

Executive Director's Note: This includes the portion of the minutes related to the debate and passage of the four amendments to the Constitution approved by the 2019 Convention. They include passages from the reports of the committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Convention Site, and Image and Marketing. The remaining reports and actions of the Convention are NOT included in this summary document. Portions not related to the amendments have not been included and are noted by with ellipses (...). If you have any questions, please contact Curt Gomulinski at curt@tbp.org.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, October 11, Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus, Ohio

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. and requested a revised quorum report. Executive Director Gomulinski stated that registration was still in process with 214 collegiate chapter delegates, 27 alumni chapter delegates, and 29 Association Officials for 270 voting delegates.

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The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was called. P.M. Mulford Jr. (AZ B), Chair, stated the committee was tasked with four items of business including: review and recommend action on a proposal to extend the deadline for policy development from the 2017 Constitution and Bylaws; review and recommend action on proposals to modify the Constitution and Bylaws; review and recommend action on a proposal for a general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws; and review and recommend action on updated templates for chapter bylaws. He would report on three of the items on Saturday, but the committee was prepared for action on proposals to modify the Constitution. Mr. Mulford **moved**, seconded by H.D. Hobbs (CA R), **to amend Const. Art. XIII, Secs. 7(a) and 8 as shown on the screen**. He provided an overview of the proposed changes and noted that the Trust is currently overseen by the Trust Advisory Committee that meets once per year and managed by a passive Trustee. The Trust is limited to investment options as enumerated on the screen. The proposed changes would allow the Trust to be managed by a registered investment advisor as well as current options of a bank or trust company. The change would also allow the Trust to invest in options such as Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Mr. Mulford **moved to postpone further consideration** until Saturday, and the Chair, without objection, **ruled the motion postponed**.

The Report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. D.G Kuhn (MI A), Chair, stated his committee was tasked to review and recommend action on invitations to host the 2022 Convention and review and recommend action on a proposal regarding future Convention site locations. Mr. Kuhn presented the proposed 2022 sites including Houston, TX; Milwaukee, WI; Baton Rouge, LA; and Rapid City, SD. Mr. Kuhn **moved**, seconded by H.D. Hobbs (CA Rho), **to accept the bid of Rapid City, SD**. R.A. Cashion II (NC D) stated that Rapid City was the most cost effective option at \$883 per delegate; ample hotels are located near the convention center; food and other attractions are close to the meeting site; the chapter, city, and hotels are motivated to host the event and provided an incentive program to cover 75-100 percent of shuttle costs; and the bid includes low service charges and the best room comp rate at 1/30. The committee considered concerns regarding a smaller airport and the convention center being separate from the hotels. The committee felt the advantages of Rapid City outweighed any other concerns and noted that the airport is served by all major airlines. The motion **passed on a voice vote**.

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Chairman Hickling declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 12, Ohio State University, Hitchcock Hall

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and requested a revised quorum. Executive Director Gomulinski provided a revised credentials report stating that registration was complete with 218 Collegiate Chapters, 27 Alumni Chapters, and 30 Association Officials for a total of 275 voting delegates. Chairman Hickling stated that he and Executive Director Gomulinski had reordered the Agenda and if no objections, he ruled the amended Agenda approved.

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Continuing Report of the Committee on Convention Site, D.G Kuhn (MI A), Chair, stated the second charge to the committee was to review and recommend action on a proposal regarding future Convention site locations. Currently, Const. Art. IX, Sec. 7(d) states that the Convention is charged with fixing the time and place of the Convention not more than three years in advance. He **moved**, seconded by A.W. Ley (MI G), **to amend Const. Art IX, Sec. 7(d) to replace “Fixing the time and place of the Convention not more than three years in advance” with “Fixing the timeframe and place of the Convention.”** R.A. Cashion II (NC D) said this change would allow more leverage when Headquarters is negotiating with vendors at the site. C. Recine (CA M) expressed concerns that planning 10-years out could cause problems when costs or chapters change. F. Mohideen (NC G), inquired if research showed results in price savings, and Mr. Gomulinski responded that it gives Headquarters the ability to negotiate multi-year savings. N. J. Turco (NY S) said we planning as far in advance as possible is a good thing as it provides more time to address problems as three years leaves little room for adjusting to unexpected changes. K.R. Wall (NY N) said mechanisms are in place if we need to change a location after an initial decision is made. J. Obute (KY A) recommended changing timeframe back to time. Without objection, Mr. Hickling **ruled the proposed amendment accepted to substitute “time” for “timeframe.”** G.J. Morales (Executive Councillor) indicated that we expect to receive discounts on contracts for planning further in advance or over multiple years. On a question from N.B. Naylor (AL E) about this proposal allowing sites to be selected 20 years in advance, Chairman Hickling said yes. L.A. Slavit (PA A) stated that hotels would be unlikely to sign contracts so far in advance. M. DeBrito (MI G Alt.) said if there were any unreasonable changes to the time and place, Convention still retain the authority to address them. Chairman Hickling asked if there were any objections to voting, and hearing none, vote was by text. **The motion passed** with 234 in favor and 19 against, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**. The wording of the amendment appears below.

Article IX

The Convention

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

- ...
- (d) Fixing the time and place of the Convention ~~not more than three years in advance.~~
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The Continuing Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was called. C.J. Osterloh (OH M) Chair, said his committee was charged to review and recommend actions on a template for chapter bylaws. He **moved**, seconded by V.R. Pellerito (MI H), **that the Executive Council review, revise, and publish the Model Chapter Bylaws with clear instructions on how to revise their chapter bylaws by December 1.** M.S. Coey (WI G) said that as of the 2017 general revision of the C&B, many chapters refer to the previous C&B structure and contents. A delegate inquired if this was for collegiate chapters and the committee chair replied in the affirmative. **The motion passed on a voice vote.**

Without objection, Mr. Osterloh resumed debate on the amendment to the Constitution that had been postponed from Friday’s meeting. He noted that the proposed changes would allow Tau Beta Pi to hire a Trustee who is a registered investment advisor, a bank, or a trust company and would allow the Trust to expand its investment options to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Hearing no further debate, Chairman Hickling put the matter to a vote by text. **The motion passed** with 214 in favor and 10 against, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**. The wording of the amendment appears below.

Article XIII

Association Finances

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SECTION 7. **Trustee.** (a) The trustee shall be an incorporated bank, ~~or~~ a trust company or a registered investment advisor, 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.

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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) Shares of exchange-traded funds and real estate investment trusts.

~~(b)~~(c) Preferred and common stocks,

~~(c)~~(d) Money market funds,

~~(d)~~(e) Corporate bonds and debentures,

~~(e)~~(f) Certificates of deposit, and

~~(f)~~(g) Direct obligations of the United States Treasury and of legal agencies of the United States Government.

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Chairman Hickling **recessed the Fourth Business Meeting** at 12:24 p.m.

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 12, Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus, Ohio

Chairman Hickling took charge of the **Final Business Meeting** on the banquet program in the Ballroom of the Columbus Airport Marriott and **called the meeting to order** at 8:16 p.m.

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Continuing the Report of the Image and Marketing Committee, N. J. Turco (NY S) Chair, provided a policy update slide and **she moved**, seconded by V. R Pellerito (MI H), **to amend the current Insignia Replica Policy with the changes on the screen, along with the following provisions:**

- 1) Cease production of new items with the 2000 logo as soon as possible;**
- 2) No new items may be printed with the 2000 logo after December 31, 2019;**
- 3) Current stock may be used until depletion.**

On a point of personal privilege from R.R. Sneeringer (PA G), Chairman Hickling requested that the changes to the policy be displayed again to delegates. There was no further debate, and **the motion passed** on a voice vote. The wording of the new policy appears below.

The Executive Director is empowered by the Convention to approve the use of insignia replica under the guidelines listed in this document.

All replicas must be in the orientation of and in proportion with the official design.

1. *The Bent as shown in Constitution¹.*
 - a. *Must include the words Tau Beta Pi.*
 - b. *Should include the words The Engineering Honor Society.*
2. *The 2019 Logo Bent:*
 - a. *Must include the words Tau Beta Pi as in the official design.*
 - b. *Must include the words The Engineering Honor Society as in the official design.*
 - c. *May NOT include the Greek letters TBPI nor motto symbolization.*
 - d. *All logos must follow the official design with respect to Appendix A.*
3. *Chapter Logo Variant*
 - a. *Each chapter may vary the colors of the 2019 Logo Bent to create their own chapter variant of the 2019 logo.*
 - b. *Each chapter logo must include the name of the chapter or school below the words The Engineering Honor Society in the official design.*

¹ Association Constitution Article XIV, Figure 1

The design shall not cause embarrassment to the Association.

Prior to distribution, items using the name of the Association, the motto symbolization, or any insignia replica requires approval of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall determine if distribution of an item is limited to members of the Association for their use only or if an item may be distributed to non-members including candidates for membership in the Association or to members of the public.

Distribution of the official badge, membership certificate, honor cord, and graduation stole is limited to members of the Association.

Distribution of any items bearing the name, motto symbolization, or insignia replica to members of more than one chapter requires approval of the Executive Director.

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Ms. Turco presented the next charge to the committee which was to review and recommend action on a proposal to change the Tau Beta Pi seal. The current seal is depicted in Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 2(f). Ms. Turco **moved**, seconded by V.R. Pellerito (MI H), **to amend Const. Art. XIV, Sec 2(f) replace the current seal with the proposed seal as displayed to delegates on the screen. Provisos to the motion include no new items should be printed with the old logo after June 30, 2020, and current stock may be used until depletion.** Ms. Turco noted that the current seal does not use a bent that adheres to the specifications outlined in Const. Art XIV, Sec 2(c), but the proposed new version utilizes a Bent that is in the correct proportions. There was no debate so Mr. Hickling called for a vote. The **motion passed** on a voice vote, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**. The proposed changes appear below.



~~Figure 3~~

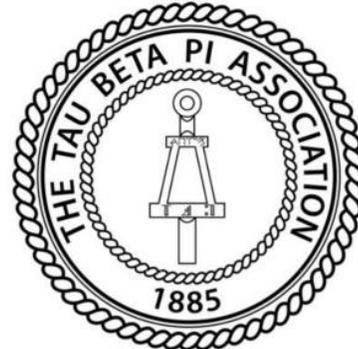


Figure 3

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On a motion by W.B. Paugh (President), seconded by countless delegates, Chairman Hickling declared the **Convention adjourned sine die at 9:58 p.m.**