates, and Ms. Bradley mentioned that would be included later in her report. S. Morales (Research Triangle AC) suggested the ritual should be made available in Spanish as well which Chairman Hickling indicated it already was available. S.M Briasco-Stewart (MA B) noted that if the initiation ceremony is to be printed in Braille, the motto slips should be provided in Braille as well. She moved, seconded by J.L. Ciatti (MI G), to amend the motion to add provide motto slips in Braille. B.J. Wolinski (MD D) expressed her opposition to printing motto slips in Braille, J.P. Fairbanks (Atlanta AC) spoke in favor of the motion because by providing the motto slips in Braille, a visually impaired delegate can experience the ceremony in a manner similar to other candidates. He moved the previous question. Without objection, debate was closed. The amendment passed on a voice vote. Hearing no further debate, Chairman Hickling put the matter to a vote, and the motion passed on a show of wristbands. The guidelines are as follows:
• Have an English and Spanish copy of the ritual printed in Braille and held by Headquarters for blind electees who know Braille.
• Provide alternative lighting which would make it easier to see and read the script for visually impaired electees.
• Allow a raised hand or equivalent form of acknowledgement to accept the oath for mute electees.
• Ignore the alphabetization requirement for electees who are wheelchair bound and allow them to be at an edge seat and not be required to stand.
• Allow whatever mark a candidate who is unable to sign the rollbook as a replacement for their signature.
• Provide motto slips printed in Braille.

Continuing her report, Ms. Bradley stated that the committee had considered whether to produce a video version of the ceremony which they deemed to be too expensive and whether to allow a non-member interpreter to attend the ceremony which the committee was against. She moved, seconded by D. Becht (MI I), to charge the Executive Council with creating and maintaining a database of volunteer Tau Beta Pi members to serve as sign language interpreters and allocate funds in the budget to cover their travel expenses to initiations. She reported that the committee had talked to Executive Director Gomulinski about the costs involved, and he indicated that the Association could identify funds to cover the expense as these occur infrequently at this time. On a point of information about a situation where an interpreter is not available, Vice President Holl suggested that chapters should notify Headquarters well in advance so there is plenty of time to locate an interpreter. Chairman Hickling ruled a point of information about video production costs from S.J. Steadman (Dir. of Fellowships) out of order. S. Rokni (D16 Dir.) suggested using Skype or similar software to allow an interpreter to sign the ceremony remotely. A.A. Campbell (GSM AC) moved, seconded by K.P. Rouser (Pioneer AC), to amend the motion to add In the event an interpreter is not available, then an initiation script will be provided for the initiate. S.N. Benge (TX B) spoke against the motion as it assumes that a hard of hearing initiate knows American Sign Language (ASL). E.M Carvalho (PA G) feels the proposed motion will allow initiates to indicate a preference for a written script if they do not understand ASL. The amendment passed on a voice vote. S.D. Morton (CA X) asked if the committee had reviewed the American’s with Disabilities Act, and a committee member indicated they had reviewed it. The previous question passed on a two-thirds vote. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was called. E.B. Westfall (IA A), Chair, thanked the advisors and committee members. He commented that his committee had been charged with reviewing a petition from the local honor society at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT). Mr. Westfall mentioned that OIT has multiple accredited programs, 40 plus engineering graduates, 3 plus faculty advisors, and the inspection committee had reported a positive inspection. Mr. Westfall recognized Gwendoline Jones, president of Epsilon Eta Sigma, to discuss why they would like to be part of Tau Beta Pi and to provide the history of Oregon Institute of Technology. The school was founded in 1947 at Klamath Falls to train and re-educate returning World War II veterans and has satellite campuses in Wilsonville and Salem, OR and Seattle, WA. They offer three ABET-EAC accredited degree programs. They host the Engineer’s Week and coordinate with other engineering groups on campus. Mr. Westfall moved, seconded by D. Becht (MI I), to approve the petition from Oregon Institute of Technology and grant a charter to the institution. J. Weinthal (FL E) spoke in favor of the motion and stated the committee had met with members of the inspection committee, the school has ABET-EAC accredited programs, is reputable, and 50 percent of all eligible candidates are initiated. S.E. Hermens (Phoenix AC) moved the previous question. Hearing no objections, Chairman Hickling requested that the vote be taken by text ballot with paper ballots provided to the delegates without text capabilities. Mr. Gomulinski remarked that additional delegates had registered, bringing the total number of voting delegates to 276. Mr. Hickling announced the results: 257 in favor and 6 opposed. The chapter was therefore granted, to be known as Oregon Delta. Representatives from the petitioning chapter were called to the front of the room and given a standing ovation. Mr. Hickling shared that the student representative would be initiated at the Model Initiation on Saturday.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs was called. L.M. Lopez Martinez (FL Z), Chair, commented that her committee had been charged with four tasks including reviewing unusual delegate expenses for the 2017 Convention, review of the auditor’s and Executive Director’s reports for 2016-17, and determine allowable expenses for the 2018 Convention. There were no unusual delegate expenses for the 2017 Convention for the committee to review. In regards to the Executive Director’s report, Tau Beta Pi no longer participates in the Combined Federal Campaign which proved to be too expensive. The increased fees resulted in Tau Beta Pi netting only 50 percent of total pledges. Three-quarters of trust investments is designated for scholarships and fellowships. They noted the report is easy to read. In regards to the auditor’s report, 4.8 percent of the value of the trust was spent last year. There has been a 103 percent increase in fines, and the Executive Council needs to be strict and consistent with this policy. Changes need to be implemented to increase unrestricted giving to the Association. Adjustments to the budget should be focused on past performance. The committee also reviewed the status of chapters with outstanding balances of $500 to Headquarters as of October 10. The committee met with chapters owing balances who were present at Convention and will email chapters who were not present. The committee requested that finances be explained in a consistent fashion and delegates be notified at least a week in advance indicating what expenses are reimbursable. The 2018 allowable Convention voting delegate’s expenses were reviewed with only one change to increase the
en-route dinner to $12. Ms. Lopez Martinez moved, seconded by K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor AC), to increase the allowable en-
route dinner expenses to $12 and leave the remaining reimbursement schedule the same as for the 2017 Convention.
H. Liu (TX G) spoke in favor of the proposed reimbursements for the 2018 Convention. Hearing no objections to voting
immediately, Mr. Hickling put the motion to a voice vote. The motion passed on a voice vote. Without objection, Chairman
Hickling extended the meeting to 10:30 p.m. to allow the assembly to address all items on the agenda. Chairman Hickling
recessed the meeting at 9:42 p.m. for refreshments.

A refreshment break was held in the Grand Ballroom Foyer from 9:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

The Second Business Meeting was reconvened at 9:52 p.m.

The Report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. B.J. Wolinski (MD D), Chair, remarked that her committee
was charged to review and recommend action on invitations to host the 2020 Convention. Ms. Wolinski said her committee
evaluated the choices for the 2020 site. This included logistics, finances, hotels, and local accommodations. She moved, 
seconded by D.J. Cowan (D5 Dir.) that the 2020 Convention be held in Atlanta, GA. J.J. Peters (MO E), Vice Chair, reported
that Atlanta has huge chapter support with the GA Alpha Chapter and Atlanta Alumni Chapter, the costs are reasonable,
Atlanta has a huge airport, the downtown area is vibrant, and corporate sponsorships are possible. The motion passed on a
voice vote.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was called. C.S. Strem (MD B), Chair, thanked the members of
the Governance Documentation Restructuring Committee and the 2015 and 2016 Conventions for their work to revise the
Constitution and Bylaws. He commented that the new document is easier to read, has been divided into large blocks of text,
and has improved readability and clarity. He noted that the new document adopts modern chapter procedures including
combining the roles of recording and corresponding secretary. He encouraged all attendees to read the revision. He had no
motion to present at this time and concluded his report.

Chairman Hickling adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

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Committee meetings reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

A continental breakfast was available in the Great Lakes Center from 7:15 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

District meetings reconvened from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

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THIRD BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, October 13, Edward Hotel and Convention Center, Dearborn, MI

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. Secretary Gomulinski presented a revised quorum report:
219 collegiate chapter delegates, 30 alumni chapter delegates, and 29 Association Officials were registered for a total of 278
voting delegates.

The Report of the Committee on Image and Marketing (ad hoc) was called. M.T. Teague (OH K), Chair, thanked her
committee for the good feedback. She noted her committee was charged with reviewing and recommending action on the
marketing image of Tau Beta Pi. Their focus items included: The Wharton Study, why initiation numbers are stagnant, how to
better market Tau Beta Pi, recruitment, branding, and website. The Wharton Study found that we need to educate, entice, and
engage new members. The website needs a complete overhaul in design and functionality for better efficiency. The logo needs
to be redesigned, discontinue all other logos, and have a single palette of colors so when people see our logo they know it is
Tau Beta Pi. The posters need to be redesigned to convey why students should join, and templates should be available online.
The Wharton presentation and video explained the motivation of why people want to be a member – engagement, projects,
and events. There needs to be a change of perception of who Tau Beta Pi is and that it is a privilege to be invited to join.
 Chapters need seek out to advisors for engagement, mentoring, and networking. During the recruitment process, chapters
should send a follow up email and have a face to face meeting. Ms. Teague moved, seconded by L.P. Champagne (Greater New
Orleans AC), to charge the Executive Council with the development of three templates for sample emails and initiation
materials and bring them to the 2018 Convention for review. A.E. Wallaart (OH E Alt.), said that as a professional society,
we should review the proposal, the brand should be consistent, the proposed template should provide our logo. Invitation
materials should have the college's logo, the first paragraph should be about Tau Beta Pi, and the second paragraph should
include information about the chapter. J.S. Zola (Portland AC) moved to amend the motion, seconded by J.C. Fossum (NY S), to have the work completed by a student committee prior to Spring 2018. Mr. Champagne stated there is already a committee that could work on this throughout the year. M.J. Hand III (D7 Dir.) asked if the Student Advisory Board would fit the bill during the interim. S.B. Pitzak (Front Range AC) asked if this was a motion or recommendation. Another delegate inquired as to who is responsible for marketing in general. A.J. Passman (Treasurer) said that designated Executive Council members oversee marketing and that a Headquarters staff member is responsible for marketing, and Executive Councillors J.P. Blackford and M. Youssef supported and worked on the Wharton Study. D.S. Kaplan (PA G Adv.) spoke against the amendment stating that it seems to do multiple unrelated things, it removed Convention oversight, and the original motion was directing the Executive Council to take charge. The amendment failed on a voice vote. The motion passed on a voice vote. Ms. Teague indicated another motion will be presented in the Saturday Business Meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Curriculum Review (ad hoc) was called. J.C. Fossum (NY S), Chair, thanked his committee members and advisors. He said his committee was tasked to review and recommend action on appeals from five chapters but action would be taken on three chapters to add curricula to their bylaws. The committee discussed the differences between the CAC and EAC ABET accreditation criteria, and a spreadsheet was presented for delegates to review. Three chapters petitioned to include computer science: NY B, OR B, and TN A. Mr. Fossum moved, seconded by G. Goodenough (OR B), to grant the appeals of NY B, OR B, and TN A and their computer science degree programs be accepted as eligible for Tau Beta Pi membership at their respective institutes. Mr. Goodenough said they meet requirements, have a robust capstone, and in one case, a flight control program. S.N. Benge (TX B) inquired if any of the programs lead to a B.S. or B.A. degree. Representatives of the chapters reported that NY B has B.S. in computer science, TN A has a joint electrical engineering program, and OR B has a B.S. in college of engineering. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Fossum recommended that future computer science program appeals meet ABET CAC accreditation requirements, contain a comprehensive senior capstone design course, include robust mathematics courses, and science coursework be similar to EAC requirements.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. C.S. Strem (MD B), Chair, thanked all members of the committee and noted they wrapped up their meeting at 2:30 a.m. He stated the purpose of his presentation this morning is to introduce the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, present changes made by the committee, and requested that delegates focus on the reorganization of the document instead of attempting to wordsmith it. He shared their presentation would go through the document article by article including time for debate and amendment of each article. He presented an overview of each article and section of the Constitution and Bylaws, the key changes made prior to Convention, and the amendments made by the committee during Convention. He moved, seconded by K.E. Gee (CA G), to adopt the new Constitution and Bylaws including changes proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. On an inquiry regarding the provisos on the back cover, Mr. Hickling indicated the provisos were part of the changes.

D.P. Antonides (IN D) spoke on the entirety of the document which he remarked is presented in a new order with references to the current document. The purpose of the general revision is to provide consistency, modernize the document, and eliminate redundant language. Regarding Article I, he noted the language was simplified, details about suspension and expulsion have been relabeled to policy, and a non-discrimination clause was added. J.M. Glasgow (D3 Dir.) expressed that the non-discrimination clause should be changed to indicate gender identity versus gender expression. Chairman Hickling suggested he attend the committee meeting and present his concerns. J.S. Zola (Portland AC) spoke on Article I, Section 5 in regards to a member’s initiating chapter when that chapter is inactive which he believes should be changed to any chapter. Mr. Hickling recommended talking to the committee at their next meeting.

Chairman Hickling asked permission from the assembly that for the remaining articles, the Convention go into a committee of the whole, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee be allowed to present, delegates be given up to total of three minutes to discuss the article, a straw poll be taken on whether or not delegates would approve the article, and the committee of the whole rise and report before proceeding to the next article. He indicated that this would move the body away from the formality of deliberation, provide opportunity to brainstorm, and to ensure all articles be given time for debate given the time constraints. Based on Mr. Hickling’s recommendation regarding a process to discuss each article and bylaw, a motion to go into a committee of the whole passed on a show of wristbands.

L.M. Bechet (NY P) spoke on Article II including changing curriculum eligibility to program eligibility, relegating the process for compiling eligibility data and the reporting process to policy, simplifying the language, and striking “Membership” from the article heading. K.E. Dutour (AL D) asked how we report from a committee of the whole. Chairman Hickling replied that it would happen automatically following any discussion and the straw poll.

B. Uricoli III (N E) reviewed Article III on election and indicated several sections had been relegated to policy, the section on electee objections had been worded, the section on election periods had been struck as redundant, and the initiation fee had been moved to proposed Article VII, Section 10(e)(1). He presented three changes by the committee including adding an “(a)” to Section 2, adding the word “only” after “Candidates shall” in Section 3(b)(3), and changing “a candidate” to “an electee”
in Section 7.

M. Prasad (MI E) spoke on Article IV regarding initiation and noted that the section on reporting had been relegated to policy, initiation approval had been added as its own section, and removing Advisory Board approval for activities with other organizations. The committee added the word "Any" in front of Postponement in Section 5 and broke the final sentence of Section 5(b) into a separate Section 5(c).

R.K. Alexander (Sacramento AC) spoke on Article V and noted that language had been reformatted, clarification on inactive chapters had been added, and unnecessary wording had been struck. The committee made no additional changes to this section.

R.L. Hollenbach III (PA L) spoke on Article VI regarding the establishment of collegiate chapters. The proposed changes remove repeated accreditation requirements, modified unclear statements, added clarification on the petitioning process, reworded the petition section, and relegated details of the inspection and installation process to policy documents. The committee corrected one typo by adding a "(1)" after "Sec. 1(a)" in Section 2(a)(1).

S.E. Freeland (OH N) spoke on Article VII regarding collegiate chapters. The proposed changes clarify inactive membership, remove information best left for chapter bylaws, relegate procedures to policy, and eliminate sections where Robert's Rules of Order provide guidance for chapters. The committee made no additional changes.

Ms. Alexander spoke on Article VIII regarding alumni chapters. The changes remove an unnecessary description of member duties, adds a section on chapter autonomy that parallels the collegiate chapters, and rewords the Convention representation section. No additional changes were made by the committee.

Mr. Hollenbach said the committee made no additional changes to proposed Article IX regarding Convention. Several sections were relegated to policy and several sections were reorganized.

Ms. Freeland spoke on the Executive Council as outlined in Article X. Section 1 contains updated language of the Executive Council, and Section 4 provides an updated time frame for the election of officers. Several sections were relegated to policy, and the committee made no additional changes.

Mr. Hollenbach reviewed Article XI on Association Officers, Directors, and Officials. Highlights of the changes include a new section allowing additional duties of Council Officers to be made by Convention or the President, the size of the Trust Advisory Committee be set by the Executive Council, relegation of several sections to policy, and removal of the indemnification section which appears in the Articles of Incorporation. The committee made no additional changes.

N.M. Eisenschenk (ND B) reviewed Article XII on chapter discipline and stated that wording had been clarified including the procedures for removing a chapter from probation. The committee proposed three updates including replacing "by the Convention" with "in accordance with Const. Art. XII, Section 3(c)" in Section 3(b)(1) and, changing "Sec. 2(a)(1)" to Sec. 3(a)(1) in Section 3(b)(1), and adding ", ended," after "continued" in Section 3(c). These changes correct the references and clarify the process for ending probation by Convention.

Mr. Antonides reviewed Article XIII on finances. The changes include clarifying the authority for selecting the trustee, simplification of the wording, and relegating several sections to policy. There were no further changes by the committee.

Mr. Hollenbach reviewed the changes to the general provisions outlined in Article XIV including the relegation of several sections to policy. The committee made no additional changes.

Mr. Antonides shared that the changes to the amendment procedure as outlined in Article XV consisted of formatting and reference updates, and the committee made no additional changes.

J.I. Larson (Chicago AC) presented proposed Bylaw I which contains a description of Tau Beta Pi programs. The committee proposed adding back sections Bylaw X, Sections 10.03(a) and 10.03(b) as proposed Bylaw I, Section 1.03 (a)(1) and Section 1.03(a)(2) respectively. They also recommended adding back sections Bylaw XI, Sections 11.03(a) and 11.03(b) as proposed Bylaw I, Section 1.03 (b)(1) and Section 1.03(b)(2) respectively. These changes would codify existing stipulations regarding the Fellowship and Scholarship Programs that do not appear in the proposed Constitution or Bylaws. A.A. Campbell (GSM AC) suggested changes to the proposal and planned to meet with the committee to discuss.

R.E. Barton (CA Rho) presented proposed Bylaw II and indicated the committee had not made any further changes. She also presented the proposed Bylaw III outlining chapter fines. The details and nature of fines are relegated to policy, and the committee made no additional changes. She also reviewed the changes contained in proposed Bylaw IV which deals with
amendment of the Bylaws. No additional changes were proposed by the committee.

Chairman Hickling said there is an opportunity to attend the committee meeting this evening if anyone had questions or concerns to discuss with the committee. Mr. Hickling stated it was now in order to discuss the entire document, and **moved**, without objection, going into a **committee of the whole**. E.B. Westfall (IA A) requested a date be added for the template Chapter Bylaws to be provided to the chapters. Hearing no further debate, Mr. Hickling had the **committee of the whole** rise and report. In accord with the Standing Rules, the motion on the adoption of the general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws **was committed to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws**. He thanked the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for their hard work.

Announcements were made regarding Professional Development sessions, ICE Sessions, a request for picture from Director of Fellowships, and that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee would meet at 9:00 p.m. in the Steamer room.

Chairman Hickling adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

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**The Headquarters display** was viewed during the Convention in the lobby of the Great Lakes Center of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., a **Recruiting Fair** was staffed by: BAE Systems, Columbia University SEAS, Epic, Ford Motor Company, GEICO, George Washington University SEAS, Honda R&D, Keck Graduate Institute, KLA-Tencor, Lehigh University College of Engineering & Applied Science, Michigan State University COE, Michigan Technological University, Missouri University of Science & Tech., MIT LGO, North Carolina State University, Northwestern University SEAS, New York University Tandon School of Engineering, Nuclear Navy, Pitt Swanson Engineering, PPI, Purdue University COE, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rowan University, Sandia National Labs, Shape Corp., Shell, Stevens Institute of Technology, Texas Instruments, Tinker Air Force Base, Tufts University School of Engineering Grad Programs, University of Florida COE, University of Iowa COE, University of Kentucky COE, University of Michigan COE, University of Michigan-Dearborn COE & Comp. Science Grad Program, University of Michigan ECE, University of Missouri COE, University of Notre Dame ESTEEM Program, University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Virginia SEAS, Virginia Commonwealth University, WPI, Western Michigan University College of Engineering and Applied Science, West Virginia University College of Engineering & Mineral Resources.

**Professional Development Sessions** were held in rooms of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sessions included: Big Issues Discussion—Sandy B. Pitzak; Engineering a Career in Cybersecurity—Thomas F. Schaub Jr.; Equity and Inclusion—Katy L. Colby; From Engineering to Sales—Jon M. Sonsteby; Graduate Fellowships—Sally J. Steadman; How to Climb the Corporate Ladder—George Youssef; Interdisciplinary Studies—Lauren H. Logan; Interview Like a Pro & Move Up the Ladder—Christina M. Harrison; Managing Your Investments for Retirement—Harry W. Lange; Networking Through Conversation—Janette A. Keiser; The Nuclear Navy—Lt. Daniel Farrar; Personal Finance for New Grads—William P. Cleveland; Robert's Rules—Jason A. Abellada; Should I Go to Graduate School—Bruce Lindvall; The Engineer's Path—Jeff S. Zola; What the Career Office Didn't Tell You—Edward J. D'Avignon.

**A Flavors of Barbeque Buffet** enjoyed by 530 people was available from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Great Lakes Center.

**Interactive Chapter Exchange (ICE) sessions** were held from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. ICE Special Topics Sessions were held from 3:50 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 4:55 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. in various meeting rooms of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center.

**District Meetings** were held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

**The Advisor and Mentor Appreciation Banquet** was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Center and seating was by ICE groups. A total of 480 people enjoyed the chicken breast entreé and chocolate cake. Paul J. Kominsky, Ph.D., MI Gamma Chief Advisor and Lecturer at the University of Michigan, served as master of ceremonies. Shannon Barker, Ph.D., Director of Graduate Education SEAS at the University of Virginia, noted that they are looking for the best students to join the graduate program and also expressed thanks for letting them sponsor tonight’s banquet and be a part of the program.

Jim Anderson, CEO of Urban Science and MI Epsilon Chapter Endowment Initiative supporter was the keynote speaker.

Executive Director Gomulinski recognized the work of Chapter Advisors and emphasized the important role advisors play in the life of a chapter. For service of 8 years, he recognized N.T. Bussett, advisor to CA X and P.S. Mahal, advisor to MI G. For service of 16 years, S.B. Pitzak, advisor to CO B and H.A. Hegna, advisor to OH N. For 17 years, C.W. Caldwell, advisor to AR A;
L.P. Champagne, advisor to LA E; and A.E. Toy, advisor to MI I; and for 26 years, B.L. Walcott, advisor to KY A. The Convention gave a well-deserved round of applause to all the advisors present at Convention.

Vice President Holl recognized the service anniversaries of volunteers who have supported the Association for 6, 12, and 24 years. District Directors for 6 years of service: Ian J. Frank, NY P ’09 District 14 Director and for 24 years of service: Jason Rogan, NY R ’93, District 2 Director. Four Engineering Futures Facilitators for 6 years: Richard Della Rovere, NJ G ’10; Diana Hasegan, PA E ’10; Ellen S. Styles, AL D ’85; and Julia M. Nolan, CA L ’03. Ronald M. Hickling, CA E ’80, was recognized for serving the Association in multiple roles over the past 30 years, including Assistant District 15 Director, Director of Engineering Futures, Convention Parliamentarian, and 2017 marked his 25th time as Convention Chair.

Twenty-five chapters were given an Honorable Mention for the Chapter Excellence Award for 2016–17 for scoring over 95 percent, but not quite the 100 percent required for the award: Alabama Alpha, Alaska Alpha, California Alpha, California Epsilon, California Rho, California Tau, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Epsilon, Florida Epsilon, Florida Pi, Florida Zeta, Illinois Beta, Illinois Delta, Illinois Epsilon, Indiana Epsilon, 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.

Mr. Gomulinski and Executive Councillor Paugh presented 22 Chapter Excellence Awards in 2016–17 to: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Arizona Delta, Arkansas Alpha, California Alpha, California Eta, California Zeta, California Eta, California Theta, 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.

Mr. Gomulinski and Treasurer Passman then presented 34 Chapter Project Awards for excellence in project work during 2016–17 to: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Alaska Alpha, California Alpha, California Gamma, California Epsilon, California Eta, California Xi, California Psi, Colorado Alpha, District of Columbia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Florida Gamma, Florida Theta, Illinois Alpha, Illinois Delta, Indiana Delta, Indiana Alpha, Indiana Delta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Maryland Delta, Michigan Beta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Kappa, New Mexico Gamma, New York Kappa, Ohio Iota, Puerto Rico Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, Vermont Beta, Wisconsin Alpha, and Wyoming Alpha.

Executive Councillor Blackford lauded the work of 2017 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor: Daniel F. Dolan, Ph.D., MN A ’70 who was unable to attend Convention. Dr. Dolan was recognized for his accomplishments in supporting engineering students at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology as CAMP director and presented him with $1,000 and an engraved medallion and pin. Councillor Blackford announced that an additional $1,000 grant had been credited to the South Dakota Alpha Chapter.

President Pih reviewed the history of the Outstanding Advisor Award program and presented the 2017 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor: LeVern W. Faidley, Ph.D., IA A ’67. He is Iowa Alpha’s chief advisor. He spoke of Dr. Faidley’s accomplishments and presented $1,000 to him and $1,000 for Iowa State University for the college’s discretionary fund.

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Committee meetings and Professional Development Sessions reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

A continental breakfast was available in the Grand Ballroom Foyer from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 14, Edward Hotel and Convention Center, Dearborn, MI

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

Secretary Gomulinski explained the election process to the delegates. Each position would be considered separately, and votes would be cast until a candidate received a majority vote. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes would be dropped from subsequent ballots for that position. With 278 registered voting delegates, 140 votes would be needed to elect a candidate. After a candidate is elected to a position, all remaining candidates would be eligible to be elected for subsequent positions. He encouraged delegates to utilize the election sheets included in their program to track the process. Voting would be done by text ballot and delegates without text capabilities would be given paper ballots.

For the first position, all four candidates were eligible for election. On the first ballot 233 votes were cast with 41 for Bruce DeVantier, 72 for Scott Fable, 67 for Stephan King-Monroe, and 53 for Craig Smith. Bruce DeVantier was dropped from consideration for the first position. On the second ballot, 226 votes were cast with 88 for Scott Fable, 88 for Stephan King-
Monroe, and 50 for Craig Smith. Craig Smith was dropped from consideration for the first position. On the third ballot, 238 ballots were cast with 115 for Scott Fable and 123 for Stephan King-Monroe. Mr. Hickling indicated that per the election rules, since a majority of votes was not cast in favor of either candidate, Mr. Fable would be dropped from consideration for the first position, and a fourth ballot would be cast with only Stephan King-Monroe as a candidate. On the fourth ballot, Stephan King-Monroe received 206 votes and was therefore elected to serve the 2018-20 term. K.E. Dutour (AL D) called for a revised quorum report since additional delegates had been registered to vote.

Secretary Gomulinski provided a revised quorum report at 8:33 a.m. with 225 collegiate chapter delegates, 31 alumni chapter delegates, and 29 Association Officials for a total of 285 voting delegates. The majority number needed for election is 143.

For the second position, the remaining three candidates were eligible for election. On the first ballot 242 votes were cast with 61 for Bruce DeVantier, 119 for Scott Fable, and 62 for Craig Smith. Bruce DeVantier was dropped from consideration for second position. On the second ballot, 234 votes were cast with 164 for Scott Fable and 70 for Craig Smith. Scott Fable was therefore elected to serve the 2018-20 term.

For the third position, the remaining two candidates were eligible for election. On the first ballot 246 votes were cast with 108 for Bruce DeVantier and 138 for Craig Smith. Bruce DeVantier was dropped from consideration for third position. On the second ballot, Craig Smith received 181 votes and was therefore elected to serve the 2018-20 term.

Chairman Hickling requested a roll call by text ballot to ensure the voting system was working properly.

The three Executive Councillors Elect were brought to the front of the room and received a standing ovation.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, C.R. Strem (MD B), Chair, thanked the committee, advisors, and all those who attended the meeting last night. He presented an update to proposed general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws based on the changes made in the committee meeting the previous evening. In Article I, Section 3, the words “gender identity,” were inserted before “gender expression” and “military or veteran status” was changed to “military status, veteran status.” No additional changes were made to Article II. In Article III, Section 3(b)(3), the proposed wording was changed to “Candidates shall be elected only by an affirmative vote” instead of “Candidates shall only be elected by an affirmative vote” and the other two changes proposed by the committee remain the same from yesterday’s presentation. No additional changes were proposed to Articles IV or V. In Article VI, Section 2(a)(2), “approving” was changed to “welcoming” and in Section 2(a)(4), “Const. Art. III” was changed to “Const. Art. II.” The committee made no further changes to Articles VII though XI. In addition to the two proposed changes to Article XII presented yesterday, the committee inserted the phrase “until the end of the next Convention” after “A chapter shall automatically be placed on probation” in Section 3(a). No additional changes were proposed to Articles XII through XVI.

Mr. Strem indicated the committee had revised their proposed addition to Bylaw I regarding Fellowships and Scholarships. The amended text for Bylaw I, Sections 1.03(a) and 1.03(b) is:

(a) The Association shall maintain a Fellowship Program insofar as its financial condition permits as determined by the Council. The Fellowship Program’s purpose shall be to advance the interests of the engineering profession, to stimulate graduate study and research, and to recognize deserving members for demonstrating outstanding scholarship and exemplary character. See Const. Art. XI, Secs. 4(c) and 8.

(1) Fellowships shall be granted to members of the Association strictly for graduate work towards an advanced degree. The graduate study shall be in a field that enables the recipient to contribute to the engineering profession as determined by the Fellowship Board.

(2) A fellowship shall not be awarded to a member who has previously had a Tau Beta Pi fellowship.

(b) The Association shall maintain a Scholarship Program insofar as its financial condition permits as determined by the Council. The Scholarship Program’s purpose shall be to advance the interests of the engineering profession, to stimulate undergraduate study, and to recognize deserving members for demonstrating outstanding scholarship and exemplary character. See Const. Art. XI, Secs. 4(c) and 8.

(1) Scholarships shall be granted to members for undergraduate work towards a bachelor’s degree. The undergraduate study shall be in a program for which students are eligible for membership in Tau Beta Pi at an institution with an active Tau Beta Pi Chapter. The scholar shall pursue full-time study for either a full term or a partial term as specified by the scholar.

(2) A scholarship shall not be awarded to a member who has previously had a Tau Beta Pi Scholarship.

[Underlined words added]
Mr. Strem stated there were no further changes to Bylaws II through IV. He moved, seconded by D. Becht (MI I), the proposed Constitution and Bylaws as revised by the Committee subject to the amended provisos be adopted. He reported that the provisos as printed on the back page will guide the transition to the new Constitution and Bylaws and the committee amended the first proviso to include “to be reviewed by the 2018 Convention” at the end. Mr. Hickling requested that the Convention go into a committee of the whole for discussion and to conduct a straw poll on the adoption of the changes. Hearing no objections, he ruled the Convention in a committee of the whole. There was no debate and the straw poll conducted by text ballot indicated 235 in favor of approving the motion. Mr. Hickling ruled that the committee rise and report the results of the straw poll. M.A. Granato (Tucson AC) moved, seconded by J.C. Fossum, the previous question. Hearing no objection to taking an immediate vote, Mr. Hickling reminded delegates that amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws require a three-fourths vote in favor to pass and requested delegates cast their votes by text ballot with paper ballots for those not able to vote by text ballot. The motion passed with 241 in favor and 3 against, but final approval of the change is subject to chapter ratification. The wording of the revised Constitution and Bylaws appears in Appendix B.

Mr. Strem noted that the committee had considered a number of other changes to the Constitution and Bylaws which should be reviewed by the Executive Council. After showing the changes to the delegates, he moved, seconded by J.C. Fossum (NY S), the Executive Council be directed to review and respond to the items identified in the 2017 Constitution and Bylaws Committee’s report and propose appropriate action for the consideration by the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws Committee. D.P. Antonides (IN D) noted a number of substantive issues still exist in the Constitution and Bylaws that need to be addressed in the future. The committee felt that incorporating these changes in the version just passed would complicate the matter and are best addressed by a future Convention. There was no debate, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

The Report of the Committee on Awards was called. A.V. Aguilar (OK G), Chair, thanked her committee and remarked that her committee was honored to evaluate the high performing chapters. They chose the recipients of the J.D. Froula Award, R.H. Nagel Award, and R.C. Matthews Award based on chapter projects and pre-screening materials. The awards will be presented at tonight’s banquet. She mentioned that her committee was also charged with recommending supplemental information for the awards to include: J.D. Froula Award certificate supplement; R.H. Nagel Award to provide advisor and District Director reports; R.C. Matthews Award to include the number of members per chapter. She moved, seconded by D. Becht (MI I), to charge the Executive Council to create a digital form to streamline project report submission process. She indicated the current system does not provide consistency and reviewing projects is difficult. The new system should allow project submissions in real-time and aid in the pre-screening process. There was no further debate, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Continuing the Report of the Image and Marketing Committee (ad hoc). M.T. Teague (OH K), Chair, thanked her committee for their hard work. Slides were presented regarding the website. She commented that the area of most contention is defining the primary user. She moved, seconded by N. Webster (CO E), to charge the Executive Council to create a website taskforce with students and alumni. M.P. Salek (NJ Z) said the taskforce would provide the proper steps for the website which is currently hard to navigate. The Wharton Study suggested only five clicks should be necessary to obtain the information the user is seeking. J.S. Zola (Portland AC) inquired if someone within the organization has the talent to do this. S. D. Morton (CA Xi) suggested that students and alumni work together. She believed that no single person is accountable for upkeep and maintenance and that is why our current system is in this shape. A delegate directed a question to the Executive Council regarding user analysis. M. Youssef (Executive Councillor) yielded the floor to J.M. Glasgow (D3 Dir.) who stated it would be a 6 to 9 month process. The motion passed on a voice vote. M.T. Teague (OH K) moved, seconded by J.C. Fossum (NY S), to charge the Executive Council with establishing another Image and Marketing Committee for the 2018 Convention. K.E. Dutour (AL D) remarked that it is a good idea to charter a committee for next year to review the website, logo, and brand. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Hickling recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m. and requested that all attendees sign the quilt for Mallory Ivanowsky’s family which is on display in the foyer area outside of the room.

The Fourth Business Meeting was reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Continuing the Report of the Rituals Committee, C.T. Bradley (WI A), Chair, requested that non-members be excused from the meeting so she could continue her presentation on the proposed changes to the ritual. Two motions passed to change the wording of two sections of the Ritual. The wording of the motions, debate, and action by the Convention are reported in Appendix C, which is available on request from Headquarters.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was called. A humorous skit was presented by members of the Resolutions Committee on various topics including a weekend update skit, Curt’s stolen car at the 2007 Convention in Dearborn and the crime scene details, a Mario Cart race, and Ron and “his podium groupies.”
L.T. Strang (PA E), Chair of the Resolutions Committee, noted she would present her final report at the Final Business Meeting.

Chairman Hickling called for items of New Business.

S.E. Hermens (Phoenix AC), moved, seconded by A.K. Binder (OH Z), to establish an Alumni Chapter Committee at the 2018 Convention. The motion passed on a voice vote.

M.L. Benson (MI G Adv.) requested that the Executive Council rescind the requirements for every host chapter to provide a list of daycare options for Convention delegates.

L.M. Logan (Central IL AC) and J.I. Larson (Chicago AC) recommended standardized PowerPoint templates based on the information from the Engineering Futures Effective Presentation Skills module be provided to committees to use at future Conventions.

K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area AC) requested that information for the process of electing candidates as Eminent Engineers be revised. Specifically, he would like to see alumni chapters be able to approve eminent engineers for initiation rather than having to go through a collegiate chapter that doesn’t know anything about the candidate.

D.S. Lapinta (OH E) recommended that at future Conventions, delegates dress in business attire and have the photographer take professional head shots.

R.T. Castles (NC Z Adv.) spoke on the endowed chapter initiative and clarification of benefits lost if chapter is not endowed.

P.S. Mahal (MI G Adv.) thanked the Executive Council for making good on recommendation to have more duck jokes.

J.B Stephan (SC A) requested that Headquarters consider offering a bow tie with a bent.

J.A. Reyes (TX Q) requested that options for people with hearing issues who do not read ASL be explored.

N. Webster (CO E) requested more resources for ICE be provided to commuter campuses.

M.J. Hand III (MI G) requested the 2018 or 2019 Convention consider updates to graduate student eligibility requirements.

Mr. Hickling called for announcements from the host chapter. M.L. Benson (MI G Adv.) shared his chapter’s excitement in welcoming them to the University of Michigan’s campus in Ann Arbor. He instructed delegates in Districts 3-8 and 10 to board buses immediately while the remaining districts attend their District Meeting and have lunch at the Fairlane Towne Center. Hearing no further announcements, Chairman Hickling declared the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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Delegates from Districts 3-8, and 10 attended District Meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the University of Michigan campus while delegates from Districts 1, 2, 9, and 11-16 attended District Meetings from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Edward Hotel and Convention Center.

Delegates had lunch on their own in Ann Arbor or at Fairlane Town Center.

The Model Initiation was conducted at 1:30 p.m. in room 1800 of the Chemistry Building on the University of Michigan Campus. The Rituals Committee and members of the host chapter 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 President N. Pih, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus J.D. Froula, District 7 Director M.J. Hand III, MI G Chief Advisor Paul J. Kominsky, MI Gamma chapter president J.L. Ciatti, members of the host chapters, and Ritual Committee members. The Model Initiation brought into membership in the Association one student member of the petitioning society.

The Convention group photograph was taken by C.J. Creveling, UT B ’13, at 2:30 p.m. at Angell Hall on the University of Michigan campus. The picture is available on the website.

Campus Tours and buses returning delegates back to the hotel were scheduled from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Alumni and Chapter Awards Banquet was held in the Great Lakes Center of the Edward Hotel and Convention Center at 6:00 p.m. Michael J. Hand III (D7 Dir.) served as master of ceremonies. Treasurer Passman introduced the Tau Beta Pi historical video. A total of 450 people were served a filet of beef and opera cake for dessert, sponsored for the voting delegates by GEICO.

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FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 14, Edward Hotel and Convention Center, Dearborn, MI

Chairman Hickling took charge of the Final Business Meeting on the banquet program in the Great Lakes Center at 7:20 p.m.

Councillor George Youssef recognized the 2017 Tau Beta Pi Laureates in attendance: Kasey M. Cooper, AL A ’18, Kevin Fraser, NC G ’17, and Simone M.M. Stanley, DC A ’17. He spoke of their outstanding achievements and presented them with Laureate plaques and cash awards of $2,500.

Councillor Menna Youssef announced the Distinguished Alumnus Awards: Lilia A. Abron, Ph.D., P.E., DC A ’68, CEO and founder of PEER Consultants and former assistant professor at Howard University; Terry D. Olberding, TN A ’78, management consulting contractor with Eagle Research Group and past nuclear safety specialist for the Department of Energy’s National Security Administration; Tom Scholz, MA B ’69, co-founder of the band Boston and former senior product design engineer at Polaroid Corporation; and Charles E. Sukup, P.E., IA A ’76, president of Sukup Manufacturing Company. A $2,000 scholarship was given in each alumnus member’s name and will be awarded to a Tau Beta Pi student for the 2017-18 academic year. Mr. Scholz was unable to attend the Convention but sent a video expressing his thanks for the award.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards, A.V. Aguilar (OK G), Chair, introduced Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Froula who presented the 2017 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award to California Upsilon. An honorable mention was presented to Texas Gamma.

Ms. Aguilar presented the 2017 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award to Wisconsin Delta, for its doubling of their initiation rate over the past three years, improved project quality, membership participation, and notable retention of eligible members. An honorable mention was presented to Illinois Alpha.

Ms. Aguilar spoke of the criteria for the Outstanding Chapter Award and presented honorable mentions to Florida Alpha and Iowa Alpha. She presented the 2017 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award to Alabama Epsilon at University of South Alabama. They organized the second annual Tau Beta Pi week, assisted with the organization of science fairs with over 500 participants, engaged youth with numerous STEM-related activities, and carrying out multiple means to provide flood relief assistance.

Representatives from the University of Michigan, the Michigan Gamma Chapter, the Ann Arbor Area Alumni Chapter, and the Association gave farewell messages.

Vice President S.L.R. Holl recognized the service of President Norman Pih and Treasurer Alan Passman. They were each given Certificates of Appreciation for their valuable service and leadership, gift cards, and gag gifts.

Vice President Holl installed the new Executive Councillors: Scott Fable, Stephan King-Monroe, and Craig Smith.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, A. V. Aguilar (OK G), Chair, read the following:

Resolutions of the 2017 Convention

On behalf of the entire Resolutions Committee, I would like to present our final report. The following resolutions will recognize all those who have made this year’s Convention possible and formed the Association into what it is today. First and foremost, we would like to thank everyone for their attendance and hard work over the past few days. It is only because of your steady effort and continued involvement that Tau Beta Pi remains the world’s premiere engineering honor society. We understand that the recent hurricanes that have crossed over Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico have created difficult circumstances for many, and we appreciate the extra effort it has taken to get here.

Of course, we would like to thank our hosts, Michigan Gamma and the Ann Arbor Area Alumni Chapter, for warmly welcoming us into their city and collegiate campus, and the Edward Hotel for their hospitality. A
few individuals deserve special recognition: the Michigan Gamma Chapter President, Joanna Ciatti, and their chief advisor, Paul Kominsky; the Ann Arbor Area Alumni Chapter President, Kyle Lady and their Vice President, Michael Benson; and this year’s Arrangements Chair, Eshita Khera. At this time we would like to welcome Eshita and the host chapter presidents to receive plaques of recognition.

We would also like to thank the host chapter volunteers in the pink shirts for giving their time and helping Tau Bates find their way to the Convention. We greatly appreciate all of your efforts to organize the details of this Convention.

We also acknowledge the host chapters’ efforts would be futile without the financial support of our alumni and corporate sponsors. This year, Tau Beta Pi received generous support from 276 matching companies, in addition to the contributions of more than 10,000 TBP alumni. We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors, including 32 graduate programs and numerous government agencies and companies, specifically GEICO, the University of Virginia, the University of Pittsburgh, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Navy, MIT Leaders for Global Operations, and Sandia National Labs. Let’s give them all a well-deserved round of applause.

Even within such an elite organization, there are those who have distinguished themselves above and beyond. We would like to recognize the 25 Tau Beta Pi Fellows and 271 Tau Beta Pi Scholars who were named in the summer and fall issues of The Bent. We also offer special recognition to our three Laureates: Kasey Cooper of Alabama Alpha, Kevin Fraser of North Carolina Gamma, and Simone Stanley of District of Columbia Alpha. We congratulate all of these individuals on their achievements and promise to their respective fields of study.

As is clear from the given reports and the number of alumni chapter activations, many TBP alumni continue to invest in the future of our organization and profession through volunteer efforts and monetary gifts. Their mentorship is invaluable, and we thank them for their continued guidance and support.

In addition, we would like to thank the collegiate and alumni chapter leaders who have effectively directed their local groups throughout the 2016-17 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 their respective districts, especially Tim Anderson, Mike Hand, and Dr. Warren Roos from District 7 for their guidance in hosting this Convention.

We also would like to thank Tau Beta Pi’s Director of the District Program, Kelly Hammar.

We extend our congratulations to our 2017 Outstanding Advisor, Dr. LeVern Faidley, chief advisor to Iowa Alpha, our McDonald Mentor, Dr. Daniel Dolan of Minnesota Alpha, and our Distinguished Alumnus award recipients, Dr. Lilia Abron of District of Columbia Alpha, Terry Olberding of Tennessee Alpha, Tom Scholz of Massachusetts Beta, and Charles Sukup of Iowa Alpha. We also would like to congratulate the recipients of the Most Outstanding and Most Improved Chapter Awards, as well as the recipient of the Most Improved Membership Award.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Director of Engineering Futures, Dr. Katy Colbry, and the program’s 26 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 of the individual efforts into a single, vibrant society. Executive Director Curt Gomulinski has worked enthusiastically to keep the organization running on a daily basis and maintain the integrity of Tau Beta Pi. Director of Chapter Programs Roger Hawks has ensured the smooth operation of yet another Convention. Without them and the tireless work of the Headquarters Staff, including Rebecca Davis, our Collegiate Chapter Assistant and Tau Beta Pi “Mom,” and Sherry King, our Convention Coordinator, who arranged our travel plans, many of us may never have made it to Convention at all.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of our Director of Alumni Affairs, Tricia Gomulinski, and look forward to continuing progress in the coming years.
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.

We would like to thank our Director of Fellowships Dr. Sally Steadman for her hard work over the past year. We would also like to thank the distinguished members of the fellowship board: Dr. Charles Caldwell, Solange Dao, Dr. Margaret Darrow, and Dr. Robert Efimba.

We express our appreciation for the work of 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.

Finally, the Resolutions Committee would like to acknowledge the current Executive Council for their dedication to the Association and commitment to the core values of Tau Beta Pi. We thank President Norman Pih, Vice President Susan Holl, Secretary George Morales, Treasurer Alan Passman, and Councillors J.P. Blackford, Wayne Paugh, Menna Youssef, and George Youssef.

Over the past few days at the 112th Convention, we have had the incredible opportunity to meet motivated students, dedicated leaders, and successful professionals from across the world. We’ve had the opportunity to share our experiences and wisdom with one another, and most of all, express our passion for engineering as fellow Tau Bates. Needless to say, I am humbled by the opportunity to stand before engineers of such caliber. We sincerely thank you all for your time tonight and for making this Convention so memorable. We hope you have enjoyed your time in Dearborn and look forward to your attendance next year at the 2018 Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Let’s have one more round of applause for those who have distinguished themselves this year!

Several delegates rose to a point of personal privilege. Chairman Hickling recognized them and they inquired if anyone had 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 Abellada and Secretary Gomulinski and praised the delegates for their skills, collaboration, and cooperation. On a motion by M.J. Hand (D7 Director), seconded by N. Pih (President), Chairman Hickling declared the Convention adjourned sine die at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Curtis D. Gomulinski  
Convention Secretary

Approved by,  
Ronald M. Hickling  
Convention Chair
Report of the President

To: The 2017 Tau Beta Pi Convention

State of the Association

As we gather in Dearborn, Michigan, for Tau Beta Pi’s 112th Convention, I am happy to report that we remain the largest engineering society in the world with over 584,000 initiated members, 246 collegiate chapters, and 44 active alumni chapters. Through the excellent and sustained work at our chapters, we initiated 9,842 new members over the past year. We also installed our newest chapter, Idaho Delta at Brigham Young University–Idaho, on March 4, 2017.

The Tau Beta Pi Trust, which has been funded through generous bequests and other donations by many of our members over the years, reached a record $27 million dollars just after the end of our past fiscal year.

We also received donations in our Annual Giving Program last year from over 10,000 members for gifts totaling $1,148,000. Through the work of our Major Gifts Officer, Sherry Jennings-King, the Chapter Endowment Initiative has received support from 101 individual donors for 69 of our chapters. A total of 15 of those chapters are now endowed at $100,000 or more. We are happy to have several Chapter Endowment Initiative donors joining us at this Convention.

We are also proud of being able to award our 84th group of Fellowships to 25 members for graduate study and our 19th list of Scholarships to 271 members for completing their undergraduate studies. Finally, our Engineering Futures program presented 176 sessions and 35 chapters had hands-on activity sessions at local schools using the MindSet program.

Strategic Plan

Over this past year, a key activity of the Executive Council and the Executive Director has been developing a strategic plan for the Association. This started with our hiring Brad Gray as a consultant to lead us through the process. With ideas from our Vision Development Group, numerous breakout sessions, polling at two past Conventions, and several meetings with Association Officials, we identified the areas of greatest interest to our members.

The Strategic Plan embodies that feedback in five goal areas:

- Developing the Organizational Processes of the Association
- Enhancing the Image, Visibility, and Branding of Tau Beta Pi
- Improving Chapter Support and Operations
- Providing Relevant and Recognized Leadership and Professional Development Opportunities/Advancing Member Engagement
- Strengthening the Finances and Fundraising of the Association

As we move forward, we will use the Strategic Plan as a roadmap to direct our efforts and resources. One of the areas where we have already begun work is in enhancing the Image, Visibility, and Branding.

Image, Visibility, and Branding

Through the work of District Directors Christina Harrison, Jason Rogan, and Justin Glasgow, Executive Councillors Alan Passman, Menna Youssef, J.P. Blackford, and myself, and our Director of Marketing and Communications, Pat McDaniel, we were able to make contacts with business schools at the University of Iowa and the University of Pennsylvania and began studies with students at both of those institutions.

A link to the video of the students from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania presenting their recommendations to enhance our Image, Visibility, and Branding is being made available at this Convention.

The study at the University of Iowa just started this fall and we look forward to hearing their recommendations as well. We also are rolling out the VineUp app which should give our members another way to engage with one another.

Executive Council Restructuring

A proposal for the first restructuring of the Executive Council since 1950 was adopted at the 2015 Convention in Providence, RI. This was subsequently ratified by the required three-fourths affirmative vote by our active chapters. At last year’s Convention in San Diego, we implemented the first part of a two-year transition when the Convention elected three new councillors, bringing the EC up to eight members.

At this Convention, we will also elect three councillors who will begin their terms on January 1, 2018, as Councillor Alan Passman and I roll off. At that point, we will have nine Executive Council members, and will have completed our transition period. Going forward, each councillor will serve for at least a three-year term, with three members being elected at the Convention and three members rolling off each year.

A major reason for the restructuring was a recognition of how much we have grown since the previous model was put into place in 1950. At that time, we had initiated 65,228 members and had 83 chapters. Since then, we have grown tremendously in size and also added three major programs, the District Program in 1975, the Engineering Futures Program in 1989, and the
MindSet Program in 2007. Also added were the awarding of Scholarships in 1998 and numerous other awards such as Outstanding Advisor, Distinguished Alumnus, Laureates, and the McDonald Mentor.

We believe the expanded EC will be able to better support the existing programs as well as being able to establish new programs going forward.

The Executive Council Restructuring will also give more continuity and a shorter learning curve for new members, which we will achieve by having at least six who have experience serving alongside the new ones. With annual elections being held at each Convention instead of every four years, and the shorter terms, we hope that more Tau Bates will have an opportunity to serve on the Council as it gives them the flexibility to volunteer during the time in their lives which best fits them.

Please take the opportunity to meet with each of the candidates who are running for election at this Convention and to gain an understanding of their visions and passions for the Association. The vote to elect three Councillors will be held during the Fourth Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

**Constitution and Bylaws Revision**

Bill Lasher, Chief Advisor of Pennsylvania Mu, remarked to Executive Director Curt Gomulinski, during the chapter installation in January 2013, that our Constitution and Bylaws seemed a “bit wordy.” This resulted in work of over four years to revise that 22,000 word document. Through Curt’s efforts, and with the help of Councillor J.P. Blackford, several members who served on the Governance Document Restructuring Committee, and feedback from many more of our members, the revised, now 11,000 word, version of the Constitution and Bylaws is ready for review at this Convention. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will review the revisions and make recommendations. The revised version, after approval by the Convention, will then be sent to our chapters for ratification by the required three-fourths affirmative vote.

**My Opportunities**

Volunteering with Tau Beta Pi and serving on the Executive Council as President has truly been an opportunity of a lifetime for me. Please understand however, that I was once perhaps where you might be relative to the Association. Volunteering and being on the Executive Council was not really in my plans after graduating from college.

I had been very active as a student in TN Alpha while at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, serving as both corresponding secretary and chapter president. Since this was also the location of the National Headquarters, I was able to meet Secretary-Treasurer Bob Nagel who regularly took part in our initiatives. However, after moving away for graduate school and then starting a job, my activity with the Association essentially ceased. Perhaps like many of you, I felt that TBP was an activity I could enjoy as an undergraduate, but other than making annual donations in the future, there was not much more that I would have to do with the Association.

Then one evening in 1988, I was called by Martha Polston, a fellow alumnus of UT, Knoxville, past TN Alpha President, and at that time the Association President. She asked me to join in a new program with some other volunteers called Engineering Futures. Little did I know that as a result of Martha’s call, I would end up volunteering with the program for 25 years. During this time, I not only had the opportunity to facilitate sessions with students at chapters all around the country but was also able to meet and work with many other Association volunteers. I was also able to reconnect with Bob Nagel at several annual Conventions. Serving as an Engineering Futures Facilitator led to other opportunities, such as becoming a District 3 Director and a Chapter Advisor.

When Solange Dao, Jason Huggins, and Larry Simonson, three fellow Engineering Futures volunteers, were forming an Executive Council Slate to run at the 2005 annual Convention, they asked me to join them and we ended up being elected. We were re-elected at the 2009 Convention.

During our second term, we had two opportunities which continue to impact the Association. The first was the formation of a Vision Development Group in April 2011, where we were able to work with members who had become leaders in industry and academia in discussing and developing “blue sky” ideas for the future of the Association. Many of the ideas from that group have been incorporated into the Strategic Plan. The second opportunity was the hiring of a new Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director, a rare event for Tau Beta Pi. Since its founding in 1885, we had only hired three previous Secretary-Treasurers. R.C. “Red” Matthews who served in that position from 1912 to 1947, Bob Nagel, 1947 to 1982, and Jim Froula, 1982 to 2011. After a national search process, we hired Curt Gomulinski to replace Jim Froula.

With Curt being new to the role and believing that I could help in the transition by providing continuity to the new Executive Council during Curt’s initial years as Executive Director, I decided to join another Executive Council Slate that George Morales and Alan Passman were forming for the 2013 Convention in Ames, IA. After a successful election, and with Curt’s initiative, we started on the process of working on a new direction for the Association. Restructuring of the Council, developing a strategic plan, and revising our Constitution and Bylaws are some of the major outcomes.

**Your Opportunities**

As my experience with Tau Beta Pi has taught me, life can present you with opportunities that you might not anticipate. What sometimes appear as random events can lead to a richer and fuller life by allowing you to contribute your time and talents.
If I had not taken the Engineering Futures opportunity, I would never have met the many, many members I have worked with over the years and had further opportunities given to me. Of course, you could take this even further back. If I had not decided to run for president of Tennessee Alpha Chapter as a student, I would never have gotten the call from Martha.

As engineers and Tau Bates, there are limitless opportunities available to you. For those of you about to graduate, I hope that you will be open to taking them. For those of you who graduated many years ago, I’m sure you’ve learned as I have, that by being open to opportunities that come your way, your life can develop in ways that you never imagined.

I feel fortunate to have been able to volunteer with TBP in a variety of different roles. My hope for you, as fellow members, is that you will also serve in some capacity, maybe even some day on the Executive Council. In whatever capacity you decide to serve, I hope that you are able to do your part, as I have tried, to make a positive impact on the Association and through that, on the engineering profession.

Thank you for giving me the opportunities and I hope that you will choose to take yours.
The Convention approved a General Revision to the Constitution and Bylaws (see page 17) by a vote of 241 in favor and 3 against subject to ratification by the chapters. This appendix documents the text approved by Convention. Members interested in reviewing a comparison to the existing Constitution and Bylaws available at www.tbp.org.

THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The Tau Beta Pi Association was founded at Lehigh University in 1885 by Edward Higginson Williams, Jr., to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering, or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges. To carry out the purposes and objects of this Association, we do hereby ordain and enact the following:

CONSTITUTION

Article I
Membership

SECTION 1. Classification. There is only one class of members in The Tau Beta Pi Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, but for convenience, they are referred to as undergraduates if they are undergraduate students, graduates if they are graduate students, and alumni if they are no longer in college or have received an undergraduate engineering degree.

SECTION 2. Criteria. Candidates for membership shall meet the Constitution's scholarship provisions and shall have exemplary character as enunciated in the Association’s Eligibility Code.

SECTION 3. Nondiscrimination. All candidates for membership shall be considered regardless of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, military status, veteran status, or membership in other organizations.

SECTION 4. Resignation. A member shall be allowed to resign from the Association providing all insignia are returned and provided no disciplinary action is pending against the member. No refund shall be made.

SECTION 5. Suspension and Expulsion. (a) The Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council (See Const. Art. X), may for just cause and on the recommendation of a member's initiating chapter (See Const. Art. V, Sec. 1) expel or suspend that member for a specified length of time not to exceed one year. The Council shall report its action and reasons therefor to the next Convention (See Const. Art. IX).
(b) A member suspended or expelled by the Council may appeal the case to the next Convention, and that member shall have the right to be heard by the Convention and to plead the member’s own cause. The Convention shall affirm or modify the Council’s action.

Article II
Eligibility

SECTION 1. Program Eligibility. (a) An engineering program is defined as one that meets any of the following criteria and is listed in the chapter’s bylaws (See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4):
(1) Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET or recognized by any engineering-accreditation successor(s) to ABET or recognized by an ABET mutual recognition agreement as equivalent to such programs that are accredited in the United States;
(2) Administered by a unit (a department, school, or college) of engineering and has the same name as any program accredited as described in criterion (1); or
(3) Administered by a unit of engineering and includes the noun 'engineering' in its name.
(4) Approved by Convention under the requirements of Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(b). Programs approved by Convention are specific to a particular chapter.

(b) A chapter may appeal to the Convention the eligibility of programs that do not meet the criteria of subsections (1), (2), or (3) of Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a), but meet all of the following:

(1) Administered by a unit of engineering of the institution;
(2) Received the three-fourths favorable vote of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon (see Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1); and
(3) Received the five-sevenths favorable vote of the chapter's Advisory Board (See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 11).

(c) A chapter may decide for itself by a three-fourths majority vote, subject to the five-sevenths approval of its Advisory Board, to exclude from eligibility all students of a particular program that, in the opinion of the chapter, is not an engineering program. Programs satisfying criterion (1) of Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a) may not be excluded.

SECTION 2. Eligibility of Undergraduates. (a) To be eligible for membership as an undergraduate, a student shall be pursuing an undergraduate engineering program of the institution.

(b) Juniors who are scholastically in the upper eighth of all juniors of programs listed in the chapter’s bylaws per Const. Art. II, Section 1 shall be eligible for membership.

(c) To be considered juniors, students shall be in the next-to-the-last year of their program or shall have completed the institution's requirements for junior standing. In institutions with a cooperative program, students may be regarded as juniors when fifty percent of the institution’s specified undergraduate academic degree requirements have been completed.

(d) Seniors who are scholastically in the upper fifth of all seniors of programs listed in the chapter’s bylaws per Const. Art. II, Sec. 1 shall be eligible for membership.

(e) To be considered seniors, students shall be in the last year of their program or shall have completed the institution’s requirements for senior standing. In institutions with a cooperative program, students may be regarded as seniors when seventy-five percent of the institution’s specified undergraduate academic degree requirements have been completed.

(f) A chapter may have a higher standard than that prescribed by the Constitution if the Council approves a petition for the amendment to the chapter’s bylaws. See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4.

(g) Only students who are pursuing a degree in an engineering program shall be counted in determining eligibility under subsections (b) and (d) above.

(h) Undergraduate students transferring from another institution shall not be eligible for membership until the third regular election (See Const. Art. III, Sec. 3) after their registration. Students subject to this subsection shall be eligible at the second regular election after their registration, provided the consent of five-sevenths of the Advisory Board is obtained and they meet the other requirements for election. Transfer students who are ineligible for membership should not be counted in determining the enrollment or the numbers of those who are eligible for membership.

(i) Students whose eligibility is in doubt because of irregular standing or curriculum in an engineering program shall be referred to the chapter’s Advisory Board for the determination of the terms and times of eligibility.

SECTION 3. Eligibility of Graduates. (a) To be eligible for membership as a graduate, a student shall have completed at least one semester, one trimester, or two quarters in a graduate engineering program of the institution and shall have completed at least fifty percent of the degree requirements, including coursework and research, as determined by the student’s primary academic advisor.

(b) Complete proof of a student’s worthiness for membership shall be sent to Headquarters (See Const. Art. V, Sec. 3). Such proof shall include:

(1) Evidence of the student's scholastic eligibility, consisting of certification of the standing in the top fifth of the graduate class. If, and only if, class rank cannot be determined, a statement by a faculty member that the student is doing graduate work of the quality expected of a member shall be substituted for class-rank certification;
(2) A list of the degree(s) held by the student, the institution(s) which granted the degree(s), and the year in which each degree was granted; and
(3) A statement from the chapter’s Advisory Board that it believes the student to be worthy of membership in the Association and approves the student’s eligibility.

SECTION 4. Eligibility of Alumni. (a) Alumni of an engineering institution may be considered as candidates for membership if they:

(1) Graduated when a chapter did not exist at their alma mater and who would have been eligible had a chapter existed;
(2) Were eligible as students but were overlooked rather than considered and rejected by the chapter at their alma mater, or were eligible under the provisions of Const. Art. II, Secs. 2 or 3 but were not considered because of the scholastic rules of the chapter at their alma mater at that time;
(3) Were elected while students, but refused membership at that time;
(4) Were considered eligible as students at the last election held before graduation but were rejected at that time for reasons judged proper by the chapter at their alma mater. Alumni may be elected under this subsection only by a seven-eighths favorable vote of the chapter’s active membership; or
(5) Were not eligible at the last election held before their graduation, but who graduated in the upper fifth of their class.

(b) The chapter desiring to consider candidates under subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) of Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a) who are not alumni of their institution shall secure from the chapters of the candidates’ alma maters letters of release which shall state
that, upon investigation, the latter chapters can find no objection to the proposed eligibility and waive their rights to consider the candidates as members of their chapters.

(c) All candidates considered under this section shall comply with the applicable provisions of Const. Art. II, Sec. 6.

SECTION 5. Eligibility of Eminent Engineers. (a) Alumni of engineering institutions who graduated more than ten years ago and who have achieved distinction for eminent attainments in engineering may be considered for membership.

(b) An engineer who is not a graduate of an engineering institution, who has had fifteen years of experience in the practice of engineering, and who has achieved distinction for eminent attainments in engineering may be considered for membership.

(c) All candidates considered under this section shall comply with the applicable provisions of Const. Art. II, Sec. 6.

SECTION 6. Alumni and Eminent Engineer Eligibility Requirements. (a) To be considered for membership under Const. Art. II, Secs. 4 or 5, a candidate shall:

(1) Be a person of character, ability, and integrity;
(2) Have a continuous record of intellectual activity and attainment in engineering;
(3) Be a person a student member of the Association might be expected to become; and
(4) Be one who should be expected to add credit and honor to the Association.

The qualifications regarding attainment in engineering are not required of candidates who are otherwise eligible under Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a)(1).

(b) Teaching professional engineering subjects shall be considered as professional engineering experience. Administrators with engineering training and experience whose duties include supervision of professional engineering work shall be considered as being engaged in the engineering profession.

(c) Complete proof of the candidate's worthiness, scholastic eligibility, professional engineering record where required, the desirability of bestowing membership, and the approval of the chapter's Advisory Board considering the candidate shall be sent to Headquarters for approval. See Const. Art. III, Secs. 5(a) and 5(b).

(d) At a new chapter's establishment, neither alumni nor eminent engineers shall be initiated unless the requirements of this section and of Const. Art. II, Secs. 4 or 5 shall have been complied with in all details for each candidate by the petitioning group acting as a chapter.

Article III

Election to Membership

SECTION 1. Exemplary Character Evaluation. (a) Each collegiate chapter shall have an exemplary character evaluation procedure as enunciated in the Eligibility Code, which shall include reading the Eligibility Code at the time of character evaluation, be submitted to and approved by the Council, and be contained in the chapter's bylaws.

(b) If the Council disapproves a chapter's procedure, it shall direct the chapter to follow a procedure the Council deems appropriate until the chapter's procedure is approved. The Council's decision may be appealed to the next Convention.

SECTION 2. Candidate Activities. (a) Each chapter shall require student candidates to participate in activities recommended or approved by the chapter officers to assess exemplary character or foster a spirit of liberal culture. Activities shall be limited to tasks and duties that are a test of a candidate's intellectual abilities and mentality rather than physical strength and endurance and shall not consume an inordinate amount of time to the possible detriment of required college work. Physical violence, offense to dignity or decency, or public exercises that demean the candidate in any way shall not be permitted. The expense of any candidate activity shall be carefully considered and not be prohibitory to the chapter or the candidate.

(b) If a candidate objects to the required duties and the chapter cannot resolve the objection, the candidate may appeal to the chapter's Advisory Board. If the candidate is not satisfied with the outcome, the candidate may contact a District Director (See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 6) to mediate and resolve the situation.

SECTION 3. Election. (a) All candidates for membership shall be elected by a collegiate chapter. An individual who has been elected to membership, but has not yet been initiated, shall be known as an electee.

(b) The election of all members shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The list of candidates being considered shall be approved prior to election by a Headquarters employee designated by the Executive Director. See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3.
(2) The election shall be by secret ballot.
(3) Candidates shall be elected only by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon, who are present and voting affirmatively or negatively, except as provided for in Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a)(4). In each case the total affirmative vote shall be a majority of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon. See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1. In computing these ratios any fraction one-half or greater shall be counted as a whole number.

(c) Each collegiate chapter shall conduct a minimum of two elections and initiations each year provided there are scholastically eligible candidates who are not members. The Council may authorize deviations from this schedule on the Advisory Board's recommendation.
SECTION 4. Electee Activities. (a) Each chapter may require student electees to participate in activities subject to the provisions outlined in Const. Art. III, Sec. 2.
   (b) Each electee shall be required to read the Constitution and Bylaws before being initiated.

SECTION 5. Election Revocation. (a) If an electee fails to complete any required activities or duties (see Const. Art. III, Sec. 4) or exhibits character that is less than exemplary, the chapter may revoke the election of that individual.
   (b) Each chapter shall approve a procedure for the revocation of election. This procedure must include reading the Eligibility Code at the time of revocation, be submitted to and approved by the Council, and be contained in the chapter’s bylaws.
   (c) The revocation of election of any electee shall meet the following requirements:
      (1) The revocation vote shall be by secret ballot.
      (2) The election shall be revoked by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon, who are present and voting affirmatively or negatively, except candidates elected under the provisions of Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a)(4) which require a seven-eighths affirmative vote. In each case the total affirmative vote shall be a majority of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon. See Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1. In computing these ratios any fraction one-half or greater shall be counted as a whole number.

SECTION 6. Initiation Fees. (a) The Convention shall set the Association’s initiation fee.
   (b) Each chapter may decide to charge an additional initiation fee and any dues or assessments.
   (c) An electee shall only be initiated after paying the initiation fees in full. This provision may be waived, with the Advisory Board’s approval, for an electee who has signed a promissory note covering the initiation fees and any other indebtedness to the Association.

SECTION 7. Financial Inability. Whenever a student pleads financial inability to accept membership, the Advisory Board shall be notified, and if the Advisory Board establishes that a refusal is solely for financial reasons, the facts shall be communicated to Headquarters. The chapter may initiate such an electee at any time within five years of election.

Article IV
Initiation

SECTION 1. Approval. No electee shall be initiated without prior approval by a Headquarters employee designated by the Executive Director.

SECTION 2. Ceremony. Electees shall be initiated in a formal ritual ceremony (see Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 4) either by the chapter, by another chapter designated by the Executive Director, or by a group of members designated by the Director of Rituals (See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5(d)) or the Council. Joint initiation ceremonies with fraternities, other associations, or societies are prohibited.

SECTION 3. Roll Book. Initiates shall sign their names in the chapter’s Roll Book as a part of the initiation ceremony. Each Roll Book page shall have as a caption the pledge to support the Constitution and Bylaws and ideals of the Association.

SECTION 4. Certificate and Badge. Each initiate shall be given a membership certificate and a badge. See Const. Art. XIV, Secs. 2(c) and 2(e).

SECTION 5. Postponement. Any postponement of an electee’s initiation shall be approved by the Advisory Board.
   (a) An electee who remains eligible may be initiated at the next regular initiation without re-election. Such an electee who graduates may be initiated without re-election within five years from the date of election.
   (b) An electee who becomes ineligible and whose initiation has been postponed may be initiated at the next initiation without re-election.
   (c) An electee who becomes ineligible and whose initiation has not been postponed shall become eligible and be re-elected during a subsequent term to be initiated.

SECTION 6. Initiation by Error. If an ineligible person is initiated by error, the Council may cancel the membership and recall the person’s official badge and certificate upon the recommendation of a majority of the chapter’s active members and of its Advisory Board. In such cases, the Council shall report to the next Convention its action and reasons therefor. A member may appeal the Council’s decision at that Convention, and the member shall have the right to be heard by the Convention and to plead the member’s own case. The Convention’s action shall be final.
Article V
Organization and Government

SECTION 1. Chapters. (a) The Association shall consist of collegiate chapters that have been established in colleges and universities and alumni chapters that have been established in convenient locations.

(b) The first collegiate chapter of each state or territory shall be designated by the Greek letter Alpha, the second by Beta, and so on, following the name of the state or territory where located. After the letter Omega is reached, naming shall continue as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, and so on. International chapters shall be named in a similar fashion as deemed appropriate by the Council.

(c) An alumni chapter shall be known by the name submitted with the charter application, subject to the Council’s approval.

(d) Unless its charter has been withdrawn or relinquished, a collegiate chapter is active if it has conducted an initiation of new members within the past five fiscal years. An inactive collegiate chapter shall petition for its charter to be restored per the provisions of Const. Art. VI.

(e) To be considered active, an alumni chapter shall pay its dues by April 1 of each year. An inactive chapter shall complete an application and make payment per the provisions of Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1(a) to be reactivated.

SECTION 2. Districts. (a) The chapters shall be assigned to geographical districts. See Const. Art. X, Sec. 5(1).

(b) Chapters shall cooperate with the director(s) of the district to which they are assigned, inform the director(s) of their activities, and participate in their district’s activities. See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5.

SECTION 3. Headquarters. The Association’s Headquarters shall be located at its principal office.

SECTION 4. Governing Bodies. The Association shall be governed by the Convention and the Council. These two bodies shall control all matters and affairs pertaining to the Association as a whole but shall not interfere with any chapter’s internal affairs, except in matters of discipline as hereinafter provided.

Article VI
Collegiate Chapter Establishment

SECTION 1. Eligibility Requirements. (a) Any regionally accredited college or university is eligible for a collegiate chapter when the following criteria are met:

(1) All or at least three of the institution’s undergraduate engineering programs meet the requirements of Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a)(1).

(2) The institution confers at least 40 engineering bachelor’s degrees each year from programs meeting the requirements of Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1(a)(1), and the number of graduates is stable or increasing.

(3) A group of students has organized and operated a local society patterned after an Association chapter for at least two full years after the local society’s establishment and installation of charter members. These students shall meet the eligibility standards outlined in Const. Art. II, Secs. 2 or 3.

(4) At least three faculty members are members of the Association.

(5) A majority of the engineering faculty are members of their respective technical, professional, scientific, or honor societies.

(b) Chapters may be established at colleges or universities that do not meet all the requirements of Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1(a) by the Convention on the Council’s recommendation.

SECTION 2. Petition for Chapter. (a) A petition to establish a collegiate chapter may be made by a group of students and graduates when the requirements of Const. Art. VI, Sec.1(a) are met. In addition to documenting compliance with those requirements, a petition shall include:

(1) A letter of intent explaining their interest in establishing a chapter.

(2) A pledge of their willingness to subscribe to and obey the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

(3) A statement welcoming the chapter’s establishment by the institution’s administration.

(4) A statement certified by the institution’s administration that each of the petitioners meets the eligibility requirements specified in Const. Art. II.

(5) The institution’s current admission requirements.

(6) The number of weeks required to be spent on academic classroom and laboratory work for a degree in engineering.

(7) The length of the institution’s curriculum for a degree in engineering.

(8) The number of engineering students in each of the engineering classes and the names and number of the engineering degrees awarded in each program during the last five years.

(9) Descriptions of the programs and courses offered and any other materials as may be available to assist the Council in reaching its decision.

(b) The Council shall review the petition and determine if the institution is qualified for an inspection. An inspection shall assess the petitioning society’s qualifications for a Tau Beta Pi Chapter. An Inspection Committee shall be led by a Council member and should include members from neighboring chapters and Association Officials. See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.
Council shall report to the next Convention if an institution is not qualified for an inspection. The Convention may sustain the 
action of the Council, or it may vote to request the Council to proceed with an inspection in accordance with the Constitution.
(c) The Council shall consider the Inspection Committee’s report and recommendation. Based on this information, the 
Council shall approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove a petition. The Inspection Committee’s recommendations and the 
Council’s action shall be reported to the Convention following the inspection. If the Council disapproves, the Convention may 
approve the preliminary petition and request the petitioners to submit a formal petition in accordance with the Constitution, 
to be considered by the next Convention.

SECTION 3. Granting a Chapter. (a) The Petitions Committee (See Const. Art. IX, Sec. 6) shall review the petition and 
inspection report, meet with petitioning group’s representatives, and recommend action on the petition to the Convention.
(b) A petitioning group shall be represented at the Convention by at least one of its student members and at least one 
faculty member who is preferably an Association member.
(c) A collegiate chapter shall be established or abolished, and a charter granted or withdrawn, only by at least a three-
fourths majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention, taken by recordable voting method.

Article VII
Collegiate Chapters

SECTION 1. Chapter Membership. Except as stated in Const. Art. VII, Sec. 2, a collegiate chapter’s active membership shall 
consist of the undergraduate members, either by initiation at that chapter or by transfer (see Const. Art. VII, Sec. 3), and 
graduate members, and Association alumni who have indicated their desire to assume the responsibilities of active 
membership and have been formally accepted by the chapter. Only active student members shall have the right of voting on 
new members and on the chapter’s initiation fee, dues, assessments, and fines.

SECTION 2. Inactive Member Status. (a) A member shall become inactive upon withdrawal from college or because of 
ilness or accidental disability lasting over two months and shall immediately become active on returning to college.
(b) A member shall cease to be active upon graduating or indicating a desire to relinquish the responsibilities of active 
membership.
(c) A member will become inactive by the affirmative vote of five-sevenths of the Advisory Board or as provided in the 
chapter’s bylaws.
(d) Unless otherwise provided for, a member shall be readmitted to active status upon receipt of a written petition and its 
approval by the Advisory Board.
(e) Chapters shall report to Headquarters member status changes by Advisory Board action within two weeks.

SECTION 3. Transfer to Another Chapter. An undergraduate member, on transferring to another institution where there 
is a chapter, shall immediately become an active member of that chapter.

SECTION 4. Autonomy. Each chapter shall have full control of its individual affairs, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws. 
A chapter shall enact bylaws for its own guidance which shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws and shall be 
approved by the Council.

SECTION 5. Chapter Actions on Communications. Communications from the Council to the collegiate chapters shall be 
acted upon by the chapters within one month, not counting regular college vacations, from the time of their receipt. Each 
chapter shall submit its action, or vote, on a communication from the Council to Headquarters or it forfeits its vote to the 
Council.

SECTION 6. Quorum. (a) A quorum shall be:
(1) one-half of the active chapter membership (See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1) for the consideration of routine business;
(2) three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon for the election of new members, for the 
revocation of election, for changing the chapter’s initiation fee or dues, and for the passing of an assessment on chapter 
members; and
(3) three-fourths of the active chapter membership for the approval of a proposed amendment to the Constitution and 
Bylaws or the chapter’s bylaws.
(b) Chapters may be granted permission by the Council to lower the requirements listed above for a quorum.

SECTION 7. Proxy. A chapter member shall not be allowed to vote by proxy.

SECTION 8. Officers. (a) The chapter officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding 
Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be active chapter members.
(b) A minimum of four Association alumni shall serve as advisors, all of whom are chapter officers.
(c) The chapter may define in its bylaws additional officers beyond those listed in Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 8(a).
(d) The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be combined if provided for in a chapter’s bylaws.

SECTION 9. Officer Election. (a) All officers listed in Const. Art. VII, Secs. 8(a) and 8(b) shall be elected by the chapter’s active members. A chapter shall hold an officer election at least once per year and may hold an additional election each year with the Advisory Board’s approval. Officers shall hold office until their terms expire (four years for advisors and one year for all other officers unless the chapter’s bylaws define a different term length) or their successors are elected. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided for in the chapter’s bylaws or in the parliamentary authority (See Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 7) adopted by the Association. Officers shall take office prior to the annual spring convocation or commencement. Officer vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the chapter’s bylaws.

(b) A chapter may specify within its own bylaws a mechanism for selection of active members to serve as the chapter’s Convention delegate and alternate. In the absence of a selection process, the chapter’s Convention delegate and alternate shall be its President and Vice President, respectively.

SECTION 10. Officer Duties. (a) The President, as the chapter’s responsible agent and leader, shall see that the other chapter officers perform their duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws and the chapter’s bylaws.

(b) The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall fulfill the duties of the office of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for the activities related to the initiation unless another officer is responsible for these duties as defined in the chapter’s bylaws.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep the chapter’s roll and record books and the chapter’s meeting minutes.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall ensure all required reports are completed and submitted to Headquarters by the stated deadlines.

(e) (1) The Treasurer shall collect the new member initiation fees and remit the portion payable to the Association within two weeks after each initiation.

(2) The Treasurer shall maintain the chapter’s financial records in a bookkeeping system recommended by the Executive Director except when the institution’s rules require the chapter’s financial records be maintained in a specified manner.

(f) The primary duty of advisors is to provide for continuity of chapter operations. They shall see that the chapter:

(1) Selects candidates who meet the eligibility requirements of Const. Art. II, the chapter’s bylaws, and the institution’s academic regulations.

(2) Balances its financial accounts and pays all bills by the end of the academic year.

(3) Effects an orderly officer transition following the election of officers.

(g) Additional duties of each office include those defined by the chapter’s bylaws, those assigned by the chapter and applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

SECTION 11. Advisory Board. (a) The chapter’s Advisory Board shall consist of the President, the Vice President, and the Corresponding Secretary of the chapter, and four advisors elected by the chapter.

(b) The Advisory Board shall, in addition to the responsibilities defined elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, act as an advisory and judiciary committee to determine the advisability of any action taken or proposed by the chapter. Such action may be referred to it by a chapter vote or brought before it by an active member of the chapter, or the Advisory Board may review such action on its own initiative. The Advisory Board, by a majority vote, may forbid any such action, subject to an appeal to the Council. All changes in the chapter’s bylaws shall be approved by the Advisory Board before going into effect.

Article VIII
Alumni Chapters

SECTION 1. Application and Membership. (a) An alumni chapter may be chartered by the Council when application is made by at least ten members and upon payment of the charter fee set by the Convention.

(b) An alumni chapter shall be composed of members who are not undergraduates and who have signified their desire to become affiliated with an alumni chapter and their willingness to comply with its bylaws.

(c) The alumni chapter annual dues to the Association shall be set by the Convention and be paid to Headquarters by the first day of January of each year.

SECTION 2. Autonomy. Each chapter shall have full control of its individual affairs, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws. A chapter shall enact bylaws for its own guidance which shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws and shall be approved by the Council.

SECTION 3. Officers. (a) Each alumni chapter shall elect annually or as designated in its bylaws a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers defined in its bylaws. 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.
(b) The duties of each office include those defined by the chapter’s bylaws, those assigned by the chapter membership or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

SECTION 4. Convention Representation. (a) Each chapter may specify within its own bylaws a mechanism for selection of active members to serve as the chapter’s Convention delegate and alternate. In the absence of a selection process, the chapter’s Convention delegate and alternate shall be its President and Secretary, respectively.

(b) The on-site expenses of an active alumni chapter’s Convention delegate shall be paid by the Association to the same extent as the collegiate delegates.

Article IX
The Convention

SECTION 1. Assembly. The Convention shall meet annually except as provided in Const. Art. X, Secs. 5(h) and 5(i). The Convention shall be called to order by the Association President (see Const. Art. XI, Sec. 2(a)), or in the absence of the President, by the Vice President (see Const. Art. XI, Sec. 2(b)) or other member of the Council, or, if there are none present, by the delegate from the oldest chapter represented.

SECTION 2. Privilege of Member. Any member shall be granted the privilege of the floor at a meeting of the Convention.

SECTION 3. Voting Delegates. The members attending the Convention entitled to vote include one delegate from each collegiate and alumni chapter, the Council members, the Executive Director, the Director of Rituals, the Director of Fellowships, the Director of Engineering Futures, the Director of Alumni Affairs (See Art. XI, Sec. 5), and one director per district. Proxies shall not be permitted. A chapter delegate shall represent only one chapter. An individual shall not be entitled to more than one vote.

SECTION 4. Quorum. Representatives of a majority of the collegiate chapters shall constitute a quorum, and the Executive Director shall determine and report if a quorum is present. The Executive Director shall appoint a committee to examine the delegates’ credentials and certify to the Convention the number of chapters properly represented and the number of other voting delegates present.

SECTION 5. Order of Business. The President and the Executive Director shall, prior to the Convention, prepare an order of business for recommendation to the Convention. The order of business shall include a report by the President on the activities of the Council and reports by other Association Officials. Following the reports and adoption of an order of business, the permanent Convention Chair (See. Art. X, Sec. 5(m)) shall assume the Chair.

SECTION 6. Committees. Prior to the Convention, the Executive Director shall, appoint an appropriate number of delegates to the following committees: Awards, Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, Constitution and Bylaws, Convention Site, Petitions, Resolutions, Rituals, and such other committees as the Council may authorize. One or more Association Officials shall be appointed to act as advisor(s) to each committee. These committees shall meet on the first day of the Convention to consider the respective subjects and later shall present their reports to the Convention.

SECTION 7. Responsibilities. In addition to the responsibilities defined elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, the responsibilities of the Convention include:

(a) Adopting rules for the conduct of its business and such other matters as may properly come within its jurisdiction.

(b) Levying such assessments upon the chapters as may be necessary for the support of the Association.

(c) Determining the reimbursable expenses for chapter delegates for the subsequent Convention and reviewing any unusual Convention expenses.

(d) Fixing the time and place of the Convention not more than three years in advance.

(e) Suspending or removing the Executive Director per the provisions of Const. Art. X, Sec. 5(d).

(f) Creating and ending all official programs which shall be listed in the Bylaws.

(g) Acting as the final Court of Appeal in all questions of interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws and in all matters of discipline. See Const. Art. II, Sec. 5 and Art. XII

(h) Enacting Bylaws for the Association. The procedure for amendment of the amending procedure of such Bylaws shall follow the same requirements for amending the Constitution as set forth in Article XVII.

Article X
The Executive Council

SECTION 1. Structure. The Convention shall set the size of the Executive Council, herein defined as Council, which shall be no more than twelve voting members and no fewer than three voting members. They shall serve without compensation for staggered terms of three years, or until their successors are chosen and qualified. Voting members are limited to two
consecutive three-year terms with at least one year off before being eligible to take office again. The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting member of the Council.

SECTION 2. Nominations. (a) Any chapter may nominate Association alumni who are interested and willing to serve on the Council. Such nomination shall be sent to Headquarters by April 1.
(b) A list and information concerning each person nominated shall be published in July to the chapters.
(c) If a nominee becomes unavailable for election, the nominating chapter may present the name of a replacement to Headquarters for distribution to each chapter delegate prior to the election.
(d) The Convention shall vote only on the nominated individuals, except if the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies, any delegate to the Convention may nominate eligible members who are alumni to serve on the Council, provided the delegate is certain the nominees are willing to serve if elected.

SECTION 3. Election. (a) Elections for the Council shall occur annually for voting members whose terms expire prior to the next regular Convention, hereinafter referred to as open positions. All nominees who have not been elected to an open position on the Council shall be candidates for the open position in question. If a candidate receives a majority vote of Convention or if only one candidate remains, that candidate shall be elected to the open position in question. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from further consideration for the open position in question. Voting shall be repeated until all open positions are filled. The numerical results of each ballot shall be made known to the Convention before any subsequent ballots are cast.
(b) The newly elected Council members shall take office on January 1 of the year following their election.

SECTION 4. Officers. (a) The Council shall meet following the election each year for the purpose of selecting a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer from among its voting members. The newly elected Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall take office on January 1 of the year following their election and serve for one year or until their successors take office. The Vice President shall automatically become the President the following year. The remaining voting members of the Council shall be known as Councillors.
(b) If a vacancy occurs in any Council office, the Council shall select a voting member to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 5. Responsibilities. In addition to the responsibilities defined elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, the Council’s responsibilities include:
(a) Assuming 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.
(b) Amending the Articles of Incorporation as needed and reporting any changes to the next Convention.
(c) Establishing and setting the policies for the retirement plan and other benefits for the Association’s employees.
(d) Determining the Executive Director’s salary and appointing a member of the Association to fill this role. When the Convention is not in session, the Council may suspend or remove the Executive Director for inability to fully and satisfactorily discharge the duties of the office, moral delinquency, incompetence, dereliction of duty, or malfeasance of office.
(e) Assuming oversight of the Association’s finances. It is responsible for the Association’s investments and funds and shall ensure all gifts, bequests, and endowments are administered in accordance with their provisions. It may create additional funds beyond those specified in Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 2.
(f) Setting the subscription price of The Bent (See Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 6), subject to review by the Convention.
(g) Making such investigations for and reports to the Convention as may be directed by the Convention.
(h) Calling a special Convention upon receipt of a written petition from a majority of the active chapters or calling a special Convention for a specific purpose upon its own initiative. Chapters shall be notified of the meeting not less than one month in advance, and the meeting shall be held within two months after receiving the petition unless a later time is stipulated in the petition.
(i) Changing the Convention meeting time and place and suspending the meeting of the same for a period not to exceed one year, provided that the written consent of two-thirds of the chapters shall be obtained to any postponement exceeding two months.
(j) Making a written report of its activities during the preceding year to the Convention.
(k) Creating and ending trial programs. Trial programs may be for up to three years in length. After three years, the Executive Council may request the Convention continue the trial or make it an official program. See Const. Art. IX, Sec. 7(f).
(l) Determining the number of districts and the chapter assignments thereto and set policy for the District Program. See Const. Art. V, Sec. 2 (a).
(m) Appointing a permanent Convention Chair. The chapters and Association Officials may submit nominations for the permanent Convention Chair by June 1.
(n) Appointing a Convention Secretary.
SECTION 6. **Vacancy.** If a vacancy occurs on the Council, the remaining Council members shall appoint a qualified member of the Association to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term or to serve until a successor is duly elected and qualified. The appointment shall be submitted to the next Convention for confirmation by a simple majority vote.

SECTION 7. **Meetings.** The Council shall hold at least four meetings per year.

**Article XI**

*Association Officers, Directors, and Officials*

SECTION 1. **Officers, Directors, and Officials.** The Association Officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Director. The Association Directors shall be Councillors, a Director of Alumni Affairs, a Director of Engineering Futures, a Director of Fellowships, a Director of Rituals, and District Directors. The Association Officials shall be the aforementioned officers and directors, any Executive Directors Emeritus, members of the Fellowship Board and Trust Advisory Committee, Engineering Futures Facilitators, (See Const. Art. XI, Secs. 7-10) and other members as appointed by the Council.

SECTION 2. **Appointment.** The Council shall appoint all Association Officials unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution. These officials shall serve terms of not more than three years, be Association alumni, serve without compensation, and may be reappointed unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution.

SECTION 3. **Council Officers.** (a) The President shall serve as Council Chair and shall be the Association’s executive head. 
(b) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President or the inability of the President to act. 
(c) The Secretary shall have primary responsibility for accurate Council meetings minutes which shall be maintained at Headquarters. 
(d) The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the Association’s financial policy. The Treasurer shall work with the Executive Director to prepare an annual budget and an annual report detailing the Association’s financial condition. 
(e) Councillors shall perform such duties as required by the Constitution. See Const. Art. X, Sec. 5. 
(f) Additional duties of each office include those assigned by the Convention or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

SECTION 4. **Executive Director.** The Executive Director shall:
(a) Employ such individuals as may be necessary to assist in the work of the Association, subject to review by the Council as to number and salary; 
(b) Keep or cause to be kept full and complete records of the membership of the Association; 
(c) Keep or cause to be kept the Association’s official documents and records and objects of historical significance; 
(d) Oversee publications and coordinate the Association’s internal and external communications; 
(e) Receive and disburse money as authorized by the Council or as prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws and keep or cause to be kept the Association’s financial records; 
(f) Prepare and present an annual report to the Council and the Convention; and 
(g) Perform such duties as may be prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws or as directed by the Council.

SECTION 5. **Program Directors.** (a) The Director of Alumni Affairs shall manage the Alumni Affairs Program, stimulate and maintain alumni interest and support for the Association, to encourage the formation and support the operation of alumni chapters, and to represent the alumni at the Convention and before the Council. 
(b) The Director of Engineering Futures shall manage the Engineering Futures Program, select the content of the program’s curriculum, and oversee the scheduling of presentations by facilitators to the chapters. 
(c) The Director of Fellowships shall establish rules and regulations relative to the award of fellowships and scholarships, the method of consideration of candidates, and the operation of the Fellowship and Scholarship Programs, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws and the Council’s approval. 
(d) The Director of Rituals shall manage the Ritual Program and have custody of and cognizance over the form, phraseology, and physical make-up of the rituals, receive and digest suggestions for changes, and, in general, be responsible for all matters in connection with the rituals and the related ceremonies, subject to approval by the Convention. The Director of Rituals shall keep a master copy of each of the rituals and shall organize and supervise the Model Initiation at the Convention.

SECTION 6. **District Directors.** The District Directors shall: 
(a) Guide and encourage worthy activities of the district collegiate and alumni chapters; 
(b) Assist the Advisory Boards; 
(c) Encourage interaction between students and alumni; 
(d) Promote district activity such as meetings, newsletters, and joint chapter initiations and functions; 
(e) Determine weaknesses of the chapters in their districts and focus resources to correct them;
(f) Make an annual report to the Council.

SECTION 7. Engineering Futures Facilitators. The Engineering Futures Facilitators shall be nominated by the Director of Engineering Futures. They shall be trained to present the Engineering Futures curriculum to chapters of the Association.

SECTION 8. Executive Director Emeritus. The Council may grant the title of Executive Director Emeritus at the end of an Executive Director's service. The Association shall provide for the attendance of any Executive Directors Emeritus at the Convention.

SECTION 9. Fellowship Board. The Fellowship Board shall consist of Association alumni nominated by the Director of Fellowships, the number of which shall be determined by the Council upon recommendation of the Director of Fellowships. The Fellowship 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 Council. The Director of Fellowships shall serve as chair of the Fellowship Board. See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5(c).

SECTION 10. Trust Advisory Committee. The Council shall set the size of the Trust Advisory Committee. A Trust Advisory Committee member shall not concurrently serve as an Association officer or director. Those appointed to the Trust Advisory Committee by the Council shall be members with outstanding business competency and judgment. The senior member of the Trust Advisory Committee shall be the chair unless the Council appoints another committee member as chair. Decisions of the Trust Advisory Committee shall require the concurrence of at least two of its members.

SECTION 11. Director Vacancy. In the event that any Association Director position except that of Councillor becomes vacant, the Council shall fill the vacancy as promptly as possible, and in any event within one year of the date on which the director position becomes vacant. The responsibilities, duties, and authority of any vacated director position shall rest with the Council until such vacancy is filled.

SECTION 12. Bond. All officers, directors, and Headquarters employees shall be bonded to a proper amount or have equivalent insurance protection at the Association's expense.

Article XII
Chapter Discipline

SECTION 1. Methods. A chapter may be disciplined by fines, probation, or by withdrawal of its charter.

SECTION 2. Fines. (a) A uniform system of fines shall be enumerated in the Bylaws, and these fines shall be assessed against, and paid by, every chapter that fails to complete required reports by the deadline.
   (b) These fines shall be increased the same amount for each failure of the chapter to reply within two weeks to the request for the belated report or remittance.
   (c) All fines shall be applied automatically and without discrimination, and shall be billed to the chapter as soon as the infractions for which fines may be assessed shall occur. If the chapter can show reason why it should not be fined, the Executive Director may reduce the fine.

SECTION 3. Probation and Charter Withdrawal. (a) A chapter shall automatically be placed on probation, until the end of the next Convention, subject to appeal to the Council when it:
   (1) has acted in a manner contrary to the Constitution or prejudicial to the Association's interests as reported to the Council or the Convention by twenty-five alumni or by three other chapters;
   (2) conducts more than one unapproved initiation in a period of two consecutive fiscal years; or
   (3) fails to hold at least one approved initiation during a fiscal year.
   (b) A chapter's probation will continue until:
      (1) action is taken in accordance with Const. Art. XII, Sec. 3(c), following it being placed on probation under the provisions of Const. Art. XII, Sec. 3(a)(1) or
      (2) the chapter demonstrates one year of successful operation and at least one approved initiation, as determined by the Council, when placed on probation under the provisions of Const. Art. XII, Secs. 2(a)(2) or 2(a)(3). Should the Council not end the probation after one year, the chapter may appeal to the Convention.
      (c) The chapter's probation may be continued or its charter may be withdrawn by a three-fourths vote, taken by roll-call, of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention. In the event of continued probation, the chapter shall be called at the next Convention to show reason why its charter should not be withdrawn.
      (d) A chapter's probation shall entail: such penalties as are deemed appropriate by the Council or the Convention; and continuation of chapter activities in support of the Association's objectives.
Article XIII

Association Finances

SECTION 1. **Audit.** An audit shall be made on an annual basis of the Association's accounts after the close of the fiscal year by a Certified Public Accountant. The Auditor's report shall be provided to each Council member and to each Convention delegate.

SECTION 2. **Trust Funds.** To further its programs and activities, the Association shall maintain a trust consisting of funds administered by a trustee in accordance with Const. Art. XIII, Secs. 7 and 8 unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution. The custody, responsibility, and accountability for the funds’ assets shall rest with the trustee. The Council may place other Association funds, except those specifically assigned to other management, under the trustee's administration. Funds administered by the trustee, including but not limited to, The Bent Life Subscription Fund, the Contingency Fund, the Convention Fund, the Engineering Futures Fund, the Fellowship Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Student Loan Fund, may be mingled.

SECTION 3. **Fund Basis and Use.** The principal of the funds listed in Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 2 or created by the Council shall be composed of moneys transferred to them by the Council. The income and principal shall be used to provide support for their respective purposes as prescribed in the Bylaws or as defined by the Council.

SECTION 4. **Life Subscription Fund.** All moneys collected as life subscriptions to The Bent shall be paid into The Bent Life Subscription Fund which is to be used to offset the cost of publication of The Bent for life subscribers. Upon a life subscriber's death, the amount paid on that subscription shall be transferred to the Fellowship Fund.

SECTION 5. **Student Loan Fund.** In addition to funding available from the student loan fund, loans may be provided from the prepaid subscriptions to The Bent magazine. A portion of this fund shall be set aside to provide loans to cover the initiation fees for new members as needed.

SECTION 6. **Contingency Fund.** (a) This fund is to provide for unanticipated expenses and to maintain a proper operating level of the Association in periods of major income reduction. The fund’s amount shall be set by the Council. (b) To assure liquidity, the Contingency Fund's assets shall be invested in mutual funds, the Association's Trust, or United States Government securities.

SECTION 7. **Trustee.** (a) The trustee shall be an incorporated bank or a trust company, authorized by the laws of any state in the United States of America to engage in the business of acting as a trustee of private trusts. Such trustee shall be selected by the Council in consultation with the Trust Advisory Committee. (b) The trustee shall have the responsibility for investing and reinvesting all assets placed under its jurisdiction to meet the funds’ objective, subject in its investment actions to the Trust Advisory Committee's direction. (c) The trustee shall review and either concur with or challenge any investment decision or action of the Trust Advisory Committee. In the event the trustee does not concur in an investment decision or action of the Trust Advisory Committee, the matter shall be presented to the Council. The Council's decision shall prevail, and the trustee shall be required to follow any decision. (d) The trustee shall make reports to the Trust Advisory Committee at least quarterly, and to the Council and the Executive Director at least annually. The Executive Director shall report to the Convention concerning the financial management of the trustee.

SECTION 8. **Investment Options.** The trustee and the Trust Advisory Committee shall invest the funds by purchasing some combination of: (a) Shares of fixed income and equity mutual funds, (b) Preferred and common stocks, (c) Money market funds, (d) Corporate bonds and debentures, (e) Certificates of deposit, and (f) Direct obligations of the United States Treasury and of legal agencies of the United States Government.

Article XIV

General Provisions

SECTION 1. **Motto.** The motto, symbolized by \( T A I \) shall not be made public, but, with the rituals, shall be handed down traditionally.
SECTION 2. **Insignia.** (a) The official colors shall be seal brown and white.

(b) The official emblem shall represent a bent of a trestle. It shall be called the Bent of Tau Beta Pi.

(c) The official badge shall be a watch-key shaped like the bent of a trestle and worn only by Association members. The body of the key shall be 1/16” (0.16 cm) thick, and it shall have the dimensions shown in Figure 1. The symbols shall be engraved on the face of the key in the manner and form indicated in the figure. The reverse of the key shall have engraved on the cap of the Bent the name of the electing chapter (state and Greek letter) and on the sill of the Bent the name of the owner and the member’s graduation year at the time of initiation.

![Figure 1](image)

(d) The official flag shall consist of three equal vertical stripes, the two end ones of seal brown and the center one of white bearing a Bent in seal brown. The flag shall be two units high and three units long. The Bent on the center stripe shall be 1 1/4 units high and of the proportions shown in Figure 1.

(e) The official membership certificate, except for those elected under Const. Art. II, Sec. 5 which shall be prescribed by the Council, shall be as shown in Figure 2. Chapters may, at their discretion, issue certificates in their native language in addition to the official certificate.

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(f) The official seal shall be as shown in Figure 3.

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SECTION 3. **Use of Insignia Replica.** Replicas of the badge or other insignia shall not be used unless authorized by the Council.
SECTION 4. Ritual. The initiation ritual to be used by all chapters shall be approved by the Convention and shall be kept secret. The Convention shall designate portions of this ritual as mandatory or optional. Portions designated as optional may be omitted by a chapter with prior approval of the chapter’s Advisory Board. Any exception to the above requires approval of the Executive Council. Copies of the ritual shall be prepared only by a member of the Association. When copies of the ritual become obsolete or badly worn, they shall be destroyed.

SECTION 5. Creed. The creed shall be “Integrity and Excellence in Engineering.”

SECTION 6. Publications. The official publications shall be known as *The Bent of Tau Beta Pi* and *The Bulletin of Tau Beta Pi*.

SECTION 7. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

**Article XV**

*Amendments*

SECTION 1. Proposal. Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed by:

(a) Any chapter, the Council, or the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws at the Convention, or

(b) The Council upon publication to all chapters.

SECTION 2. Adoption. (a) Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Sec. 1(a) may be adopted by the approval of at least three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention, and ratification by at least three-fourths of the chapters by at least a three-fourths favorable vote of the active membership present and entitled to vote at that chapter meeting, or

(b) Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Sec. 1(b) may be adopted by the approval of at least three-fourths of the chapters by at least a three-fourths favorable vote of the total active membership of each chapter.

SECTION 3. Time Limit of Chapter Vote. (a) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Sec. 1(a), each chapter shall report its action, or vote, to Headquarters by the following April 1.

(b) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Sec. 1(b), each chapter shall report its action, or vote, to Headquarters by the date specified in the proposal as determined by the Council, which shall be no less than four months from the date of publication.

(c) Failure to provide the report as specified in Const. Art. XV, Secs. 3(a) or 3(b) shall be construed as giving the Council the authority to act and vote for that chapter as the Council believes to be in the Association’s best interests.

SECTION 4. Report. Amendments to the Constitution shall be reported to each chapter and printed in the official publications.

**Article XVI**

*Enactment*

This Constitution, being a revision of the Constitution adopted by the Convention of 1965, and enacted on June 6, 1966, by ratification of the chapters, was proposed by the Council, with the advice of the Conventions of 2016 and 2017 and of the chapters, and was enacted on <TBD>², by ratification of the chapters, and thus became the law of the Association.

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¹ ® Title registered in U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
² Date of ratification will be inserted here.
Article XVII
(Ratified December 27, 1973)

Merger of Sigma Tau into the Association

Solely for the purpose of consummating the merger of the Sigma Tau Fraternity and the Sigma Tau Foundation, Inc., into the Association, this Article constitutes a waiver where necessary of applicable provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws in the following regards:

(a) Sigma Tau Chapters at schools without Tau Beta Pi Chapters will, upon approval of school authorities, be converted into Tau Beta Pi Chapters.

(b) All active members and faculty advisors of Sigma Tau Chapters at the time the merger becomes effective, who are not already members of Tau Beta Pi, will be initiated into Tau Beta Pi. Their national initiation charge will be paid from funds made available to the Association from assets of the Sigma Tau Fraternity.

(c) Alumnus members of Sigma Tau may become members of Tau Beta Pi by paying to Headquarters the standard national initiation charge, participating in an initiation process determined by the Executive Council, and receiving the materials provided to new members.

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Bylaw I
Association Programs

SECTION 1.01. Chapter Recognition. The Association shall annually recognize chapters for their achievements.
(a) Chapter Excellence Awards are presented to chapters that excel in the areas of chapter operations, membership recruitment, program participation, and reporting.
(b) Chapter Project Awards are presented to chapters that conduct outstanding activities in a broad range of areas.
(c) The J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award recognizes chapters that excel in improving recruitment of new members.
(d) The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award encourages and recognizes high quality projects, chapter operations, and reporting.
(e) The R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award recognizes major improvement in chapter development, including project work and reporting.

SECTION 1.02. Chapter Support and Assistance. The Association shall maintain programs that provide training, support, and financial assistance to the chapters and their members.
(a) The Alumni Affairs Program works to maintain relationships with members after graduation through alumni chapters and participation in Association activities. See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4(a).
(b) The District Program provides leadership development through conferences and meetings and individualized chapter support through visits and participation in chapter activities by District Directors. See Const. Art. V, Sec. 2 and Art. XI, Sec. 6.
(c) The Engineering Futures Program advances the interests of the engineering profession and enhances the technical educational process by promoting the learning of interpersonal nontechnical skills which are essential for a well-rounded, effective engineer.
(d) The Greater Interest in Government Program provides grants to chapters interested in conducting public-oriented projects.
(e) The MindSET Program provides grants to chapters to conduct hands-on activities with K-12 students to enhance preparation and promote interest in the STEM disciplines.
(f) The Ritual Program ensures chapter officers are trained to conduct a proper initiation ceremony and the necessary resources are available to the chapters.

SECTION 1.03. Member Support and Assistance. The Association offers financial support through a number of programs.
(a) The Association shall maintain a Fellowship Program insofar as its financial condition permits as determined by the Council. The Fellowship Program's purpose shall be to advance the interests of the engineering profession, to stimulate graduate study and research, and to recognize deserving members for demonstrating outstanding scholarship and exemplary character. See Const. Art. XI, Secs. 4(c) and 8.
(1) Fellowships shall be granted to members strictly for graduate work towards an advanced degree. The graduate study shall be in a field that enables the recipient to contribute to the engineering profession as determined by the Fellowship Board.
(2) A fellowship shall not be awarded to a member who has previously had a Tau Beta Pi fellowship.
(b) The Association shall maintain a Scholarship Program insofar as its financial condition permits as determined by the Council. The Scholarship Program’s purpose shall be to advance the interests of the engineering profession, to stimulate undergraduate study, and to recognize deserving members for demonstrating outstanding scholarship and exemplary character. See Const. Art. XI, Secs. 4(c) and 8.
(1) Scholarships shall be granted to members for undergraduate work towards a bachelor's degree. The undergraduate study shall be in a program for which students are eligible for membership in Tau Beta Pi at an institution with an active Tau Beta Pi Chapter. The scholar shall pursue full-time study for either a full term or a partial term as specified by the scholar.

(2) A scholarship shall not be awarded to a member who has previously had a Tau Beta Pi Scholarship.

(c) The Association shall maintain a Student Assistance Program which provides grants to student members who would otherwise be without sufficient financial resources to remain in college. Recipients are not required to repay the grants.

(d) The Association shall make funding available to any student member through its Student Loan Program. The Executive Director shall administer student loans from the Student Loan Fund. Loans for the initiation fees are a part of this program, and any member receiving a loan is expected, and legally obligated, to repay it.

SECTION 1.04. Member Recognition. The Association annually recognizes members for their achievements.

(a) Distinguished Alumnus Awards recognize alumni who continue to live up to the ideals of the Association as stated in the Eligibility Code and foster a spirit of liberal culture throughout their lives in addition to their outstanding accomplishments in engineering.

(b) The Laureate Program recognizes members who have demonstrated through extensive activities that technology alone is not the sole concern of the engineer. This concern for liberal culture is reflected by the Laureate's achievements while enrolled as a student in engineering. The Laureate Program's purpose shall be to place a greater emphasis on fostering the spirit of liberal culture as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution.

(c) The Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor Award celebrates excellence among members who have supported the personal and professional development of their students or colleagues as excellent mentors and advisors.

(d) The Outstanding Advisor Award recognizes collegiate chapter advisors who demonstrate outstanding support to their chapters.

Bylaw II
The Executive Council

SECTION 2.01. Report to the Convention. The Council shall make to each Convention a report (See Const. Art. X, Sec. 5) containing the following items:

(a) A statement of the Association's condition, both general and financial.

(b) The transactions of the Council since the last Convention.

(c) All recommendations deemed to be for the good of the Association.

(d) All subjects brought to its attention by any chapter.

(e) All subjects referred to the Council for study or action by the Convention.

(f) All chapters and members subject to disciplinary action.

(g) All petitions for charters.

(h) Recommendations for the abolishment of chapters and withdrawal of charters.

Bylaw III
Schedule of Fine

SECTION 3.01. Chapter Fines. (a) A chapter that fails to send to Headquarters a required report within two weeks of the stated deadline shall be assessed and shall pay a fine of five dollars ($5.00) unless a different amount is provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws. See Const. Art. XII, Sec. 2.

(b) A chapter that holds an initiation without approval shall be assessed a flat fine of fifty dollars ($50.00). See Const. Art. IV, Sec. 1 and Const. Art. XII, Sec. 2.

(c) A chapter that initiates a candidate who is ineligible shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per ineligible initiate, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) per initiation. See Const. Art. IV, Sec. 6.

(d) A chapter that initiates a candidate elected as a member under the eligibility provisions of Const. Art. II, Secs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 without submitting the required documentation or without receiving approval shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per ineligible initiate, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) per initiation.

(e) A chapter that fails to file the appropriate 990 form as required by the IRS for two consecutive fiscal years shall be assessed a flat fine of fifty dollars ($50.00).

Bylaw IV
Amendments

SECTION 4.01. Proposal. An amendment to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Council, any chapter to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, a delegate directly to the Convention, or the Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws directly to the Convention.

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SECTION 4.02. **Adoption.** An amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the Convention may be adopted by the same Convention on any day following its formal presentation to the Convention by at least a three-fourths vote of those present and entitled to vote. Any proposed amendment may be laid over until the next Convention upon at least a three-fourths vote of those present and entitled to vote. Any proposed amendment may be referred to the chapters upon at least a three-fourths vote of those present and entitled to vote. Ratification balloting on an amendment referred to the chapters shall be conducted in accord with the procedures required for adoption of Constitution amendments (See Const. Art. XV, Sec. 2). Each chapter shall report its vote to Headquarters in accord with Const. Art. XV, Sec. 3, or forfeit its vote to the Council. Any proposed amendment that has been laid over until the next Convention or referred to the chapters may be reconsidered and voted upon at a later day at the same Convention.

SECTION 4.03. **Report on Amendment.** Amendments to the Bylaws shall be reported to each chapter and printed in the official publications.

SECTION 4.04. **Restriction.** These amending procedures shall apply to all Bylaws except Bylaw IV. This Bylaw may be amended only in accordance with Const. Art. XV.