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Tau Beta Pi Postpones Annual Convention

Knoxville, TN — Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society announces **the postponement of the 116th annual Convention** which was to be held October 21-23, 2021. Convention is held annually in person for Tau Beta Pi leaders and delegates to meet, conduct Association business, and present honors and awards. This year's Convention was scheduled to take place in Knoxville, home of Tau Beta Pi's international headquarters.

The impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic has continued to increase** throughout the state, with a high concentration in Knoxville and Knox County. Numerous emails and messages were received expressing concern about hosting an in-person Convention and delegates traveling to a hotspot location. Due to recent data and shared concern, it was concluded that any precautions that could be implemented would not be sufficient to guarantee delegate safety or alleviate member concern.

In addition to a concern for member safety, **the Association did not achieve quorum to conduct the business of the Convention.** Tau Beta Pi's Constitution defines quorum as a majority of the collegiate chapters. With 250 active chapters, the quorum is 126 collegiate chapter delegates. As final registration closed, there were not enough collegiate chapter delegates registered to meet quorum. Based on these factors, the **Executive Council made the difficult decision to officially postpone the Convention.** They did not take this action lightly given the inconvenience to those planning to attend in-person and the costs involved in this decision.

The Association will be working over the next several weeks to share additional information with its members. For more information, see our website: www.tbp.org/conv/2021/conv.cfm.

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Tau Beta Pi is The Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. With 250 collegiate chapters and 47 active alumni chapters, it has initiated nearly 618,000 members in its 136-year history and is the world's largest engineering society. See <https://www.tbp.org/> or contact Kailey Churchill (kchurchill@tbp.org) for more details.