



THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2018 CONVENTION

Convention Actions

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

1. **Require programs that are not ABET-EAC accredited or have the same name as an ABET-EAC accredited program to be appealed and approved by the Convention.**
Constitution Article II, Sec. 1 (a) (3) (p. 21)
2. **Clarify that an institution or advisor determines scholastic eligibility for graduate students.**
Constitution Article II, Sec. 3 (a) (p. 23)
3. **Adjust when the Advisory Board approves graduate student eligibility and when documents are submitted.**
Constitution Article II, Sec. 3 (b) (pp. 23-24)
4. **Clarify a District Director's role in mediating a candidate's objection to duties assigned by a chapter.**
Constitution Article III, Sec. 2 (b) (p. 11)
5. **Update the language and refine the process for the petitioning and approval of new collegiate chapters.**
Constitution Article VI, Secs. 1-3 (pp. 10, 19-20)
6. **Allow the Convention and Executive Council to modify official and trial programs, respectively.**
Constitution Article IX, Section 7 (f) and Article X, Section 5 (k) (p. 11)
7. **Change the deadline for Executive Council nominations to July 1.**
Constitution Article X, Section 2 (a) (pp. 11-12)
8. **Adjust when Executive Council nominations are allowed from the floor of Convention.**
Constitution Article X, Section 2 (d) (p. 22)
9. **Refine the Executive Council election process to address situations where an unopposed candidate does not receive a majority vote.**
Constitution Article X, Section 3 (a) (pp. 22-23)
10. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2017-18 to Ohio Iota at Ohio Northern University. Honorable mentions were given to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama and Michigan Gamma at the University of Michigan. (p. 24)
11. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2017-18 to New Mexico Beta at the University of New Mexico and an honorable mention to Arkansas Alpha at the University of Arkansas. (p. 24)

12. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** to New Jersey Delta at Princeton University and honorable mentions to Massachusetts Theta at University of Massachusetts Lowell and Oklahoma Gamma at Oklahoma State University. *(p. 24)*
13. Applauded the announcement of the 2018 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor to **James C. Hill**, Ph.D., *California Gamma '62*, recognized for his leadership and commitment to assisting engineering students for more than 45 years. Retiring in 2017 from Iowa State, he was a faculty member, chapter advisor, chief advisor, and district director. *(p. 14)*
14. Applauded presentations of the 2018 Tau Beta Pi Laureates: **Amy C. Kurr**, *Iowa Alpha '18*, and **Krista L. Stribling**, *Indiana Delta '18*. *(p. 13)*
15. Applauded the presentation of 28 **Chapter Excellence Awards** for outstanding chapter operations reporting in 2017-18 to: Alabama Alpha, Alabama Delta, **Alabama Epsilon**, Arizona Alpha, Arizona Beta, **Arizona Gamma**, **Arizona Delta**, Arkansas Alpha, California Alpha, California Epsilon, Florida Gamma, Indiana Gamma, **Iowa Alpha**, **Michigan Gamma**, **Michigan Epsilon**, New Mexico Alpha, **New Mexico Beta**, New Mexico Gamma, New York Delta, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Theta, **Ohio Iota**, **Ohio Kappa**, **Ohio Lambda**, Ohio Nu, Texas Theta, Texas Mu, and Wisconsin Beta. The 10 chapters in bold denotes those chapters scoring 100 percent. *(p. 13)*
16. Applauded the presentation of 32 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2017-18 to: Arizona Alpha, Arkansas Alpha, California Upsilon, Colorado Alpha, Illinois Delta, Michigan Beta, Michigan Theta, New Mexico Beta, New York Kappa, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Lambda, Vermont Beta and Wyoming Alpha, and to the following eighteen chapters that won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented Chapter Performance Scholarships of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, California Alpha, California Epsilon, California Eta, California Psi, Florida Alpha, Florida Gamma, Florida Theta, Iowa Alpha, Maryland Beta, Maryland Delta, Michigan Gamma, Michigan Epsilon, New Mexico Gamma, Ohio Iota, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wisconsin Alpha. *(p. 13)*
17. Set the size of the Executive Council at nine members and recommended that the size of the Council be revisited during the next Convention. *(p. 9)*
18. Reactivated the Colorado Gamma, at the University of Denver. *(pp. 10, 18)*
19. Determined allowable delegate expenses for the 2019 Convention to be the same as the reimbursement schedule for the 2018 Convention and recommended that a future Convention create a standing reimbursement policy. *(p. 10)*
20. Made changes to the instructions for the Ritual to accommodate initiates requiring special needs and recommended the Report of Election include the ability to request accommodations for initiates with special needs. *(p. 14)*
21. Requested that an *ad-hoc* committee on alumni chapters be established at the 2019 Convention. *(p. 15)*
22. Raised the charter fee for new alumni chapters to \$100. *(p. 15)*
23. Requested that a task force on website be re-established to continue optimizing the website design. *(p. 15)*

24. Requested that an *ad-hoc* committee on website be established at the 2019 Convention. (p. 15)
25. Asked that the Student Advisory Board include a list of outreach strategies be included in a revised version of the President's Book. (p. 15)
26. Recommended that initiation invitation letter and follow-up email templates be made available to the collegiate chapters. (p. 15)
27. Requested that an *ad-hoc* committee on Image and Marketing be established at the 2019 Convention. (pp. 15-16)
28. Adopted a new logo and an associated use policy and directed the Executive Council to develop an implementation plan for the new logo. (pp. 16-17)
29. Accepted the invitation from Tennessee Alpha and the Great Smoky Mountains Alumni Chapter to host the 2021 Convention in Knoxville. (pp. 17-18)
30. Elected Rachel K. Alexander, CA U '15, George J. Morales, FL E '06, and Russell W. Pierce, WA A '70 to serve on the Executive Council for the 2019-21 term. (p. 18)
31. Reviewed the finances of the Association and requested an Initiation Fee Report and a Deficit Report be included with the financial information provided to future Conventions. (p. 19)
32. Granted an appeal from FL A to consider students in Human-Centered Computing and from NJ E to consider students in Engineering Entrepreneurship as eligible for membership. (p. 20-21)
33. Directed the 2019 Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to consider pathways for resigned members to re-apply for membership. (p. 22)
34. Directed the Executive Council to have the proposed change regarding the trustee reviewed by the Trust Advisory Committee and provide a more detailed proposal for the 2019 Convention. (p. 22)
35. Made recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. (p. 24)

2019.10.07