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

**Official Collegiate Chapter Voting Delegates:**

| AL A | Ann R. Johnston | DC A | Alrick J. Davis | MD E | ----------------------------- |
| AL B | ---------------------------- | DC B | Elijah C. Feret | MA A | ----------------------------- |
| AL Γ | ---------------------------- | DC Γ | Amy E. Fehr  | MA B | ----------------------------- |
| AL Δ | Cameron C. Gallup  | FL A | Alexander E. Olson | MA Δ | ----------------------------- |
| AL E | Angela C. Russ  | FL B | Dominic C. Pizzico | MA E | Zachary T. Hoglund  |
| AK A | Leighona N. Hatter  | FL Γ | Jaden S. Crute | MA Z | ----------------------------- |
| AZ A | Parrish C.H. Ballenger  | FL Δ | Janice Zou | MA H | Sabrina N. Wilderrotter  |
| AZ B | Anthony A. Gallegos  | FL E | Rodolfo A. Rivas Matta | MA Θ | ----------------------------- |
| AZ Γ | Loren C. Larriue  | FL Z | Shayla E. Peak | MA I | ----------------------------- |
| AZ Δ | Zachary A. Traynor  | FL H | Austin Roberts | MA K | Antonio Z. Piascik  |
| AR A | Colton Gattis  | FL Θ | Ylea E. Ceballos | MI A | Sydney Jacobi  |
| AR B | Hannah G. Duke  | FL I | Roman Morozov | MI B | Hallie M. Olsen  |
| CA A | Tara T. Dubrige  | GA A | Jacques S. Singh | MI Γ | Ansh Patel  |
| CA B | Jules M.A. Pénout  | GA B | Sarah E. Storch | MI Δ | ----------------------------- |
| CA Γ | Manish Raj  | GA Γ | Aidan P. Rowell | MI E | Bayaan H. Odeh  |
| CA Δ | ---------------------------- | GA Δ | Corianna M. Mayne | MI Z | Jenna M. Salmen  |
| CA E | Katerina Katsouleas  | ID A | ----------------------------- | MI H | Sophia B. Jones  |
| CA Z | Dyva Syal  | ID B | ----------------------------- | MI Θ | Irene Garcia Diez  |
| CA H | Alisha Limbu  | ID Γ | Phoebe Cain | MI I | Jakub T. Wittrock  |
| CA θ | Jack E. Karapetian  | ID Δ | Derrick K. Agbezukey | MI K | Sergei Akhmatdino  |
| CA I | Abel Guillen Jr.  | IL A | Anna M. Buss | MI Δ | Madison M. Hinman  |
| CA K | ---------------------------- | IL B | Jakob F. Scherf | MN A | Karson K. Scherer  |
| CA Λ | Tate L. Chatfield  | IL Γ | Claire Lu | MN B | Andrew R. Walz  |
| CA M | Anna Cooper  | IL Δ | ----------------------------- | MS A | Grace E. Dingeldey  |
| CA N | ---------------------------- | IL E | Isaiah W. Deiters | MS B | Nicholaus S. Greazel II  |
| CA Ε | Courtney L. Chase  | IL Z | ----------------------------- | MO A | Audrey P. Horner  |
| CA O | Matthew A. Bentsen  | IN A | Thomas P. Mullin | MO B | Joshua T. Patterson  |
| CA P | Cole E. Sheldon  | IN B | ----------------------------- | MO Γ | Eric Jia  |
| CA Σ | Hunter S. Larson  | IN Γ | ----------------------------- | MO Δ | Kaitlyn I. Butler  |
| CA Τ | Tse-wen Chen  | IN Δ | Micah A. D’Arcangelo | MO E | Jessica L. Robinson  |
| CA Υ | Tala A. Jaber  | IN E | ----------------------------- | MT A | Logan D. Schmidt  |
| CA Φ | Crystal X. Zhu  | IN Z | Nathaniel L. Lazorchak | MT B | ----------------------------- |
| CA Χ | Luke D. Molina-Jackson  | IA A | Mackenzie E. Donald | NE A | Rylie P. Steffen  |
| CA Ψ | Anna F. Niu  | IA B | Elizabeth A. Reardon | NV A | ----------------------------- |
| CA Ω | James R. Clinton  | KS A | Lauren A. Wolf | NV B | ----------------------------- |
| CA ΑΑ | Kirsten J. Welch  | KS B | Peter Porcaro | NH A | ----------------------------- |
| CA ΑΒ | ---------------------------- | KS Γ | Nicholas R. Divilbiss | NH B | Sarah T. Hutchinson  |
| CA ΑΓ | Jocelynn Nazarit  | KY A | Nancy G. Smith | NJ A | Byron H. Panrudkevich  |
| CA ΑΔ | John P. Drab | KY B | Jacob H. West | NJ B | Jack A. Bostjancic  |
| CA ΑΕ | Juliana H. Grigg  | KY Γ | Nathaniel P. Burris | NJ Γ | Alexandra L. Goodwin  |
| CO A | Kurtis R. Daniels  | LA A | Maximilian C. Caffery | NJ Δ | ----------------------------- |
| CO B | Nicholas E. Barbatini  | LA B | Jessica L. Lachman | NJ E | Daniel S. Bindas  |
| CO Γ | Duncan M. Wood  | LA Γ | Jake T. Peloquin | NJ Z | Samuel O. Akinloolu  |
| CO Δ | Andrew J. Kehmeier  | LA Δ | Gabriel J. Dimonde | NM A | Tye F. Bell  |
| CO Ε | ---------------------------- | LA E | ----------------------------- | NM B | Collin Nesbit  |
| CO Ζ | ---------------------------- | ME A | Samuel Morton | NM Γ | Kaleb Jewett  |
| CT A | Adwoa O. Danso-Dodoo  | MD A | Madison G. Morrison | NY A | Jacqueline O. Yang  |
| CT B | Jarred J. Drickler-Bourgart  | MD B | Catherine E. Elliott | NY B | Cody J. Van Nostrand  |
| CT Γ | Adam Gionfriddo  | MD Δ | Jacquelyn M. Gwynn | NY Γ | ----------------------------- |
| DE A | Georgia A. Angeletakis  | MD Δ | August B. Phelps | NY Δ | Rongyi He  |

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| NY H | Sara Avraham | OK A | Breanna L. Mapes | TX B | Antonio Garcia |
| NY Ø | Gregory S. Wilkinson | OK B | Melanie M. Eickmeyer | TX G | Andrea C. Uribe |
| NY I | Vlad M. Bershchanskiy | OK G | Micah J. Bullard | TX Δ | David A. Haley |
| NY K | Kendall Kohout | OR A | Jesse S. Contreras | TX E | Kathrym L. Aing |
| NY M | Mohamed Kaid | OR B | Lani T. Nguyen | TX Z | Ryan J. Bluestein |
| NY N | Arthur J. Tanchoco Jr. | OR G | Anna F. Yrjanson | TX H | Volgaduina E. Ajiz |
| NY Σ | Nicholas X. Badillo | OR Δ | ———— | TX Θ | ———— |
| NY O | Megha Gopal | PA A | Ryan Kong | TX I | ———— |
| NY Π | Shubhang Mehrotra | PA B | ———— | TX K | ———— |
| NY P | Meera Patel | PA G | Brian A. Check | TX Δ | ———— |
| NY Σ | Kenneth C. Berlin | PA Δ | ———— | TX N | ———— |
| NY T | Deanna J. Mazzamuto | PA E | Grace E. Herchenroder | TX Ζ | ———— |
| NY Y | Natalie A. Russo | PA Z | Kris H. Melag | UT A | Jonscot K. Torson |
| NC A | Anna C. Lawrence | PA H | ———— | UT B | ———— |
| NC G | Keith A. Crissman | PA Θ | Jacob G. Janavel | UT Γ | ———— |
| NC Δ | Rachel J. Griffin | PA I | ———— | UT Λ | ———— |
| NC E | Leah D. Edwards | PA K | Casey S. Jordan | UT Ω | ———— |
| NC Z | Zachary C. Rogers | PA Α | Yguma S. Patel | VT A | ———— |
| NC H | ———— | PA M | Gracie B. Chwatek | VT B | ———— |
| ND A | Paula Pickett | PR A | Nahomi L. Cruz Otero | VA A | ———— |
| ND B | Brianna L. Amundson | RI A | ———— | VA G | ———— |
| OH A | Deepti Naruka | RI B | Nicholas C. Caito | VA Δ | ———— |
| OH B | Melanie G. Zammarelli | SC A | Aiden J. Tombuelt | VA E | ———— |
| OH G | Brian D. Foster | SC B | Macy B. Mekliesky | WA A | ———— |
| OH Δ | Greg C. Sheets II | SC G | ———— | WA B | ———— |
| OH E | Hasna Rachid | SD A | Owen Stenstadvolden | WA Γ | ———— |
| OH Z | Leah L. Walter | SD B | ———— | WA Δ | ———— |
| OH H | Alex C. Hollenbeck | TN A | Emily M. Buckner | WV A | ———— |
| OH Θ | Kaitrin A. Weber | TN B | John Paul Libanati | WV B | ———— |
| OH I | Mallory E. Clark | TN Γ | Hugo I. Morales | WI A | ———— |
| OH K | Lily M. Coss | TN Δ | Carolina C. Moreno | WI B | ———— |
| OH A | Kyle Debucci | TN E | Andrew R. Tubbs | WI Γ | ———— |
| OH M | ———— | TN Z | ———— | WI Δ | ———— |
| OH N | Peter A. Tsibouris | TN H | Joshua M. Radoha | WI E | ———— |
| OH Ξ | Elizabeth G. Kornreich | TX A | Nathan B. Stern | WY A | Eoin J. Crane |

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| AK A | Sheridin A. Blasey | DC A | Amanda C. Wright | MI Γ | Advika Jhingran |
| AZ Δ | Aspen A. Smith | FL Γ | Amanda G. Barrett | MI Γ | Karen Jin |
| AR A | Leo C. Black | FL Δ | Daniel A. Dollman | MI Γ | Alexander J. Li |
| AR A | Austen T. Lee | FL Δ | ———— | MI Γ | Kevin T. Masel |
| AR A | Sean S. Ong | FL Δ | Jaylin L. Johnson | MI E | Maryam A. Adel |
| AR A | Juliaia C. Renales | FL Z | Adam Ctvverak | MI E | ———— |
| AR A | Bryan C. Wieklinski | FL Z | Ceana C. Palacio | MI E | ———— |
| CA G | Chi Kin N. Lam | GA A | Hannah G. West | MI H | ———— |
| CA G | Ellie Z. Yang | GA B | Aeryn D. Cronin | MI Δ | ———— |
| CA G | Nicole N. Yang | GA Δ | Kathrym E. Kahn | MI Δ | ———— |
| CA E | Jake N. Sager | ID Δ | Luis R. Cardenas Melgar | MN B | ———— |
| CA E | Kathryn L. Saxton | IL A | Zachary F. Werth | NJ B | ———— |
| CA H | Maxim Vovenko | IN A | Andrew J. Gangstad | NJ E | ———— |
| CA A | Alexander L. Chaney | IN A | Jesse T. Grorud | NM B | ———— |
| CA M | Clayton D. Lahodny | KS Γ | Dalton M. Rizzo | NY A | ———— |
| CA Ξ | Madison C. White | KY B | Sarah M. Gullop | NY B | Emily E. Labour |
| CA Σ | Arun Khanna | KY B | Janell A. Prater | NY H | ———— |
| CA T | Chogen Lee | LA A | Mary M. Werther | NY K | ———— |
| CA Y | Gami A. Balhas | LA B | Cristian C. Garces | NY N | Marcus H. Francisco |
| CA AA | Claudia E. Herman | LA Δ | Y M. Ho | NY Ξ | Payton R. Hayes |
| CA AA | Anirudh Iyer | MA E | Andrew S. Briasco-Stewart | NC Δ | Katelyn F. Fennell |
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Representatives of the petitioning societies:

American University of Sharjah
Faculty: Imran A. Zualkernan, MN A ’83

Texas A&M University at Qatar
Faculty: Annie Ruimi, CA E ’93 *
Student: Amna I.T. Cassim, TX Δ ’24 *
Arindha J.S. Gunananda Muni, TX Δ ’25 *

* Names with an asterisk indicate members with two roles who appear elsewhere in the list of attendees.
Representatives of the Association in attendance were:

**Executive Council**
- President: Rachel K. Alexander
- Vice President: Ronald M. Hickling
- Secretary: Michael L. Peterson
- Treasurer: Michael J. Hand III

**District Directors**
- District 1: Michael C. Munsey, Lauren J. Swett
- District 2: Sandhya Kannan, Lara L. Spinelli
- District 3: Jon M. Sonsteby
- District 4: Joseph P. Blackford, Lisa C. Lombino
- District 5: Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez, Andrew I. Doyka
- District 6: Ellen S. Styles, Tonya J. Whitehead, Bruce A. DeVantier, Eric F. Dorge, Teresa J. Hutton *
- District 7: Lauren H. Logan, Michael Ustes
- District 8: Joseph P. Zipperer
- District 9: Brent J. Barcus *
- District 10: Jose E. Suarez
- District 11: Margaret G. Gosheert, James C. Hill
- District 12: Matthew T. Pittard
- District 13: Scott W. Schmucker, C. Christopher Stemple
- District 14: Joseph P. Zipperer
- District 15: Daniel T. Kruusmagi, Elson Y.-H. Liu
- District 16: Neal T. Bussett, Sam Rokni

**Program Directors**
- Director of Alumni Affairs: Tricia E. Gomulinski
- Director of the District Program: Stacey L. Forkner
- Director of Engineering Futures: Kathleen T.-L. Colbry
- Director of Fellowships: Sally J. Steadman
- Director of Rituals: Edward J. D'Avignon

**Convention Officials**
- Convention Chair: Convention Chair
- Parliamentarian: Ronald M. Hickling *
- Historian: Joseph A. Kuspa
- Credentials Committee Chair: Benjamin J. Pollatz
- Tellers Committee Chair: Wesley R. Repke
- Photographer: Christopher J. Creveling

**Headquarters**
- Executive Director: Curtis D. Gomulinski
- Executive Director Emeritus: James D. Froula
- Director of Development: Sherry D. Jennings-King
- Non-member Headquarters Team: Angela R. Boles
- Alivia A. Brown
- Michael A. Brown
- Connor C. Dubrule
- Rebecca M. Davis
- William B. Dickson
- Ryan A. Hubbuck
- Sherry L. King
- Patricia M. McDaniel

**Hosts:**
Local arrangements for the Convention were headed by Arrangements Chair Hannah G. West (GA A) *. The hosts were the Atlanta Alumni Chapter and Georgia Alpha Chapter. Georgia Alpha members assisting at the Convention were: Z. Ahmedin, L. Ghalayini, J. Hanus, J.M. Mannarelli, J.S. Singham *, J.P. Stoop, and H. Taghian. Atlanta Alumni Chapter members assisting at the Convention included: J.L. Russell (IN A), J.P. Pederson Jr. (GA A) *, and K.A. Romstad (MI Q) *. Other volunteers included: P.H. Kimpel (DE A) *, L.D. Merkle (OH H) *, and R.D White (VA A) *.

2024 Convention arrangements leader, O. Stenstadvolden (SD A) *, was in attendance.

**Non-Member Guests:**
Non-member guests included: Joyce Basta, Pamela D'Avignon, Denise Plante-Dupuis, Grace Afi Soh, Barry Eubanks, Mary Coffey, Lauryn Parker, Peyton Haas, Sarah Hennessy, Laura Homen, Cynthia Lynn, Mary Lynn Mantooth, Staci Martin, Margaret Merkle, Connor Poole, Hannah Richardson, Cherilyn Soh, Sierra Ward, and Nancy Toy.

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President Rachel K. Alexander called the Convention to order at 9:10 a.m. In accordance with the Constitution, the Executive Council appointed Secretary M.L. Peterson to serve as Secretary of the Convention.

The Credentials Committee reported that a quorum was present although final registration was incomplete; 246 voting delegates and Association Officials were registered.

President Alexander recognized Councillor M.M. Youssef to introduce officials. She taught attendees the time-saving applause and acquainted everyone with the members of the Executive Council, Director of Alumni Affairs T.E. Gomulinski, Director of the District Program S.L. Forkner, Director of Engineering Futures K.T.-L. Colbry, Director of Fellowships S.J. Steadman, Director of Rituals E.J. D’Avignon, Executive Director C.D. Gomulinski, Executive Director Emeritus J.D. Froula, and Director of Development S.D. Jennings-King. District Directors, Engineering Futures Facilitators, the Fellowship Board, the Trust Advisory Committee, the Student Advisory Board, and the Chapter Development Committee were acknowledged in standing groups. Dr. Youssef introduced Convention Chair J.A. Abellada, Parliamentarian R.M. Hickling, Historian J.A. Kuspa, Photographer C.J. Creveling, Tellers Committee Chair W.R. Repke, and Credentials Committee Chair B.J. Pollatz.

Councillor M. Youssef then led delegates in an Introduction to Networking activity. Following the activity, she challenged participants to introduce themselves to at least 10 members at Convention and focus on those not engaged in a conversation.

The President’s Report for the Executive Council for 2022-23 was presented by R.K. Alexander. She shared some background information including her work experience with the city of Sacramento and interest in science fiction. President Alexander thanked the chapter hosts who are supporting the Convention along with the Headquarters staff. She highlighted that the Convention and the Executive Council are the two main governing bodies of the Association, and multiple Headquarters staff, committees, and chapters also support the work of the Association. Tau Beta Pi currently has 255 active collegiate chapters and 50 active alumni chapters. A total of 7,289 members were initiated last year, and the initiated membership stands at 632,742. Tau Beta Pi’s trust is managed by the Trust Advisory Committee in partnership with our trustee at Vanguard. The trust is currently valued at nearly $38 million. Over $2 million was received in donations from 9,400 members through the Annual Giving Program during the fiscal year. The Chapter Endowment Initiative currently has 29 chapters fully endowed, and pledges and gifts have been received from 129 individuals for 79 chapters. Scholarships and fellowships were also awarded last year, and she encouraged members to apply.

A Strategic Plan is being developed for the organization to improve our image, operations, finances, and membership. Ms. Alexander showed a graphic of the bent to illustrate the key pillars of the plan which expand on the improvement areas to include financial support, operations, member experience, alumni & volunteers, and overall image. She commented that the Resolutions Committee and Advisors Committee at Convention have been asked to provide input on goals for our image. To aid in image enhancement, R. Hubbuck was hired as our webmaster at Headquarters.

Multiple committees and task forces are currently working on key initiatives to support the Executive Council, including the DEI Committee which is working to help chapters initiate more diverse eminent engineers; chapters were encouraged to focus and assist in this effort. The Image & Marketing Committee will also be working on additional image improvement efforts during Convention, and she suggested that Tau Beta Pi merchandise and social media can be used in this effort along with participation on LinkedIn and Discord.

The pandemic resulted in some chapters facing additional challenges in rebuilding and encouraged chapters to focus on one or two things they can do to improve their chapters and then build from there. Chapters were also urged to take advantage of the numerous support resources available to them.

Ms. Alexander announced that the Director of the District Program was approved by the chapters as an official position, and four new chapters were approved at the 2022 Convention and installed over the past year. Two new provisional alumni chapters were also established this year. Engineering Futures is a strong program and has resulted in additional outreach with other organizations; currently, the materials are being used by other organizations and societies. Congratulations are in order for the twenty-seven chapters celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, along with two chapters celebrating their 75th anniversary, two celebrating their 100th anniversary, and one chapter (WI A) celebrating its 125th anniversary. Next year, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our merger with the Sigma Tau Fraternity.

President Alexander stated that Convention is a great opportunity to network with other chapters and collect ideas on how to improve their chapters. She noted that the President’s Report will be published in the Winter 2024 issue of The Bent.
Vice President R.M. Hickling offered the **Vice President’s Report**. He commented that one of his roles is to help identify candidates to serve on the Executive Council and introduced the three nominated candidates, H.H. Houh, R.W. Pierce, and T.A. Pinkham IV. He pointed out that, according to our Constitution, delegates may nominate Tau Beta Pi alumni from the Convention floor at the start of the Second Business Meeting on Friday, after which all candidates will be allowed to give a brief presentation during the meeting.

Secretary M.L. Peterson gave the **Secretary’s Report**. He indicated that Executive Council Meeting Minutes have been taken and summaries of the 2023 meetings are in the process of being posted on the Tau Beta Pi website. He added that Monday.com is being used to track action items for the Executive Council.

Treasurer M.J. Hand III described the Association’s finances through the **Treasurer’s Report**. He shared that the overall financial status of Tau Beta Pi was good and three members of the Trust Advisory Committee were reappointed to continue their service.

Ms. Alexander said that the **Executive Director’s Report** will be presented on Friday at the Chapter Recognition Lunch.

President Alexander expressed her appreciation for the work of the Program Directors who would each present a report to Convention. T.E. Gomulinski provided the **Report of the Director of Alumni Affairs**. She stated that 50 alumni chapters are currently active and acknowledged the chapters which have been reactivated or established during the past year. For the first time, alumni chapter awards will be presented on Saturday evening. Alumni chapters engage in multiple social events to provide fellowship and also support their local chapters. Ms. Gomulinski asked all chapters to support Tau Beta Pi’s celebration of Tau Beta Pi Day on March 14, 2024. Also, Tau Bate Talks are hosted virtually on a monthly basis, and everyone is invited to attend. She encouraged members to stay involved in the Association after they graduate via the alumni chapters and requested to be contacted if they are looking for help making connections.

S.L. Forkner delivered the **Report of the Director of the District Program**. She noted that the District Program was established in the 1970s to coordinate efforts among the chapters via the District Director teams around the country. The District Directors provide continuity and training opportunities for chapter officers, meet with chapters during the Convention, host District Conferences in the winter or spring, and visit chapters to offer support and input. The Chapter Development Committee also supports the work of the chapters through projects such as the National Interactive Chapter Exchange (NICE) sessions which will take place at Convention. She mentioned that many chapters are working to rebuild after COVID, and the District Program is working to help chapters in these efforts. Ms. Forkner encouraged chapters who are still facing these kinds of challenges to work with their local District Directors. The District Program also provides a variety of training opportunities; in addition, each district will be setting a date for their District Conference during this Convention. She urged students to get to know and learn from the District Directors here at Convention and gather ideas for improving their chapters.

K.T.-L. Colbry presented the **Report of the Director of Engineering Futures**. She gave an introduction to Engineering Futures, Tau Beta Pi’s award-winning professional development program, which provides small-group training in leadership, communication, and teamwork. Engineering Futures Online provides virtual training on a variety of different topics from a number of different presenters; she asked for volunteers to help with providing these sessions which include sending out emails, publicity, and hosting sessions. Engineering Futures also offers a curriculum which can lead to a certification from Tau Beta Pi and the CyberAmbassadors Program; chapters can request in-person on-campus sessions for these. A $50 scheduling fee is charged, but chapters receive a refund if they have at least 15 participants attend. Most sessions are delivered on the weekends when facilitators can travel; however, weekday sessions are also possible. Online versions of the training are also available and can be hosted by a chapter, but the live sessions have additional in-person interactive opportunities. A total of nine modules are available, categorized into Communication, Teamwork, and Leadership. Most of the materials are newly revised and were developed in partnership with the National Science Foundation, Michigan State University, and Tau Beta Pi. A total of 11,234 individuals have completed this curriculum over the last six years, which includes members of Tau Beta Pi chapters and also at national labs, private companies, and organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers. Participants are encouraged to go online to request a session or volunteer to be a facilitator.

S.J. Steadman shared the **Report of the Director of Fellowships**. She introduced LeVern Faidley and announced that she and LeVern would be happy to answer questions in person during the Convention. She thanked the current members of the Fellowship Board and highlighted that $839,000 was awarded last year which included 32 fellowships and 265 scholarships. She encouraged chapter members to apply for these programs. The application process has been updated to simplify the scholarship application, and she recommended that everyone keep track of the deadlines when applications are due. A workshop on applying for a graduate fellowship will be offered twice at Convention, and also via an Engineering Futures online session following the Convention.
Ms. Alexander noted that the Report of the Director of Rituals from E.J. D'Avignon was available online and voting delegates should have received a new copy of the ritual during registration.

President Alexander thanked the numerous committees that have been supporting the work of the Association over the past year. She introduced A.M. Brunton, chair, to share the Chapter Development Committee update. Ms. Brunton stated that the committee currently supports Chapter Chats and develops resources to help chapters. Also, the National Interactive Chapter Exchange (NICE) sessions will be offered during this Convention. These exchanges allow chapters to interact with others and identify solutions for their chapters. She highlighted the chapter growth cycle, which consists of membership, leadership, activities, and image; these four aspects connect and mutually support each other. She asked that all members participate actively in the NICE discussions and share ideas and solutions with each other; participants were also tasked with taking the ideas home and working to implement them.

S.L.R. Holl, Advisor Committee member, provided the update from the Advisor Committee. She emphasized that collegiate chapter advisors are key to the success of chapters, and to support this, a meeting is being hosted today at 11:00 am in Georgia 8. She encouraged all advisors to attend the meeting to help share ideas around advisor success.

S.R. Baskin, Membership Committee member, delivered the update from the Membership Committee. Mr. Baskin informed delegates that surveys have been issued to collect ideas for improving membership. He encouraged more chapters to take advantage of the MindSET Program which offers K-12 STEM activities for young students through Tau Beta Pi.

C.W. Potts, NEST Program Lead, gave an update on the status of New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow (NEST). He pointed out that they are working to bring a new “challenge” event to Tau Beta Pi where teams identify an annual project and then develop a presentation and elevator speech which is presented at Convention to share the solution they have developed. A professional development session is available on Thursday at 7:45 p.m. to learn more about this pilot program.

D.S. Karami, SAB chair, offered an update on behalf of the Student Advisory Board (SAB). He mentioned that the SAB will be visiting District Meetings to provide details on their efforts and how to join them to create resources to help chapters be successful. Mr. Karami shared that the SAB manages the Discord server, available to all students, as a way to communicate with each other and with the SAB, and they are available to provide one-on-one mentoring for chapters.

President Alexander introduced Executive Director Gomulinski to present the agenda. Mr. Gomulinski announced that the President and Executive Director of the Association constitute the Committee on Order of Convention Business, according to the Constitution. They are assisted in this work through the efforts of the Convention Program Planning Committee. An agenda for the order of business had been prepared and posted and was also available in Guidebook. It was adopted on a voice vote on a motion by C.D. Gomulinski, seconded by K.J. Welch (CA AA), as follows:

First Business Meeting—October 12 at 9:00 a.m.
- Official Opening of Convention and Welcome
- Report of Credentials Committee
- Introduction of Association Officials
- Introduction to Networking
- Report of the President
- Report of the Officers
- Report of the Directors of the Association
- Introduction of Association Committees
- Approval of Agenda
- Adoption of Standing Rules
- Test of Voting System
- Convention Orientation
- 10:50 a.m. Adjournment

Second Business Meeting—October 13 at 2:15 p.m.
- Report of Credentials Committee
- Executive Council Candidate Nominations & Presentations
- Report of and action on Chapter & Association Financial Affairs Committee
- Report of and action on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Report of and action on Petitions Committee
- Report of and action on Rituals Committee
- Report of and action on Convention Site Committee
- Report of and action on NEST Committee (ad hoc)
- 4:45 p.m. Adjournment

Third Business Meeting—October 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Report of Credentials Committee
- Election of members of the Executive Council
- Report of Awards Committee
- Report of and action on Advisors Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Alumni Chapters Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on DEI Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Program Review Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Resolutions Committee
- Report of and action on Image & Marketing Committee (ad hoc)
- Action if necessary on Rituals Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Adjournment
President Alexander announced that the Executive Council had appointed J.A. Abellada as permanent Chair of the Convention, in accord with the Constitution. She yielded the gavel to Mr. Abellada, who shared that R.M. Hickling would serve as Parliamentarian, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised would be followed at the business meetings subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws, and closure would be reached on all business issues. Mr. Abellada described the purpose of standing rules and reviewed each of the proposed rules for the 2023 Convention. Upon the request of the Chair, L.P. Champagne Jr. (Greater New Orleans) moved, seconded by J.P. Pederson Jr. (Atlanta), to adopt the standing rules as shown. Mr. Abellada conducted the vote by a show of wristbands, and there were two thirds in the affirmative and the motion was adopted. The standing rules appear below:

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 blue, and lost wristbands shall be immediately reported to the Credentials Committee.
   b. Voting delegates may be asked to check in with a member of the Tellers Committee prior to entering the Convention Business Meeting room. Voting delegates may be asked to 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 or electronic voting procedure approved by the Tellers Committee.
   c. Text or electronic 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.
   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 two (2) minutes each unless the Convention orders otherwise.

Without objection, Chairman Abellada called on Convention Program Planning Committee Chair T.E. Gomulinski to conduct the Convention Orientation while the voting system was prepared for testing. She highlighted additional details regarding the Convention agenda and noted that representatives of the local host chapters were available to answer questions. Delegates were encouraged to download and log into Guidebook to access the Convention agenda and schedule, room details, Roberts Rules overviews, and more. A pocket schedule was also provided in the tote bags handed out at registration. Delegates were reminded to review Guidebook for the most recent updates. For meals, breakfast each day and lunch on Thursday and Saturday were on your own. Delegates paid for by the Association were reminded to keep receipts to be reimbursed up to $17 for each breakfast and $18 for each lunch. Chair Gomulinski then reviewed the highlights of each day’s agenda.
Tellers Committee Chair W.R. Repke then conducted a test of the electronic voting system where delegates were prompted to answer, “What is the ultimate answer to life, the universe, and everything?” After voting concluded, he approvingly reported that 125 votes (61.9 percent) were cast for “42.” He requested any voting delegates encountering problems voting to speak with him following the meeting.

Chairman Abellada provided closing announcements and declared the First Business Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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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. All voting delegates were appointed to committees, and certain non-voting delegates were assigned to the ad hoc Chapter Improvement Committee which had no chair. Standing committees are specified in the Constitution. Ad hoc committees are authorized by the Executive Council. Committees select their own chairs (noted next to the delegate’s name) and other committee officers as needed. Association Officials serve as advisors for each committee. Committees for this Convention were:

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Convention registration was open from 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11 until 12:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 12 in the Grand Ballroom Prefunction area. Registration resumed at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday morning and ended at 5:00 p.m. that
evening. Headquarters team members and host chapter volunteers continued to staff tables in the registration area throughout the Convention to answer questions. The Headquarters Room was located behind registration in the Piedmont room and provided storage, printing, and a quiet work area. Georgia 16 served as a quiet room throughout the Convention.

The Headquarters display was available outside the Grand Ballroom in the Prefunction area of the Courtland Grand Hotel. In addition to the photo backdrop from 2022, a much larger photo backdrop was unveiled which was available in the Prefunction area or in the Capitol Ballroom during certain meals. Information tables were staffed by members of the alumni chapters and representatives from the Advisor's Committee, Engineering Futures, the Fellowship Board, NEST, the Membership Committee, the Student Advisory Board, and the Chapter Development Committee. An Image & Marketing table had updated marketing materials on display, which were available for chapters to take home with them. The Tau Beta Pi store was also set up in the prefunction space and sold a variety of merchandise including the newest t-shirt from the recent design contest.

The first Convention Committee Meetings were held at 11:00 a.m. in the rooms of the Courtland Grand as follows:

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An orientation meeting and lunch for committee chairs was held in the Atlanta 4 and 5 rooms of the hotel starting at 12:15 p.m. All other attendees enjoyed lunch at local restaurants, food trucks, or at the Courtland Cafe in the hotel.

Committee Meetings reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Professional Development Sessions for non-voting delegates were held in the Courtland Grand Hotel. Sessions at 1:30 p.m. included Graduate Fellowships led by S.J. Steadman in the Atlanta 3 room and Leadership Life Lessons: How to Motivate, Teach, Coach, and Influence Both Yourself and Others led by M.L. Peterson in the Atlanta 1 room. Sessions at 3:00 p.m. included Leadership Life Lessons: How to Motivate, Teach, Coach, and Influence Both Yourself and Others led by M.L. Peterson in the Atlanta 1 room and Where Has the Time Gone? led by D.D. Truax in the Atlanta 3 room.

District Meetings were held from 5:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. Districts met in the rooms of the Courtland Grand as follows:

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The Laureate Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Capitol Ballroom and seating was by District. A total of 464 people enjoyed the Taste of Italy Buffet. H.G. West, Convention Arrangements Chair, served as mistress of ceremonies. Councillor G. Youssef welcomed attendees on behalf of the Association. J.S. Singham, Georgia Alpha President, thanked delegates for attending and welcomed them to Georgia. R.A. Beyah, Dean of the College of Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, welcomed everyone to the Convention and noted that Georgia Tech is always looking for outstanding students to join their graduate programs. L.J. Jacobs, Senior Vice Provost and Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, welcomed delegates to Atlanta and encouraged them to visit campus if their schedules permitted.

Councillor M.A. Peterson expressed that it was her honor to recognize the 2023 Tau Beta Pi Laureates: M.M. Dupuis, NY N '23, for athletics; A.J. Francisco, NY N '24, for arts; G.M. Schloer, VA B '22, for diverse achievements; and M. Suerker, SD A '23, for athletics. Ms. Peterson spoke of their outstanding achievements and presented each with an engraved plaque and cash awards of $2,500. She also recognized the New York Nu, Virginia Beta, and South Dakota Alpha Chapters with certificates for their nominations.

Vice President Hickling introduced the evening’s featured speaker, Dennis D. Truax, Past President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Dr. Truax gave an engaging talk about “Engineering: Our Future” with an emphasis on designing a
sustainable tomorrow. He highlighted the challenges for the future and the opportunities for engineers. He presented a video from the American Society of Civil Engineers about prominent achievements in the area of civil engineering.

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Professional Development Sessions resumed immediately following dinner at 8:30 p.m. Sessions included: The Academic Career Path sponsored by Jason B. Ditman, led by L.H. Logan in the Macon room; the John C. Schmuhl Professional Development Session: Do I Need a P.E. License to be a Professional Engineer?, led by D.D. Truax in the Atlanta 3 room; the Judy & Ron Pasadyn Professional Development Session: Engineering Futures: How to Leverage Professional Development Opportunities for your Chapter, led by K.T.-L. Colbry in the Athens room; Entering the Workforce: A How-to-Guide on Navigating Life After School sponsored by Jason B. Ditman, led by C. Christopher Stemple in the Augusta room; and New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow (NEST) led by C.W. Potts in the Georgia 3 room.

National Interactive Chapter (NICE) Training for District Directors was led by members of the Chapter Development Committee in the Georgia 4 Room.

An Evening Social was held in the Grand Ballroom following the conclusion of the Professional Development Sessions.

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District Meetings reconvened from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the same rooms.

Committee Meetings reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Professional Development Sessions for non-voting delegates and members of committees who had completed their work were held in parallel to committee meetings starting at 10:00 a.m. Sessions included: Leading the Change: Equity and Inclusion sponsored by Nicholas M. Donofrio, led by K.T.-L. Colbry in the Atlanta 1 room; and Where Has the Time Gone?, led by D.D. Truax in the Atlanta 3 room.

National Interactive Chapter Exchange (NICE) sessions were held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the following rooms of the Courtland Grand Hotel:

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The Chapter Recognition Lunch was held at 12:30 p.m. in the Capitol Ballroom and seating was by NICE groups. A total of 464 people enjoyed the pan seared sirloin and chocolate cake. Executive Director Gomulinski served as the unofficial master of ceremonies.

Mr. Gomulinski congratulated the 36 chapters that would be recognized with Chapter Excellence Awards. Councillor G. Youssef gave certificates to each chapter representative with Secretary M.L. Peterson and Councillor M.A. Peterson posing for photos with recipients. Mr. Gomulinski noted that 19 chapters scored 95 percent or greater on the criteria for this award: Alabama Alpha, California Epsilon, California Lambda, California Psi, Florida Alpha, Florida Delta, Georgia Beta, Illinois Alpha, Indiana Alpha, Iowa Alpha, Louisiana Beta, Massachusetts Kappa, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Iota, Mississippi Beta, North Carolina Alpha, Ohio Gamma, Oklahoma Alpha, and Texas Nu. Chapter Excellence Awards with Distinction were presented to 17 chapters who scored at or above 100 percent: Alabama Delta, Alabama Epsilon, Missouri Gamma, New York Alpha, New York Omicron, New York Tau, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Beta, Ohio Iota, Ohio Kappa, Ohio Lambda, Ohio Nu, Oregon Alpha, South Dakota Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wisconsin Alpha.

Executive Director Gomulinski provided an update on the status of the Association through his Executive Director’s Report. He pointed out that Treasurer Hand had delivered an update on the finances of the Association yesterday. Our financial situation is strong, but work remains to shore up our bottom line. Mr. Gomulinski called special attention to the fact that membership numbers continue to be low and the collegiate chapters have the power to enhance our membership numbers through their good work on campus. He shared that 16 chapters are on probation for not having an initiation last year and nearly 50 chapters are not present at the Convention this year. Mr. Gomulinski encouraged all delegates to take the enthusiasm of the Convention back to their chapters to improve the image on their campuses.

Director of Development S.D. Jennings-King delivered an update on development. She introduced the concept of philanthropy, but due to technical issues, was unable to show her infamous video from the 1980s. Ms. Jennings-King remarked...
that the Association’s major fundraising initiative was the Chapter Endowment Initiative (CEI) with the goal of raising $100,000 to provide permanent funding of $5,000 for each of our 255 collegiate chapters. She described how the $5,000 annual payout is used and that 29 chapters are now endowed at the $100,000 level. Ms. Jennings-King invited all CEI donors to stand and be acknowledged, and the Convention offered a well-deserved round of applause.

Executive Director Gomulinski announced that 20 chapters would be recognized with Chapter Project Awards. President R.K. Alexander presented the certificates to each chapter representative with Vice President R.M. Hickling and Councillor M.M. Youssef posing for photos with recipients. Mr. Gomulinski praised the 13 chapters to be highlighted for outstanding project work for 2022-23 including: California Epsilon, Florida Alpha, Florida Delta, Florida Eta, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan Iota, New York Nu, New York Omicron, New York Tau, Ohio Iota, Oklahoma Alpha, South Carolina Alpha, and Texas Nu. He then congratulated seven additional chapters who would also receive a $500 scholarship for three consecutive years of winning a Chapter Project Award. Recipients include: Alabama Epsilon, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Ohio Kappa, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wisconsin Alpha. Mr. Gomulinski encouraged chapters to submit their project reports throughout the year via the electronic reporting system.

The lunch concluded at 2:15 p.m., and delegates were told to head immediately to the Second Business Meeting.

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SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
Grand Ballroom, Courtland Grand Hotel, Atlanta, GA
Friday, October 13, 2023

Chairman Abellada called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. He asked for an updated Report of the Credentials Committee. B.J. Pollatz, Chair, informed the Convention that registration was complete with 207 collegiate chapter delegates, 28 alumni chapter delegates, and 28 Association Officials for a total of 263 voting delegates. With a majority of collegiate chapters represented, a quorum was present.

Chairman Abellada reported that it was now in order for the Executive Council Candidate Nominations & Presentations. With only three candidates for the three vacancies on the Executive Council, Const. Art X Sec 2(d) permitted nominations from the floor of Convention and thus the floor was opened for nominations. J.S. Zola (Portland) nominated C.L. Hill-Stramsak, and she accepted the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Abellada closed nominations. He then indicated each candidate would have two minutes to present, in alphabetical order by last name, to the Convention.

Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, MI E ’00, stated that she currently serves as secretary and is a former president of the Southeastern Michigan Alumni Chapter. She said that Tau Beta Pi has always been a great place to build new friendships and make the world a better place. Ms. Hill-Stramsak would like to improve communications between alumni and collegiate chapters, and set up alumni chapters to be a place for continued involvement in the Association by students after they graduate.

Henry H. Houh, MA B ’89, provided a video presentation in which he began by apologizing for not being present in person because he was called as an expert witness in a court case. Dr. Houh was a chapter president of MA Beta, a Laureate in the area of arts, and served as a District 1 Director for 12 years. He operated a STEM business for children which included Legos, robotics, Minecraft, etc., which he sold last year. Dr. Houh would like to inspire students to consider STEM careers or to be involved in STEM. He aspires to help new engineers get as much as possible out of Tau Beta Pi and help chapters be more successful. Dr. Houh hopes to be present on Saturday morning for the elections.

Russell W. Pierce, WA A ’70, encouraged students to read his biography and surveyed the students to ask who was not having fun at the Convention. He mentioned that Convention will be an opportunity to socialize, learn new skills, network, and vote on business decisions that will affect Tau Beta Pi including who will serve on the Executive Council. Mr. Pierce noted that Executive Council members ideally should have experience in academia, nonprofits or business, and also be familiar with Tau Beta Pi operations; he commented that he has all these qualifications, but is most excited to serve on the Executive Council to leverage his experience and passion for being a Tau Bate to make the organization even better. Mr. Pierce concluded by asking the delegates to continue having fun at Convention.

Thomas A. Pinkham IV, MA E ’88, served as a chapter president of Massachusetts Epsilon and also as a District 2 Director since 1990. He has supported the work of multiple committees, including the Interactive Chapter Exchange, Laureate Selection, Outstanding Advisor Selection, and several others. Mr. Pinkham has worked to cultivate past chapter presidents to encourage them to volunteer as Association Officials. He would like to use his experience to help make Tau Beta Pi more effective. Mr. Pinkham also remarked that his work experience around customer focus and global teamwork has provided him with valuable lessons on how to bridge different cultures and disciplines to make teams more effective which would be
relevant for Tau Beta Pi. He has developed young people as a soccer coach, in Boy Scouts of America leadership, and in other roles. As an Executive Council member, Mr. Pinkham would like to focus on growing membership and improving initiation ratios through a focus on the customer and understanding their needs and wants. In addition, he would like to strengthen Tau Beta Pi’s finances, improve chapter support, and continue to refine our leadership development activities.

Chairman Abellada thanked the candidates for their presentations and reminded delegates that elections would take place at the start of the Third Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

The Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs was called. G.C. Sheets II (OH D), Chair, introduced Vice Chair A. Patel (MI G) and Secretary R.J. Ahrens (TX X). He informed delegates that the committee was tasked with six charges and is prepared to update the Convention on all six. Their first task was to review unusual expenses for the 2023 Convention, and he was pleased to report that there were no unusual delegate expenses to consider. The committee’s second charge was to review outstanding accounts receivable to Headquarters of over $500. Eight chapters had outstanding balances of over $500; the committee reviewed plans from six chapters working to pay the money owed and found the plans to be acceptable. The committee was unable to contact the remaining two chapters because no delegates were present at Convention. The third charge was to review the audit reports for the 2019-21 fiscal years, which the committee found to be in order. They believe that the organization appears to be in strong financial health.

R.J. Ahrens (TX X) was recognized to report on the fourth committee charge which is a proposal to change the structure of the initiation fee. Mr. Ahrens noted that the initiation fee is currently fixed at a set amount and can only be changed by Convention action. Due to inflation, the fee loses its purchasing power over time. Since the fee was last raised in 2016 to the current $55, inflation has resulted in a net loss of 18 percent of value. He added that $26 goes to fund Association expenses and $29 goes to tangible benefits received by a new member. The committee is proposing that the latter portion be tied to inflation, and the Executive Council be empowered to adjust this portion on a regular basis. Mr. Ahrens moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to adopt the proposed initiation fee policy as presented.

K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area) asked for clarification on the time allowed per speech; if it was two minutes as written or five minutes as the displayed version. After Chairman Abellada confirmed that it was two minutes, Mr. Lady appealed from the decision of the chair. Mr. Abellada explained that the rules listed on the website and Guidebook were the correct ones and that there was a typo on the slide shown. On a request for clarification from S. Rokni (D16 Director), Parliamentarian Hickling clarified that a vote in the negative would sustain the decision of the chair setting the limit at two minutes and a vote in the affirmative would overrule the ruling of the chair and set the limit at five minutes. On a voice vote, the decision of the chair was sustained and the limit was set at two minutes.

M. Ustes (D7 Director) requested a point of information regarding as to why the proposal did not index the Association portion to inflation. The chair directed R.J. Ahrens (TX X) to respond. Mr. Ahrens replied that the proposal assumed that Headquarters would work to cover additional expenses using other sources of revenue. C.L. Chase (CA X) expressed concerns that raising initiation expenses may not be prudent during a time of decreasing initiations. E.C. Feret (DC B) asked if fee changes would be retroactive. Upon the request of the chair, Mr. Ahrens clarified that the change is not retroactive and chapters would always be notified of any changes. M.A. D’Arcangelo (IN D) suggested a wording clarification to adjust the portion with $26 to read “amount as set by the Convention.” Mr. Ahrens shared that this would be a Convention policy so this is the proper location to note the actual cost that the Convention has determined. He also emphasized that the Executive Council has the ability to lower the fee as deemed appropriate, but they would not be able to raise it so easily. G. Youssef (Executive Councilor) pointed out that although this could result in an increased cost, this is a once-in-a-lifetime charge per person. Regarding a question about the current fee of $55, Mr. Ahrens responded that the current fee does total $55 and the Executive Council would be allowed to increase a portion of the fee to keep in pace with inflation, but this proposal does not cause an immediate change in the total fee. M.A. Zipperer (WA A) wondered about how easily future Conventions would be able to change the amount. K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area) felt that the Convention could raise or lower the amount next year; this proposal only covers the cost of actual materials given to a new member (tangible benefits), and the $26 portion would not be allowed to increase without Convention action. K.J. Welch (CA AA) inquired if this was passed, how far in advance would chapters be notified if the Executive Council chose to increase the fee so chapters could adjust their own fee. Mr. Ahrens answered that the timetable is not indicated directly, but any changes cannot be retroactive and so explicit requirement for an amount of advance notice was included in the policy. A.J. Tombault (SC A) wanted to know about the costs associated in part b of the policy and what would happen if costs went down rather than up. Mr. Ahrens responded that the Executive Council could choose to leave the fee as is or lower it. C.E. Elliott (MD B) moved, seconded by B.H. Panrudkevich (NJ A), to amend the policy by adding “The Executive Council shall notify chapters 60 days prior to a change in the overall initiation dues.” at the end of section b. K.L. Martin (Alumnus Visitor) requested that the word dues be replaced by fee. C.L. Chase (CA X) voiced that two months was not enough time for chapters to change their initiation fee and that one semester would be better. She moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to amend the amendment by striking out “60 days” and replacing it with “four months.” L.P. Champagne Jr. (Greater New Orleans) agreed with the proposed change of four months instead of 60 days. O. Stenstadvolden (SD A) expressed that 60 days was not enough time and four months would be a more appropriate amount of
time. C.C. Stemple (D13 Director) moved, seconded by J.S. Contreras (OR A), to commit the motion to the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs. Z.C. Rogers (NC Z) moved, seconded by T.L. Chatfield (CA L), the previous question on the motion to commit, and there were no objections to voting immediately. The motion was lost and the motion was not committed back to committee on a voice vote. An anonymous delegate moved, seconded by M.A. Bentsen (CA O), the previous question on the amendment to the amendment, and there were no objections to taking the vote immediately. The motion was adopted and the amendment was amended by striking out “60 days” and replacing it with “four months.” Debate resumed on the original amendment as amended, and K.J. Welch (CA AA) moved the previous question. Hearing no objections, Mr. Abellada ruled the previous question ordered on the amendment. The motion was adopted and the main motion was amended by adding “The Executive Council shall notify chapters four months prior to a change in the overall initiation dues,” at the end of section b. Mr. Abellada stated that debate was now in order on the main motion as amended. A point of information was brought up by N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) to define the term “dues.” Mr. Ahrens clarified that the topic is initiation fees rather than Convention dues. Without objection, Mr. Abellada ruled the motion amended by unanimous consent to strike out the word “dues” and insert the word “fees.” A point of information was raised objecting to the charging of Convention dues. Mr. Stenstadvolden remarked that any changes based on inflation were for tangible benefits received by new members. Mr. Ahrens commented that the tangible goods portion might be reduced if a reduced cost is found from another vendor. Hearing no further debate, Mr. Abellada put the matter to a vote, and the motion was adopted. The wording of the policy appears below.

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The Association Initiation Fee shall be set as follows:

There shall be one fee charged to chapters per initiate, which shall comprise two components.

a. The first component shall be the “Association expenses.”
   i. The 2023 value of this component shall be $26 and may be amended freely by Convention.
   ii. If economic or financial situations allow/warrant, authority is hereby delegated to the Executive Council to change the Association expenses component, but not to exceed the amount set forth in item (a)(i).

b. The second component shall be the “Tangible benefits.”
   i. This component is intended to cover the costs of items that initiates receive as part of their membership (key, certificate, membership card, 4-year Bent subscription, Constitution, etc.).
   ii. The 2023 value of this component shall be $29.
   iii. If the average cost of the included items differs from the current value of this component, the Executive Council may set the value of this component to be up to the value of the included items, or a 5% increase from the preceding year, whichever is lower, rounded to the nearest dollar.
   iv. Any increase to this component approved by the Executive Council shall be communicated to the following Convention along with supporting documentation for price valuation.
   v. The Executive Council shall notify chapters four months prior to a change in the overall initiation fees.

Chairman Abellada recognized A. Patel (MI G) to present the committee’s work on their fifth charge. Mr. Patel described their proposal to update the Convention reimbursement policy. He informed delegates that the motion passed by the 2022 Convention was based on an incorrect assumption of the IRS charitable mileage reimbursement rate. The rate approved by the Convention was 150% of the IRS rate for non-profits with a minimum rate of $0.30/mile with the thought that the current rate was $0.22/mile. However, the actual rate set by Congress in 1998 is $0.14/mile. It appears that the intent of the 2022 Convention was to set a rate based on a target that would be updated periodically without the need for direct action by the Association and that the rate for 2023 be around $0.30-0.35/mile. He also mentioned that a reimbursement policy was drafted in 2019, but never officially adopted by the Convention. As it stands, the rates for Convention reimbursement only exist in the Convention Minutes. The committee’s proposal would correct both issues by codifying them into an updated reimbursement policy adopted by the Convention. He moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to adopt the updated Convention Delegate Travel Reimbursement Policy (PF 06) as presented which replaces the existing policy. N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) asked for clarification on meals and whether they could be reimbursed if it was more than 12 hours after the end of Convention and whether on route meals for alumni chapter representatives were reimbursed. Mr. Patel clarified that the proposed language came directly from the Constitution prior to the general revision in 2017. M. Ustes (D7 Director) inquired about when the start of credentialing would be in place at Convention and which meals would not be covered using this as the starting time for Convention. Mr. Patel responded that the credentials deadline, just prior to the start of the Convention, would be used as the starting time and the adjournment of the Convention would be used as the ending time. The on-site meals reimbursement
rates would be used after arrival at the Convention location and prior to departure from the Convention. There was no further debate, and the motion was adopted on a voice vote. The wording of the policy appears below.

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Purpose and Scope
This policy specifies the reimbursement amounts for travel to The Tau Beta Association, Inc., (the Association) Convention by delegates from Association chapters.

Background
The Constitution\(^1\) states that Convention delegates’ travel to the Convention shall be reimbursed at rates determined by the previous Convention. This policy incorporates and expands on the provisions that were formerly documented in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Applies To
This policy applies to all Association collegiate and alumni chapter delegates attending the Association’s Convention.

Allowable Expenses for Collegiate Chapter Delegates
Each collegiate chapter delegate shall report expenses connected with the Convention on the Tau Beta Pi Association Report of Expenses and Request for Reimbursement\(^2\) form within 30 days of the completion of travel in order to obtain reimbursement. Receipts are required for reimbursement of expenses with the exception of mileage and tolls.

The Association shall issue reimbursement for the amounts authorized under this policy. Allowable expenses of each delegate shall be the actual expenses incurred but shall not exceed:

- Coach class travel by air, rail, or bus, when such class is reasonably available;
- Automobile travel including tolls and parking expenses at the Convention site;
- Expenses at the Convention, to include housing and meals for a period of time not to exceed twelve hours in advance of the credentials validation deadline, extending through the days of the Convention, and ending not more than twelve hours after the adjournment of the Convention;
- Expenses for lodging for a maximum of one stopover each way to and from the Convention when traveling by automobile in excess of 500 miles (800 km) each way;
- Expenses for meals incurred in travel to and from the Convention site;
- Cost of regular franchise airport transportation and other terminal expenses from and to place of residence and between the airport and Convention site.

Requests for reimbursement to Collegiate Chapter delegates for unusual expenses must be submitted to the Executive Council or the Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee at the Convention for approval. Such approval should be obtained prior to the Convention when possible.

Allowable Expenses for Alumni Chapter Delegates
Each Alumni Chapter voting delegate shall report on-site expenses connected with the Convention on the Tau Beta Pi Association Report of Expenses and Request for Reimbursement form within 30 days of the completion of travel in order to obtain reimbursement. Receipts are required for reimbursement of expenses with the exception of mileage and tolls.

The Association shall issue reimbursement for the amounts authorized under this policy. Allowable expenses of each delegate shall be the actual expenses incurred but shall not exceed:

- Expenses at the Convention, to include housing and meals for a period of time not to exceed twelve hours in advance of the credentials validation deadline, extending through the days of the Convention, and ending not more than twelve hours after the adjournment of the Convention.

Requests for reimbursement to Alumni Chapter delegates for unusual expenses must be submitted to the Executive Council or the Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee at the Convention for approval. Such approval should be obtained prior to the Convention when possible.
Current Approved Rates
The current rates are recorded in the minutes of the immediate past Convention.

Mileage Reimbursement Approved Rates
Unless otherwise stipulated by the Convention, the allowable mileage rate for approved Convention travel shall be 50% of the current IRS business travel rate as of the June prior to the Convention subject to the following:

- The allowable mileage rate shall not be less than $0.30 per mile.
- The allowable mileage rate shall not increase by more than $0.05 per mile from the previous year.
- An additional $0.05 per mile may be reimbursed for each additional member traveling with the delegate.

On-Site and en route Meals Approved Rates
Per the U.S. GSA, meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) will be reimbursed up to the amount described in the Meals & Incidental (M & IE) Breakdown based on Convention location.

For en route meals (incurred in travel to and from the Convention site), 70% of previous fiscal year’s Continental United States meals and incidental expenses (CONUS M & IE) rates will be the limit (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for each travel day.

1Association Constitution Article IX, Section 7(c)

Mr. Abellada recognized G.C. Sheets II (OH D) to present information on their final charge. Mr. Sheets presented a proposal to move the language regarding the investment options which currently appear in Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 8, to a new Bylaw IV which would also include the renumbering of Bylaw IV to Bylaw V and changes to the language in the current Bylaw 4.02. The committee feels that changes to the investment options should not require a vote of the chapters, and this proposal permits the Convention to still have authority over the investment options by codifying the language in the bylaws. He remarked that last year’s experiences illustrated that some chapters have difficulty explaining the rationale behind proposed changes to their chapters. He moved, seconded by M. Raj (CA G), to amend the Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

**Article XIII**

**Association Finances**

**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,
(c) Preferred and common stocks,
(d) Money market funds,
(e) Corporate bonds and debentures,
(f) Certificates of deposit, and
(g) Direct obligations of the United States Treasury and of legal agencies of the United States Government.

**Bylaw IV**

**Investment Options**

Section 4.01. **Allowable Investments.** The permitted investment options by the Trustee and Trust Advisory Committee include:

(a) Shares of fixed income and equity mutual funds,
(b) Shares of exchange-traded funds and real estate investment trusts,
(c) Preferred and common stocks,
(d) Money market funds,
(e) Corporate bonds and debentures,
(f) Certificates of deposit, and
(g) Direct obligations of the United States Treasury and of legal agencies of the United States Government.
Bylaw IV
Amendments

SECTION 45.02. Adoption. An amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the Convention, with the exception of Bylaw IV (unless proposed to the chapters 30 days in advance), 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.

Bylaw IV, Secs. 4.01, 4.03, and 4.04 would be renumbered to Bylaw V, Secs. 5.01, 5.03, and 5.04 respectively. [struck words deleted; underlined words added]

Chairman Abellada pointed out that a motion to amend the bylaws typically requires the motion to be voted on the following day so chapter ratification is unnecessary, but since this change also impacts the Constitution, it will require ratification by the chapters if adopted.

P.S. Mahal (MI G Advisor) spoke against the motion indicating his belief that this type of detail should be kept in the Constitution. K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area) voiced his support noting that this motion provides the ability for the Convention to be aware of suggested changes and empowered to make that change; the 30-day notification period ensures that delegates be adequately prepared in advance of Convention. W.R. Andrews (WA B) remarked that chapters should be allowed to weigh in on significant changes so this should remain in the Constitution. R.J. Ahrens (TX X) said that the advance notification will allow chapters to be informed and consult their chapters so delegates to Convention would be able to effectively represent the wishes of their chapters. K.J. Butler (MO D) asked if the change would take power away from the chapters and make it a democratic republic. A. Patel (MI G) agreed that this proposal would allow those who are knowledgeable about the issue to be able to vote on it. K.L. Aing (TX E) commented that power should not be taken away from chapters and the proposed 30-day advance notice is not a sufficient time to become well-versed on an issue. L.N. Hatter (AK A) expressed concern that she would feel uncomfortable speaking for her entire chapter. C.L. Chase (CA X) believes that the additional time after Convention is a good cooling-off period to allow people to reflect on the discussion from Convention and make a better decision when they vote later. M. Ustes (D7 Director) wondered about whether the committee was open to increasing the 30-day notification time. At the request of the chair, Mr. Sheets responded that the committee would be open to that. M. Ustes moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to amend the motion to strike out “30” and insert “60.” Mr. Abellada wanted to know if there were any objections to the amendment. Hearing no objections, he ruled the amendment adopted by unanimous consent to strike out “30” and insert “60.” A Limbu (CA H) spoke in favor stating that this motion allows for changes in what financial tools are allowed to be used without altering the intent of using the tools. O. Stenstavolden (SD A) voiced concern that this proposal would take away the voice of the chapters. M.B. Mekiliey (SC B) expressed that it is a challenge to get three-fourths of members to participate in a post-Convention vote so this change would provide a more flexible option. In response to a point of information, Parliamentarian Hickling explained the process for differences between adopting a bylaw change and a Constitution change and the effects of abstentions on voting. Mr. Lady inquired about the difference between a bylaw change and a Constitution change in the current context when one of each is being amended. Mr. Hickling clarified his statement by noting that this whole proposal would be treated as a Constitution change since only adopting the bylaw change would be nonsensical. K.K. Scherer (MN A) asked if this motion would need to wait until tomorrow to be voted on, and Mr. Hickling replied that it can be voted on today since it is not solely a bylaw change. G.A. Angeletakis (DE A) indicated that a similar investments discussion during the 2022 Convention was more productive after the committee spent additional time considering the matter; she moved, seconded by M.J. Bullard (OK G) to commit the motion to the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs. A.A. Gallegos (AZ B) moved, seconded by S. Jacobi (MI A), to amend the motion to commit by striking “Chapter and Association Financial Affairs” and inserting “Constitution and Bylaws.” Z.D. Rubenfeld (Washington, DC) supported having the Constitution and Bylaws Committee review the matter. R.J. Ahrens (TX X) spoke against the motion to commit noting that the Financial Affairs Committee already consulted with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and they were in favor of the motion. Without objection, the vote on the amendment to motion to commit was taken, and the motion was lost. E.Y.-H. Liu (D15 Director) moved, seconded by M.A. Bentsen (CA O), the previous question. Two thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. On a voice vote, Chairman Abellada ruled that a majority had voted in the affirmative on the motion to commit. However, several members demanded a division, and Mr. Abellada requested the vote be taken by a show of wristbands. The motion was adopted and the amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws was committed to the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs for further consideration.
Mr. Sheets thanked the Convention for their time and that this concluded the business of the committee.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was called. Z.C. Rogers (NC Z), Chair, informed delegates that his committee was tasked with reviewing 18 policies developed by the Executive Council following the general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws in 2017. The committee divided their results into three sections: policies with no recommended updates, policies with recommended updates, and policies with required changes. Mr. Rogers noted that policies on Student Loans (PF 09), Official Publications (PA 03), and the Laureate Award (PO 18) fell in the first group and required no updates. In the second group, the committee felt that the policies on Compilation of Eligible Candidate Data (PO 12), Chapter Membership Reports (PO 13), Retiring Chapter Officers (PO 14), New Chapter Petitions (PO 17), and Executive Director Responsibilities (PG 02) required only minor updates which would be communicated to the Executive Council for action. M. Ustes (D7 Director) wanted to know if votes were required on any of the policies in the first two groups. At the request of the chair, P. Picket (ND A) clarified that no votes were necessary.

Mr. Rogers voiced that two of the policies were not needed and should be voided by the Convention. First, he mentioned that the policy on Chapter Officer Duties (PO 08) was repetitive with content already in the Constitution. He verified this by showing a comparison between the policy and Const. Art. VII, Sec. 10. The committee suggested voiding the policy, and he moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to rescind the policy. There was no further debate, and the motion was adopted on a voice vote and the Chapter Officer Duties Policy (PO 08) is rescinded.

Mr. Rogers reported that the second policy to be discussed in this section was Chapter Committee (PO 16). The committee reviewed the policy and believes that Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4 grants chapter autonomy over its individual affairs subject to the Constitution and Bylaws. Based on this, the committee thought that the policy hinders a chapter's autonomy. He moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to rescind the policy. There was no further debate, and the motion was adopted on a voice vote and the Chapter Committee Policy (PO 16) is rescinded.

At the request of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Abellada recognized J.M.A. Pénot (CA B) to present the next policy. Mr. Pénot stated that the third policy the committee was bringing to the floor was the Executive Council Responsibilities (PF 03). He indicated that the committee was proposing several modifications including changing this from an Executive Council policy to a Convention policy, removing language duplicated in the policy from the Constitution, adding references, and formally authorizing the Executive Council to establish policies. He presented the proposed changes across several slides, and he moved, seconded by G.C. Sheets II (OH D), to adopt the revised policy as shown. M. Ustes (D7 Director) requested that a member of the Executive Council weigh in on this policy change. R.K. Alexander (President) replied that the policies were developed after wording in the 2017 Constitution was removed to streamline it. She also expressed concern that any future changes to this policy identified by the Executive Council would not be able to be implemented immediately, but would have to wait until the next Convention to be considered. R.M. Hickling (Vice President) commented that the Executive Council actually wanted the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review these policies, and the Executive Council needs some flexibility to be able to act in between Conventions. He also remarked that the Executive Council is committed to inform the chapters of significant changes whenever possible. E.Y.-H. Liu (D15 Director) asked if this change would only apply to changes to this policy. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Pénot responded that was correct. Seeing no further debate, Mr. Abellada called for the vote. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The revised wording of the policy appears below.

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**Purpose and Scope**
This policy delineates the responsibilities of the Executive Council (EC) of the Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc., (the Association).

**Background**
The EC is the Association’s board of directors. This policy incorporates and expands on the provisions that were formerly documented in the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Applies To**
This policy applies to the EC.

**Responsibilities**
In addition to the specific responsibilities and authorities established in the Constitution and Bylaws, the EC shall:

- Establish the Association’s vision, mission, and strategic goals;
• Support the Executive Director and review his or her performance on an annual basis;
• Provide appropriate oversight to the Association’s resources;
• Determine and monitor the Association’s services and programs;
• Enhance the Association’s public image;
• Assess its own performance on an annual basis;
• Study, or appoint committees to study, such subjects as it deems necessary;
• Prepare proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for consideration by the chapters, or by the Convention, or both;
• Conduct such investigations for and reports to the Convention as may be directed by the Convention;
• Present a written report of its activities during the preceding year to the Convention.

The Executive Council may establish policies and shall make them available to members. Any chapter can request a change to any policy to be considered at the next Convention.

Additional specific roles, responsibilities, and qualifications are stated in the Executive Councillor job description.1

1. Association Constitution, Article X, Section 6
2. Association Bylaws, Bylaw II, Section 2.01
3. www.tbp.org/other/ECJobDescription.pdf

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Mr. Abellada declared that the meeting’s end time was approaching and wanted to know if there were any objections to suspending the rules which interfere with extending the meeting by 30 minutes. Hearing none, he ruled the meeting extended by an additional 30 minutes.

A request was made to add slide numbers to the slides shown in upcoming meetings, and Mr. Abellada replied that this would be investigated.

Mr. Rogers stated that the fourth policy to be discussed in this section was Chapter Fines (PO 10). The committee reviewed the policy and found that Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01 contained nearly identical language regarding chapter fines as enumerated in the policy. If the duplicate language is removed from the policy, what would be left would be without any value. The committee suggested that the policy be voided. Mr. Abellada inquired if there were any objections to voiding the policy. Hearing no objections, he ruled the Chapter Fines Policy (PO 10) rescinded.

Mr. Rogers thanked the members and concluded that an additional six policies would be covered during the Saturday Business Meeting. The policies include: Financial Review (CC 09), Fellowship Program (CP 02), Scholarship Program (CP 07), Tau Beta Pi Trust Management (PF 01), Chapter Fees (PO 07), and Convention Agenda and Minutes (PG 06).

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was called. C.L. Chase (CA X), Chair, introduced her vice chair and secretary and acknowledged the committee members and advisors. The committee was charged with reviewing two petitions for new chapters from Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ) and the American University of Sharjah (AUS). At her request, Chairman Abellada recognized J.J. Drickler-Bourgart (CT B) to present on the first petition. He said that his subcommittee reviewed the petition from TAMUQ and noted that they have four ABET-EAC BS programs in chemical, mechanical, electrical and computer, and petroleum engineering. A total of 215 students have been initiated into their subchapter, Texas Delta Qatar, since its establishment in 2011, and the inspection team unconditionally recommended granting a chapter. The Petitions Committee supports granting a chapter. Ms. Chase presented on the petition from AUS. She shared that the local honor society at AUS has been operating since 2017, and around 70 percent of eligible students become members of their society. They have six ABET-EAC BS programs in chemical, civil, computer, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering. The inspection committee provided several conditions for their recommendation in granting a chapter which the society has fulfilled. The Petitions Committee proposes granting a chapter. Ms. Chase mentioned that both societies are strong and successful, excited about being granted a chapter, have received enthusiastic support of their universities, are highly ranked, and would strengthen and spread the spirit of TBP across the world. She stressed that these would be our first international chapters which would connect the Association with other cultures, enhance diversity, establish an international network, and increase international membership. She moved, seconded by D. Naruka (OH A), to approve the petitions from Texas A&M University at Qatar and the American University of Sharjah and grant charters to both institutions. Z.D. Rubenfeld (Washington DC) inquired if we have accounted for the fact that these chapters use different currencies and if the additional expense to support these chapters had been considered. Mr. Abellada called on Ms. Chase to respond, and she answered that the committee weighed this and found that the net additional cost to the Association would not be significant. G.A. Angeletakis (DE A) indicated that she was the chair of the Program Review Committee and their committee reviewed the computer science.
program at AUS in detail and was extremely impressed with their program. M. Ustes (D7 Director) wanted to know if we were going to vote simultaneously on both chapters, and the chair responded that the motion as stated would cover both chapters. An anonymous delegate moved, seconded by A. Patel (MI), to divide the question into separate motions for each petition. The motion was lost on a voice vote. T.L. Chatfield (CA) is a member of the DEI Committee and wondered if there was any demographic information available for these chapters. A representative of the Petitions Committee replied that 50 percent of the chapter membership is women, which impressed the committee. P.A. Tsibouris (OH) asked if the committee has considered setting a precedent for increasing cost to the Association if we add more international chapters. Ms. Chase reiterated that the additional expenses per delegate would not be significant. A.I.T. Cassim (TX D Alternate) shared that she was a representative of the petitioning society at TAMUQ and their dean’s office provides a budget for their travel expenses. W.R. Andrews (WA B) remarked that it doesn’t seem necessary to debate the cost since it does not appear to be an issue at this time. Seeing that no additional members were seeking recognition for debate, Chairman Abellada directed that an electronic vote be taken on the motion. He noted that with 263 registered delegates, three-fourths (198) were required to vote in favor to grant the chapters. He announced the results: 240 in favor and 4 opposed. The motion was adopted and chapters were, therefore, granted to be named by the Executive Council per the provisions of Cont. Art. V, Sec 1(b). Representatives from the petitioning schools were summoned to the front of the room and given a standing ovation.

Ms. Chase mentioned that the committee had several recommendations regarding chapter naming and district assignments. To avoid overlap with existing domestic chapters, the committee recommended that the Executive Council consider the three letter abbreviations used by the International Olympic Committee to standardize country designations. The committee had consulted with the petitioning societies and suggested Qatar Alpha, abbreviated as QAT A, for Texas A&M University at Qatar and United Arab Emirates Alpha, abbreviated as UAE A, for the American University of Sharjah. Regarding district assignments, she said that both schools had wished to be a part of an existing district to interact with established chapters. TAMUQ has an existing connection to District 10 with their relationship to Texas A&M in College Station. The committee proposed that TAMUQ be added to District 10 per their request and that AUS be included in District 2 or District 4 based on the convenience of travel. She thanked everyone for their work.

The Report of the Committee on Rituals was called. K. Katsouleas (CA E), Chair, thanked her vice chair, secretary, and committee advisors and declared that preparations for the Model Initiation were underway. Roles had been assigned, logistics reviewed, and a practice ceremony had been conducted. All members were encouraged to attend on Saturday at 2:15 p.m. While a slide was displayed with an overview of a potential change to the ritual, E.J. Davignon (Dir. of Rituals) rose to a question of privilege affecting the assembly noting that discussion of the ritual should be done in executive session with only members present. Chairman Abellada concurred and requested that non-members leave the room and the Convention moved into executive session. [Historian’s Note: The wording of the debate is reported in Appendix A, which is available on request from Headquarters.] The Convention came out of executive session.

Chairman Abellada announced that the time allocated for the meeting had expired but asked for unanimous consent for a brief presentation from the Program Review Committee before adjourning. Hearing no objections, G.A. Angeletakis (DE A) was recognized and reported that their committee was reviewing nine program appeals as shown on their slide. They intend to present their motions tomorrow, but invited anyone with questions about the appeals to attend their meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Macon Room.

Chairman Abellada called on Convention Program Planning Committee Chair T.E. Gomulinski for any announcements. Ms. Gomulinski advised delegates to immediately head to their National Interactive Chapter Exchange (NICE) sessions. NICE assignments are on their name badge, and rooms are listed in Guidebook and in the pocket schedule. She also commented that the start time for the Alumni Recognition Banquet would be 6:45 p.m.

Chairman Abellada declared the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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National Interactive Chapter Exchange (NICE) sessions resumed at 5:30 p.m.

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The Alumni Recognition Banquet was held at 6:45 p.m. in the Capitol Ballroom and seating was by committees. A total of 450 people enjoyed the flavors of the Mediterranean buffet. D.B. Williams, GA Alpha Chief Advisor and Professor & Senior Associate Dean at the Georgia Institute of Technology, served as master of ceremonies.

President R.K. Alexander highlighted the work of Chapter Advisors and stressed the vital role that advisors play in the continuity of our chapters. She then recognized advisors who had served for 8 years: M.L. Benson, advisor to MI G; and M.A. Ferrante, advisor to FL D. She continued with recognition of 9 years for D.B. Williams, advisor to GA A; 10 years for J.E. Suarez,
advisor to LA E; 14 years for D.J.-L. Colbry, advisor to MI A; and 14 years for P.S. Mahal, advisor to MI G. Additional recognition included 16 years for S. Rokni, advisor to CA C; 21 years for H.A. Mantooth, advisor to AR A; and 32 years for S.J. Steadman, advisor to AL A and previously WY A. Ms. Alexander led the Convention in a well-deserved round of applause for all the advisors present at Convention.

Councillor G. Youssef noted the service anniversaries of Association Officials who have volunteered their time and energy for 6 and 12 years. District Directors recognized for 6 years of service included: D.J. Cowan Jr., FL E ’14; District 5 Director; R.P. LeBeau, VA A ’90, District 9 Director; J.M. Sonstey, PA B ’95, District 3 Director; L.L. Spinelli, NJ G ’14, District 2 Director; and J.E. Suarez, LA E ’10. Engineering Futures Facilitators for 6 years of service: Y.A. Boucher, MI G ’08; C.R. Hashbrouck, IN E ’16; W.B. Paugh, FL G ’93; and A.S. Sabherwal, IA A ’16. R. Della Rovere, NJ G ’10; and E.D. Styles, AL D ’85, were praised for their 12 years of service as Engineering Futures Facilitators. Mr. Youssef expressed his appreciation to everyone who contributes their efforts to our mutual success. He turned it over to Executive Director Gomulinski who took the opportunity to recognize two HQ team members for their 10 years of service to the Association: Michael A. Brown, Director of Finance and Operations; and Sherry D. Jennings-King, TN A ’93, Director of Development.

Councillor G. Youssef shared the history of the Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor Award and the support Marion and Capers W. McDonald, NC G ’74, provided in 2005 to permanently endow this award. Mr. Youssef was thrilled to laud the work of the 2023 recipient: Richard J. Spontak, PA B ’83. Dr. Spontak was nominated by the Research Triangle Alumni Chapter who believes that he embodies the true meaning of the word “mentor” through his efforts as an advocate for others, especially students, and taking a genuine interest in individuals as unique people. He has served as the NC Alpha Chief Advisor since 2003 and as a director of the Research Triangle Alumni Chapter. Dr. Spontak was bestowed with an engraved medallion, replica pin, and a $1,000 check. Councillor Youssef announced that an additional $1,000 grant would be credited to the nominating chapter or Dr. Spontak’s initiating chapter.

President Alexander remarked that 29 members have received the Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor Award since its establishment in 1996. She was delighted to present the 2023 Outstanding Advisor Award to Andrew E. “Andy” Toy, MI I ’95, Chief Advisor, Michigan Iota Chapter. She spoke of Mr. Toy’s contributions during his two decades as chief advisor, including his detailed knowledge of the Association and the chapter’s operations. She praised his support of the chapter’s efforts to successfully bid for and host the 2007 Tau Beta Pi Convention in Dearborn. She presented a plaque honoring his achievement and a $1,000 check. An additional $1,000 will be given to the university’s discretionary fund in his name.

Councillor M.M. Youssef and Secretary M.L. Peterson joined together in announcing the recipients of the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus Awards. Dr. Youssef noted that the award was established in 1993 to recognize alumni who continue to live up to the ideals of Tau Beta Pi as stated in the Eligibility Code and to foster a spirit of liberal culture throughout their lives. She praised Edward D. Basta, OH E ’82, for setting an example of what all Tau Beta Pi members can aspire to emulate and his tireless contributions to give back to professional societies through his skills, time and presence, and financial support. Dr. Youssef introduced Brendan J. Chan, MI B ’03, and lauded him for his volunteer work at ASME, SAE, and SWE; his mentoring the next generation of engineers, support of DEI efforts, and professional achievements in automation at Navistar, now Oshkosh Corporation. Secretary Peterson presented H. Alan Mantooth, AR A ’85, and highlighted his volunteer work as past president of IEEE, electric boat advisor, and for leading lab tours for over 10,000 students on top of his work in research and being known as an excellent and engaging teacher at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Mantooth was the inaugural recipient of the 2023 Asad M. Madni Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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Committee Meetings reconvened at 8:00 p.m. for all committees which still had work to complete. Non-voting delegates and voting delegates who had completed their work were encouraged to attend the NEST Competition held at 8:00 p.m. in Georgia 3 or the Evening Social held at 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

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District Meetings reconvened on Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

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THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
Grand Ballroom, Courtland Grand Hotel, Atlanta, GA
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Chairman Abellada called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. He mentioned that several items of business were not reached during the Second Business Meeting and certain committees had requested to be placed on the agenda for the
morning. As such, a new Order of Business had been prepared for the Third Business Meeting which was displayed to the Convention. Hearing no objections, he ruled the amended order of business adopted as follows:

- Report of Credentials Committee
- Election of members of the Executive Council
- Report of Awards Committee
- Report of and action on Advisors Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Alumni Chapters Committee (ad hoc)
- Action if necessary on Rituals Committee
- Report of and action on DEI Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Program Review Committee (ad hoc)
- Report of and action on Image & Marketing Committee
- Action if necessary on Financial Affairs Committee
- Report of and action on Convention Site Committee
- Report of and action on NEST Committee
- Action if necessary on Rituals Committee

11:00 a.m. Adjournment

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was called. Chairman B.J. Pollatz provided a revised credentials report stating that registration was complete with 207 Collegiate Chapters, 28 Alumni Chapters, 8 Executive Councillors including the Executive Director, 5 Program Directors, and 16 District Directors for a total of 264 voting delegates. With a majority of collegiate chapters represented, a quorum was present.

The Election of members of the Executive Council was now in order, and Mr. Abellada turned it over to Parliamentarian Hickling to conduct the elections. Mr. Hickling invited the candidates to come forward to be introduced again. He then proceeded to introduce the election process using a series of slides. In accordance with Const. Art. X, Sec. 3(a), elections would be conducted using preferential (ranked choice) voting using the “Instant Runoff Voting” process in our electronic voting system, ElectionBuddy. A separate vote will be taken for each open position (vacancy) where each delegate will have access to a ballot where they are able to rank each candidates. Each ballot will contain a “No Confidence” option to ensure the elected person has the support of the majority of the delegates. Mr. Hickling then proceeded to illustrate the process using candidates based on Super Mario Brothers. He informed delegates that if a candidate does not receive a majority on any given iteration of the process, the candidate with the lowest vote total is eliminated, and any ballot who had that candidate as their selection would be re-tabulated with their next highest preferred candidate. The process would be repeated by ElectionBuddy until a candidate receives a majority. The Tellers will incorporate paper ballots into this process. N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) inquired about how many total choices people should select during each vote. Mr. Hickling responded that ElectionBuddy will allow delegates to rank all options with one being the highest, but they can select less choices if desired. There were no further questions so the polls were opened for the first ballot. Mr. Hickling reported that Tom Pinkham had been elected to the first vacancy on the Executive Council for the 2024-26 term. The results of the voting were as follows:

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Mr. Hickling noted that election for the second vacancy would take place with four choices including the “No Confidence” option. Mr. Hickling declared that Henry Houh had been elected to the second vacancy on the Executive Council for the 2024-26 term. The results of the voting were as follows:

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The election for the third vacancy would take place with three choices including the “No Confidence” option. Mr. Hickling reported that Colleen Hill-Stramsak had been elected to the third vacancy on the Executive Council for the 2024-26 term. The results of the voting were as follows:

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Mr. Hickling expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Association to each of the four candidates for running and congratulated the newest members of the Executive Council. The delegates gave a hearty round of applause.

The Report of the Committee on Awards was called. A.B. Phelps (MD D), Chair, acknowledged his Vice Chair C. Camino Falcon (WV B) and praised Headquarters team member C.C. Dubrue for his assistance. Their task was to select the winners of the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter, the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter, and the J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Awards. The committee broke into subcommittees with a chair and secretary for each with each subcommittee working on one of the awards. The subcommittees shared their recommendations which were voted on by the whole committee. The recipients and any honorable mentions will be presented during the final meeting this evening. The committee said they had some difficulty with measuring and comparing projects between chapters, so they asked that, for future Conventions, Headquarters provide additional data from previous years, and full lists of projects performed by each chapter including the number of hours and number of people involved in each.

The Report of the Committee on Advisors (ad hoc) was requested. P.A. Tsibouris (OH N), Chair, thanked his co-chair, committee advisors, and others who supported the work of the committee which was composed of 26 members from 22 different chapters. Their committee was charged with identifying the reasons people join Tau Beta Pi to help advisors promote increased membership and to define “identity” as it applies to advisors. For the first charge, five reasons identified were: reputation of Tau Beta Pi, scholarship/fellowship opportunities, personal advancement opportunities, networking beyond the undergraduate experience, and encouraged to join by an academic role model.

Regarding the second charge to define identity as it applies to Tau Beta Pi advisors and provide a path for promoting identity among members, the committee found multiple statements in various locations; it would be helpful to create a clear, “punchy” tagline in this respect. Three possible proposed options include: It is about the Honor. You deserve it; Recognizing excellence in engineering since 1885; and Accept the torch of Honor. You’ve earned it.

The committee recommended that the ad hoc Advisors Committee be reconvened at the 2024 Convention to continue their work, especially as it relates to their second charge.

The Report of the Committee on Alumni Chapters (ad hoc) was called. K.P. Rouser (Pioneer), Chair, noted that his committee was comprised of multiple alumni chapter delegates and a couple of collegiate chapter delegates, and he recognized the help of his other committee officers. The committee was assigned to review and recommend changes to the operations and activities of the alumni chapters, and to develop a one-minute or less elevator pitch to encourage people to join an alumni chapter. Regarding the first charge, the committee recommends: Continue the annual Alumni Chapter Survey with minor improvements to help with Alumni Chapter Awards and analysis of areas for improvement; establish an online dues payment option for alumni chapters (targeted to their alumni chapter); task a committee at the 2024 Convention to consider establishing a standing committee for Alumni Chapters at future Conventions; and continue the Alumni Chapter Committee (ad hoc) for the 2024 Convention.

In regards to the elevator pitch, the committee believes it should be tailored to your audience (for example, students as opposed to existing alumni). In addition, the committee recommended that pitches should contain a number of points: Networking & Community—foster meaningful connections; Professional Development—engage in lifelong learning; and Service & Outreach —make a lasting impact.

A video was presented to demonstrate several potential alumni chapter elevator pitches to encourage a current student to join. Dr. Rouser concluded by reminding students to visit the Alumni Chapters table at registration.

At this point, Chairman Abellada asked non-members to leave the room so that the Convention could move into executive session to discuss the ritual. The Convention came out of executive session after three motions were adopted to
change the wording of the Ritual. [Historian's Note: The wording of the motions, debated, and action by the Convention are reported in Appendix A, which is available on request from Headquarters.]

The Report of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) (ad hoc) was called. L.D. Edwards (NC E), Chair, thanked her Vice Chair J. Nazarit (CA AG), Secretary B.H. Odeh (MI E), and the committee advisors for their support. Ms. Edwards outlined her presentation and said that acronyms HIS (Hispanic Serving Institutions) and HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) were used in her presentation. She detailed the ten charges considered by the committee:

1. Create an affinity group framework for the Convention and the rest of the year.
2. Draft a code of ethics or review existing code for update or alternately create a DEI statement for adoption at the Convention.
3. Pull together resources from other locations for the website.
4. Identify changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that increase access and inclusivity.
5. Review the Eminent Engineer initiation process.
6. Review the Chapter Petitioning process.
7. Identify changes that increase access and inclusivity with regard to the initiation ritual.
8. Identify potential Eminent Engineers at HBCUs (and elsewhere).
9. Recommend partnerships for EC approval.
10. Request that Tau Beta Pi consider performing an assessment using the organizational change tools provided by ACCESS+, an initiative of the Women in Engineering ProActive Network.

Ms. Edwards commented that following their review of the Eminent Engineer process, the committee made the following suggestions: Include oSTEM (Out in STEM), SASE (Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers), MAES (Mexican American Scientists and Engineers) to the existing affinity group list as organizations to source candidates; Create a process for engineers to self-nominate to local chapters and HQ; Clarify what chapter candidates initiate into (nearest chapter, graduating university chapter, or personal choice); Clarify further which professions fall under practicing engineering category, or allow people to suggest; and add a clause to Eminent Engineer policy for initiating candidates & alumni affiliated with Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Regarding the review of the chapter petitioning process, the committee recommended that the 2024 Convention consider reducing the minimum number of BS graduates from 40 to 30 which would still allow for chapter members (top 20%) and would immediately qualify two universities.

Chairman Abellada recognized J. Nazarit (CA AG) to continue the committee's report. She shared that to address charges 1 & 3 to bring together communities in Tau Beta Pi which share similar interests and backgrounds, the committee recommends: Implement a mentorship program; Outreach to other engineering organizations to establish strong partnerships (SWE, NSBE, SHPE); and establish Convention meet-ups/social hour for affinity groups.

Ms. Nazarit noted that Tau Beta Pi should review sites from groups like SWE, NSB, SHPE, and SASE for ideas and additional DEI resources for our website (charge 3) and affinity groups structure ideas. A potential affinity group model was shown that broke affinity groups into four pieces including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Discipline; Career Stage, and Industry and Interests. The committee believes that an affinity group structure should be marketed through the Tau Beta Pi website and newsletter and creation of additional Discord channels. Any proposals for new affinity groups should be required to present the group to the standing DEI Committee. Ms. Edwards replied, in response to a question from N.T. Bussett (D16 Director), that an affinity group is an opportunity to connect informally with like-minded people for mutual support and encouragement.

In regards to increasing inclusivity of initiation (charge 7), the committee proposed increased promotion of the Student Loan Program for initiation fees and to consider an application for a scholarship/sponsorship of membership to eliminate financial burdens.

T.L. Chatfield (CA L) was then recognized to address the committee’s recommendations related to increasing HSI/HBCU outreach. Ms. Chatfield stated her committee’s recommendation was to add one HBCU/HCI petition in 2024, review the implementation plan, and streamline guidelines for establishing new chapters.

Ms. Edwards moved, seconded by C.C. Gallups (AL D), to have the Executive Council review the recommended actions and report back to the standing DEI Committee quarterly for amending the Eminent Engineer initiation process, maintaining internal affinity groups, and increasing HSI/HBCU outreach. A.B. Phelps (MD D) moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), to amend the motion to include “/MSI” after “HBCU.” There was no debate and the motion was adopted by unanimous consent. M.L. Peterson (Secretary) commented that the proposed process is backwards and the DEI Committee should be reporting its work to the Executive Council; he moved, seconded by C.C. Gallups (AL D), to amend the motion by striking out “Executive Council” and replacing it with “standing DEI Committee” and striking out “standing DEI.

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Committee” and replacing it with “Executive Council.” There was no further debate and the motion was adopted by unanimous consent. P.A. Tsibouris (OH N) inquired about how we are to remain nondiscriminatory if we are focusing on HBCUs. Ms. Edwards responded that affinity groups are intended to support everyone and are not meant to discriminate. M.V. Romero (D9 Director), moved, seconded by A. Patel (MI G), to amend the motion by striking out “HSI/HBCU/MSI” and inserting “Increasing identified affinity group outreach.” M.G. Zamarrelli (OH B) mentioned that she was a member of the DEI Committee and the purpose of item 3 is to reach out to institutions outside of Tau Beta Pi while the purpose of item 2 is specific to affinity groups. A.J. Davis (DC A) indicated that HSI/HBCU/MSIs are different than affinity groups and represent opportunities for outreach. There was no further debate, and the motion was lost on a voice vote and the amendment was not adopted. A request was made to go back to the slide related to eminent engineer initiations and a concern was raised as to whether the 40 or 30 applies to candidates or elected members. K.J. Welch (CA AA) moved, seconded by K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area), the previous question. Two thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. The main motion was adopted as amended on a voice vote. The final wording of the motion appears below.

Have the standing DEI Committee review the recommended actions and report back to the Executive Council quarterly for amending the Eminent Engineer initiation process; maintaining internal affinity groups and increasing HSI/HBCU/MSI outreach.

Ms. Edwards remarked that the committee would like to continue its work at the next Convention. She moved, seconded by L.P Champagne Jr. (Greater New Orleans), to reinstate the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at the 2024 Tau Beta Pi Convention to continue to create enduring actions. There was no debate, and the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Ms. Edwards moved, seconded by T.P Mullin (IN A), to amend the “Code of Ethics of Engineers” distributed by Tau Beta Pi to add “8. Engineers shall act in such a manner to uphold and enhance the values of inclusivity and accessibility within the engineering practice.” at the end of the Fundamental Canons section. There was no debate and the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Report of the Committee on Program Review (ad hoc) was called. G.A. Angeletakis (DE A) acknowledged the members of her committee and their advisors. Ms. Angeletakis shared the list of nine appeals the committee had initially been asked to review. She informed delegates that Michigan Epsilon had withdrawn their appeals for two programs (M.S. in Computer Science and M.S. in Artificial Intelligence with a Major in AI Algorithms and Systems) after speaking with the committee. The remaining appeals included: B.S. in Computer Science from California Alpha Alpha; B.S. in Computer Science, M.S. in Environmental and Sustainability Engineering, M.S. in Robotics with a Major in Smart Mobility, and M.S. in Robotics with a Major in Intelligent Control from Michigan Epsilon; B.S. in Computer Science from Washington Beta, and B.S. in Computer Science from the American University of Sharjah. Ms. Angeletakis noted that all appeals provided the required documentation including a one-page summary of the program and why it should qualify a student for eligibility, a letter of support from the dean of engineering, a letter of support from the department chair of the appealed program, and a copy of the institution’s course catalog. She further offered that all the appeals met the “basic constitutional requirements” of being administered by a unit of engineering of the institution, receiving a three-fourths favorable vote of the chapter members, and receiving a five-sevenths favorable vote of the chapter’s Advisory Board.

Ms. Angeletakis reviewed appeals from the American University of Sharjah and California Alpha Alpha. The computer science program at the American University of Sharjah is accredited by the computing accreditation commission of ABET; the program falls under the College of Engineering; foundational, intermediate, and upper-level engineering coursework is offered with electrical and computer engineering; and a full year senior design project is required. The computer science program at California State University, Chico is accredited by the computing accreditation commission of ABET; the program falls under the School of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management; foundational, intermediate, and upper-level engineering coursework is identical to electrical, computer, and mechanical engineering; and a one semester senior capstone project is required. Z.A. Traynor (AZ D), Vice Chair, provided an overview of the appeals from Michigan Epsilon and Washington Beta. The computer science program at Wayne State University is accredited by the computing accreditation commission of ABET; the program falls under the College of Engineering; foundational, intermediate, and upper-level engineering coursework is the same as electrical and computer engineering; and a one semester senior capstone project is required. The computer science program at Washington State University is accredited by the computing accreditation commission of ABET; the program falls under the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture; foundational, intermediate, and upper-level engineering coursework is shared with software engineering; and a full year senior design project is required. Mr. Traynor and Ms. Angeletakis indicated that the committee had no objections to any of these programs. Ms. Angeletakis moved, seconded by B.H Odeh (MI E), Resolved, following Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a)(3); the appealed Computer Science programs of the American University of Sharjah, California Alpha Alpha, Michigan Epsilon, Washington Beta, should be accepted in accordance with Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(b). G.E. Dingeldey (MS A) asked why the chapter designation for the American University of Sharjah recommended yesterday was not used in the motion. It was noted that the appeal was made prior to the chapter being granted and the Executive Council had yet to approve the proposed name. A.B. Phelps (MD D)
The Association president J.D. Froula, President, reviewed the importance of proper preparation for and conduction of the initiation ceremony, the purpose of the model ceremony, and the Athens room was led by John C. Schmuhl. Professor R.K. Alexander reviewed the logistics for the group photo. The Business for the Fourth Business Meeting to ensure all committee business is addressed. Convention Arrangements Chair H.G. Sanchez, software engineering is a subset of the computer science program and software engineering at Washington State University. W.R. Andrews (WA B) responded that the difference between their software engineering and computer science programs was that the computer science program is older, software engineering is a subset of the computer science program, and only minor differences exist between them. S.B. Jones (MI H) wondered if students in these programs would be allowed to become licensed engineers and take a PE exam. Ms. Angeletakis stated she felt that anyone is allowed to take the PE exam if they feel capable of attempting it. J.L. Lachman (LA B) added that anyone with a degree from an ABET accredited program may take the PE exam. J.S. Zola (14 Director) remarked that licensure is not a requirement for undergraduate program eligibility in Tau Beta Pi. There was no further debate, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Abellada recognized N.R. Divillbiss (KS G) to present on the three appeals from Michigan Epsilon for three of their master’s programs. The environmental & sustainability engineering program falls under the College of Engineering; all required courses are within the Civil Engineering Department; and it is namely an engineering program. The robotics with a major in smart mobility program falls under the College of Engineering; concentrates on designing automated transportation systems; design projects across all semesters focus on real-time image processing and electro-mechanical systems; and lab-intensive coursework and application-based electives prepare students to design and test innovative solutions. The robotics with a major in intelligent controls program falls under the College of Engineering; core courses encompass design of electro-mechanical systems; most required courses are similar to electrical & computer engineering (ECE) degrees and electives enforce high-level ECE concepts; and lab-intensive coursework and application-based electives prepare students to design and test innovative solutions. The committee had no concerns about any of these programs and advocated that they be accepted. He moved, seconded by G.J Dimonde (LA D), Resolved, following Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a)(3); the appealed Master of Science in Environmental & Sustainability Engineering, Robotics with a Major in Smart Mobility, and Robotics with a Major in Intelligent Control programs of Michigan Epsilon should be accepted in accordance with Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(b). There was no debate, and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was called. D. Naruka (OH A), Chair, reported that the Resolutions Committee was charged with making recommendations on goals for the identity of Tau Beta Pi. She included that the committee’s recommendations have been compiled into a report which has been sent to the Executive Council. She added that the committee would have further business during the fourth and final business meetings.

Mr. Abellada announced that time for the Third Business Meeting had expired. He would work on a revised Order of Business for the Fourth Business Meeting to ensure all committee business is addressed. Convention Arrangements Chair H.G. West reviewed the logistics for the group photo.

Chairman Abellada adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The Convention Group Photograph was taken by C.J. Creveling (UT A) at 11:45 a.m. in the Centennial Olympic Park, five blocks from the hotel. The picture is available on the Tau Beta Pi website.

Lunch was at the delegates’ discretion at local restaurants from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Professional Development Sessions for non-voting delegates were held at the Courtland Grand Hotel at 1:00 p.m. Sessions included: Climbing the Corporate Ladder & Navigating Your Career Path with Friends sponsored by Jason B. Ditman led by D.J Cowan Jr. & G. Youssef in the Augusta room; Graduate Fellowships led by S.J. Steadman in the Valdosta room; the John C. Schmuhl Professional Development Session: Maximize Your Career Potential with Working Genius led by T.J. Hutton in the Athens room; and Understanding Intellectual Property and Exploring Career Opportunities led by M.M. Youssef in the Macon room.

The Model Initiation was conducted at 2:15 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Courtland Grand Hotel. The Rituals Committee and members of Georgia Alpha 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 the need for prompt reporting to Headquarters. The initiation team consisted of Executive Director Emeritus J.D. Froula, President R.K. Alexander, District 5 Director J. Hilerio-Sanchez, GA A Chief Advisor D.B. Williams, and GA A chapter president J.S. Singham, members of the host chapters, and Ritual Committee members. The Model Initiation brought into Association membership 22 students from Georgia Alpha including 21 undergraduate students and 1 graduate student.

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FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING
Grand Ballroom, Courtland Grand Hotel, Atlanta, GA

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Chairman Abellada called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. He indicated several items of business were not reached during the Third Business Meeting and certain committees shared that they had completed their work. As such, a new order of business had been prepared for the Fourth Business Meeting which was displayed to the Convention. Hearing no objections, he ruled the amended order of business adopted as follows:

Report of Credentials Committee
Action if necessary on Convention Site Committee
Action if necessary on NEST Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on Image & Marketing Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs Committee
Action if necessary on Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Action if necessary on Resolutions Committee
Action if necessary on Petitions Committee
Action if necessary on Advisors Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on Alumni Chapters Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on DEI Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on Convention Site Committee
Report of the Committee on Convention Site
Action if necessary on Marketing Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on Alumni Relations Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on Development Committee (ad hoc)
Action if necessary on NEST
Action if necessary on Convention Site Committee
Report of the Committee on Convention Site

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was called. Chairman B.J. Pollatz delivered the credentials report stating that there was only a single change since the Third Business Meeting and 207 Collegiate Chapters, 28 Alumni Chapters, 7 Executive Councillors including the Executive Director, 5 Program Directors, and 16 District Directors were registered for a total of 263 voting delegates. With a majority of collegiate chapters represented, a quorum was present.

The Report of the Committee on Convention Site was called. R.P. Steffen (NE A) introduced Vice Chair L.D. Schmidt (MT A) and thanked his committee. The charge of the committee was to select a site for the 2026 Convention. The committee considered the following sites for the 2026 Convention: Little Rock, AR; Mobile, AL; San Diego, CA; Seattle, WA; St. Louis, MO; and Tucson, AZ. The committee evaluated all cities based on cost (housing, travel, transportation), logistics (lodging, venue, airport capacity, commuting); nightlife/attractiveness; nominating chapter support; and safety. The committee considered several factors and eliminated Seattle, Little Rock, and Mobile from consideration. After using a weighted average process to evaluate the remaining locations, St. Louis was eliminated. The committee then talked to chapter representatives from San Diego and Tucson and weighed chapter involvement, services provided by the university, and travel/housing logistics. Ultimately, the committee felt that Tucson, AZ, was the best location to host because AZ Alpha is celebrating their 100th anniversary, there is significant chapter and university support, housing would be across the street from the university, and there is plentiful nightlife and attractions within walking distance. He moved, seconded by A.R. Johnston (AL A), to hold the 2026 Convention in Tucson, AZ. R.J. Ahrens (TX X), wondered about the estimated cost for the host site. Mr. Steffen responded that the cost for the hotel would be in the $530-570,000 range. J. Lui (San Francisco Bay Area) requested to see the equation used to select the site. Mr. Steffen explained how each of the criteria were weighted. G. Youssef (Executive Councillor) wanted to know about the total cost for St. Louis, and Mr. Steffen informed delegates that the cost was $4,333,000 to host at the Union Station hotel; but cost, transportation, nightlife, and overall safety were used as factors, and St. Louis did not rate well for transportation, nightlife, and safety. M.A. Bentsen (CA O) inquired about how the cost in Tucson would compare to the cost in Atlanta. Mr. Steffen stated that the average cost over the past few years has been around $600,000, and the cost for Tucson was estimated at $550-600,000. D.J. Cowan Jr. (D5 Director) asked if the team had considered the free entertainment options in St. Louis, and Mr. Steffen stressed that they had, but public transportation was not rated high. M.M. Youssef (Executive Councillor) conveyed that higher costs for Convention results in additional services at Convention not being available such as snacks or other services. J.L. Robinson (MO E) commented that the only chapter who expressed an interest in hosting was Tucson, and they have strong chapter support and naming of the chapter. K. Katsouleas (CA E) spoke in support of the option and commented that public transportation to the airport would take about an hour for St. Louis. A.C. Russ (AL E) noted the importance of keeping chapters involved in Tau Beta Pi, and the local chapter in Tucson is very strong and should be rewarded for their support of the Association. N.R. Divilbiss (KS G) was curious to know if local chapters at all the sites have been contacted to check their level of support. Mr. Steffen replied that only San Diego and Tucson chapters were consulted. O. Stenstadvolden (SD A) congratulated Tucson on their bid and pointed out that cost estimates for the sites can easily change over time. T.A. Jaber (CA U) wanted to know about the transportation costs in Tucson, and a committee member shared that the travel costs would be around $150,000 for each hotel listed. S.D. Jennings-King (Dir. of Development) remarked that the Convention can spend money faster than she can raise it. Dr. Youssef mentioned that a less expensive Convention allows additional chapters to be supported to attend the Convention. C.C. Stemple (D13 Director) highlighted that Tucson was submitted for consideration because of their 100th anniversary in 2026, and they should be recognized for that. In addition, celebrating the anniversary during the Convention could present an opportunity to bring additional donors onsite to celebrate.
during the Convention. A.B. Phelps (MD D) expressed interest in knowing why San Diego was not selected. Mr. Steffen stated that San Diego was extremely expensive. I. Kassim (Richmond) responded that if celebrating a 100th anniversary was a criterion for selecting a host site, Tau Beta Pi would end up in expensive locations like New York City in the future. M.J. Bullard (OK G) explained that the committee discarded some sites due to hard logistical constraints such as insufficient airport size and others were eliminated on subjective factors. He informed delegates that the committee did not have Tau Beta Pi budget information to work with, and San Diego has hosted a Convention in the past 10 years. E.Y.-H. Liu (D15 Director) moved, seconded by G.C. Sheets II (OH D), the previous question. Chairman Abellada indicated that two thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Youssef suggested that future Convention Site Committees look at opportunities to reduce cost for the Convention in Tucson if possible.

The Report of the Committee on New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow (NEST) (ad hoc) was requested. G.J. Dimonde (LA D). Material Review Co-Chair, introduced the members of the committee which was broken down into material review and topic selection subcommittees. Mr. Dimonde explained that NEST is a yearly Tau Beta Pi competition started in 2022 where students submit solutions that address a general topic. Challenges are chosen by the Convention body each year, and student groups design solutions to the challenge which are referred to as Engineered Gadgets for Good (EGGs). The committee was charged with reviewing available NEST materials and providing general improvement recommendations to the NEST program developers, grade deliverables generated by the chapters and aggregate all scores from the competition, and determine the NEST Challenge topic for the 2023-24 academic year. Multiple documents were reviewed and changes were provided to the NEST Development Committee. Final report submissions were graded; the winner will be announced Saturday evening. Multiple topics were brainstormed for the 2023-24 academic year, and the committee reviewed and voted to identify a finalist. Mr. Dimonde moved, seconded by A. Patel (MI G), to make waste management the 2023-24 NEST Challenge topic. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

The Report of the Committee on Image & Marketing (ad hoc) was called. M.B. Mekiliesky (SC B), Chair, introduced the officers and advisors of her committee. She provided an overview of the charges given to the committee including identifying and evaluating possible options for communicating our messages on your college campus and identify all appropriate target groups of potential candidates; examining the progress on the new Tau Beta Pi members website design and recommending additions or enhancements; and evaluating the white stole and orange and white honor cords worn by Tau Beta Pi members at graduation ceremonies and providing recommendations for possible changes. Regarding the first charge, V.E. Ajiz (TX Q) said that target groups were eligible students and also freshmen and sophomores. Any campus communication plans need to include: receiving HQ/District Director support in facilitating university acknowledgement of their affiliated Tau Beta Pi chapter; improving visibility of marketing materials from Headquarters, and instituting a national Tau Beta Pi volunteer week to increase chapter exposure. Ms. Mekiliesky then highlighted adjustments to existing posters including consistent font size, adding a QR code for the Tau Beta Pi website, and aligning text on the right vertically with the left side. For the blue poster, the committee advocated for removing the background color gradient and replacing it with a solid color.

Regarding the second charge on website design, the committee reviewed the proposed categories and subcategories on the new website. They recommended certain content be placed in different categories as illustrated below. The committee also recommended that the Tau Beta Pi Chapter Reporting Website be updated as the existing site is outdated and confusing.

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Related to the third charge regarding graduation regalia, the committee suggested keeping the current color scheme and items including the tassel, honor cords, and "bib." The committee felt that an additional stole option be offered, and Ms. Mekiliesky moved, seconded by T.P. Mullin (IN A) to offer an additional stole design as part of the existing graduation regalia set. Ms. Mekiliesky reported that the committee is not requiring any specific design elements in the new stole, but they do have some recommendations which were displayed to delegates. The recommendations include: the new stole's design be
consistent with the "bib's" color scheme and Bent graphic use a white background with orange trim and lettering; and an orange Bent be placed on the wearer’s right side and Greek letters be placed on the wearer’s left side. A potential design of the proposed stole will be provided to Headquarters. There was no debate, and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Ms. Mekiliesky stated that the committee thinks there is still work to do in future years, but its scope should be broader. The committee recommends that it be redefined from the Image & Marketing (ad hoc) Committee to the Public Relations standing committee starting at the 2024 Convention. She moved, seconded by P. Klomkaew (Pittsburgh), to redefine the Image & Marketing (ad hoc) Committee as the Public Relations standing committee starting at the 2024 Convention. The purpose of this committee is to address the issues of image, marketing, social media, and website. She spoke in favor of the motion noting that additional work on social media and marketing is necessary to help Tau Beta Pi be seen as a legitimate organization. Chairman Abellada remarked that adopting this motion as written would conflict with the Constitution, so the motion needs to be amended to either amend the Constitution or not be a standing committee. He read Const. Art. IX, Sec. 5 to the Convention. N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) wanted to know if the intent of the committee was to add their committee to the Constitution. L.L. Walter (OH Z), mentioned that the intent of the committee was to add their committee to the list in the Constitution. Parliamentarian Hickling pointed out that adding scope to the committee does not require a Constitution change, but adding the committee to the Constitution would require a Constitution change. Ms. Mekiliesky shared that she would like to increase the importance of the committee, but they did not realize that a Constitution change would be required. She moved, seconded by P. Klomkaew (Pittsburgh) to amend the motion to strike out the word "standing." J.P. Blackford (D4 Director) moved to amend the motion to direct the Executive Council to appoint an ad hoc committee for this purpose, but Mr. Abellada ruled the motion out of order because the amendment was not germane to the pending amendment. A delegate inquired about the difference between an ad hoc committee and a standing committee. Mr. Hickling informed delegates that the Constitution requires standing committees be appointed, but the Executive Council has always appointed ad hoc committees when the Convention requested it. Ms. Mekiliesky expressed that the committee’s intent is to rename the committee and expand its scope. J.M.A. Pénot (CA B) raised a point of order asking if the Executive Council is responsible for naming the committee. Parliamentarian Hickling noted that the current motion defines the name. E.Y.-H. Liu (D15 Director) moved the previous question on the amendment. There were no objections to voting immediately on the amendment and the previous question was ordered. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the word “standing” was struck from the motion. Returning to debate on the main motion as amended, Mr. Blackford moved to amend the motion to strike out the words “redelne the image & Marketing (ad hoc) Committee as the” and insert "direct the Executive Council to appoint a” and insert "(ad hoc)” after the words “Public Relations.” Mr. Abellada asked if there were any objections to the amendment, and hearing none, he ruled the motion adopted and the words “redeline the Image & Marketing (ad hoc) Committee as the” were struck out and the words “direct the Executive Council to appoint a” and insert “(ad hoc)” after the words “Public Relations.” were inserted. M.M. Eickmeyer (OK B) questioned if the amended motion still reflected the intent of the committee; Ms. Mekiliesky indicated that it did. N.R. Divibiss (KS G) stressed that adding these charges to the committee are very important because his chapter feels that the current marketing materials are dated and the website is not well designed; in addition, the chapter reporting system would benefit from updates. K.J. Welch (CA AA) moved, seconded by A.M Brunton (Minnesota), the previous question. Mr. Abellada said that two thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The final wording of the motion appears below.

To direct the Executive Council to appoint a Public Relations (ad hoc) Committee starting at the 2024 Convention. The purpose of this committee is to address the issues of image, marketing, social media, and website.

O. Stenstadvolden (SD A) raised a point of parliamentary inquiry to ask if it would be in order to propose that the 2024 Convention consider making the Public Relations Committee a standing committee. Mr. Abellada answered that such a motion would be in order during New Business. Ms. Mekiliesky indicated that the committee would support making the committee a standing committee. She thanked the delegates for their time.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, G.C. Sheets II (OH D), Chair, shared that their committee discussed the concerns raised on the floor during the previous business meeting. He emphasized that the current timescale does not allow chapters enough time to discuss Convention business prior to sending their delegates. To remedy this, the committee suggests a general policy that all Convention business (not limited to financial business) be distributed to chapters at least 60 days in advance of Convention, but this would not apply to new business brought by delegates. Therefore, Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by T.P. Mullen (IN A), that moving forward, for all Convention business, the Executive Council shall make all information sheets for committee charges available to the chapters at least 60 days in advance of Convention. L.P. Champagne Jr., (New Orleans) asked for a definition of "predetermined." Mr. Sheets responded that it would include all business known in advance of the Convention. M.L Benson (MI G Advisor) wanted to know how this deadline would relate to other deadlines for bringing existing business to the Convention and highlighted that the motion, as written, does not address the ability to bring new business to the floor. Mr. Sheets replied that their understanding was that July 1 is the current deadline for Convention business. C.D. Gomulinski (Executive Dir.)
informed delegates that the current goal is to have business defined by July 1. Z.D. Rubenfeld (Washington, DC), moved, seconded by A.M Brunton (Minnesota), to amend the motion to strike “all information sheets for” and insert “preliminary.” J.M.A. Pénot (CA B) requested clarification on the term “committee charges.” Mr. Sheets answered that the committee charges are just a bulleted list, and he believes that information sheets would need to be provided in advance to have any meaningful information. G.J. Dimone (LA D) was curious about the practicality of the 60-day deadline from the Executive Council. Mr. Gomulinski commented that the challenge encountered this year was that information sheets were overdue from many groups and committees working on topics, so deadlines would need to be strictly enforced or content would not be brought to the Convention. A.C. Lawrence (NC A) inquired about where this policy would be captured; Mr. Sheets offered that it would be added to a Convention policy document. K. Katsouleas (CA E) said that this motion would still allow for new information to appear at the last minute at Convention and does not keep chapters from recommending new business at the Convention. Mr. Pénot stressed that information sheets need to be received to get any meaningful information. S.O. Akinlolu (N J Z) remarked that he was a member of the committee and felt the original proposal was well thought through. P. Porcaro (KS B) moved to amend the primary amendment to strike “preliminary” and insert “all information pertaining to and including.” K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area) raised a point of order noting that the amendment to the amendment is not germane to the pending amendment and should be ruled out of order. Chairman Abellada ruled the amendment to the amendment out of order noting that the amendment is germane, but it is out of order as dilatory and equivalent to voting against the primary amendment. R.J. Ahrens (TX X) moved the previous question. Hearing no objections to voting immediately, the previous question was ordered. Chairman Abellada put the amendment to a vote, and the motion was lost on a voice vote and the amendment was not adopted. M.M. Youssef (Executive Councillor) moved the previous question. Hearing an objection, Mr. Abellada had delegates raise their blue wristbands. Chairman Abellada stated that two-thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. The main motion passed on a voice vote, and the final wording of the motion appears below.

Moving forward, for all Convention business, the Executive Council shall make all information sheets for committee charges available to the chapters at least 60 days in advance of Convention.

Mr. Sheets resumed debate on the Constitution and Bylaws investment options amendment that was committed to the committee during the Second Business Meeting. He noted that amendments to the Constitution require a three-fourths vote of delegates at Convention and a three-fourths vote by chapters to take effect. Amendments to the Bylaws only require a three-fourths vote of delegates at Convention to take effect. Chapters that do not cast ballots may have votes cast on their behalf by the Executive Council. The Trust Advisory Committee (TAC) is appointed by the Executive Council and is tasked with managing the trust. He suggested that providing advance notice to chapters would solve the problem faced in previous years when chapters did not have timely information after Convention by requiring the Executive Council to make that information available to chapters before it is debated at Convention. At the same time, the committee feels that providing flexibility to the TAC regarding allowable investments is of paramount importance. He reported that investment guidelines as a part of the Constitution is highly unusual among engineering professional societies as most have their investment guidelines in their policies or bylaws or place them entirely at the discretion of the Board of Directors; moving the investment guidelines to the Bylaws will allow them to be more easily changed as needed by the Association; also, with the addition of the prior notice period, it also allows for more knowledgeable voting at Convention. Mr. Sheets concluded by mentioning that the committee discussed the concerns raised about reduced oversight of the investment options available to the TAC due to lack of ratification requirement by the chapters; previous Convention policy may be easier to pass if re-proposed; and the current proposal not addressing Convention Minutes being made available to chapters in a timely manner. He moved, seconded by S.O. Akinlolu (N J Z), to amend the Constitution and Bylaws by striking Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 8, inserting the content of Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 8, into the Bylaws as a new Bylaw IV, Sec. 4.01 entitled “Investment Options,” renumbering Bylaw IV to Bylaw V, and amending the new Bylaw V, Sec. 5.02 by inserting “, with the exception of Bylaw IV (unless proposed to the chapters 30 days in advance),” after the word “Convention” and before the word “may.” (see pages 18-19 for the exact wording). Mr. Sheets said editorial authority would be granted to the Executive Council to renumber Bylaws and any references accordingly. J.M.A. Pénot (CA B) was interested in knowing if there is a specific investment type that is driving this change; Ms. Mekilises emphasized that no specific changes are being recommended, but the intent is to provide Tau Beta Pi the same flexibility that similar societies possess. P. Porcaro (KS B) moved, seconded by Z.D. Rubenfeld (Washington, DC), the previous question. Mr. Abellada ruled the motion out of order since debate had just begun. S. Akhmatdinov (MI K) described a situation at the last Convention when there was a motion about changing the investment options and chapters were not permitted sufficient time to debate. R.J. Bluestein (TX H) pointed out that the motion has not changed significantly from yesterday’s discussion. R.J. Ahrens (TX X) noted that this change is the smallest change that could be made, and it does not change the types of investments which would be allowed. A. Limbu (CA H) feels that with our new 60-day advance notice requirement, chapters will have sufficient time to review any suggested changes in the future, do their research, and bring an educated opinion to the Convention. E.Y.-H. Liu (D15 Director) asked about when the allowable investment options have been changed. It was reported that they were last amended by the 2019 Convention and ratified by the chapters to add exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs). S. Rokni (D16 Director) raised a concern that if a delegate is not available to attend the business meeting, their chapter may not be able to provide input. A.A. Gallegos (AZ B) was interested in the pros and cons of the solution. Ms. Mekilises stated that the proposal came from a
request to align our processes with other societies, and the move from the Constitution to the Bylaws would provide sufficient safeguards. N.R. Divilbiss (KS G) inquired if the TAC is more experienced than students and if the TAC acts in the fiduciary interests of the organization. R.K. Alexander (President) answered that all TAC members have extensive background in financial investments, and they work closely with our Treasurer and Director of Finance and Operations to make investment decisions. G.A. Angel etakis (DE A) remarked that this motion takes power away from the chapters and passes it to the Convention; in the fall, chapters are very busy and do not have time to study motions in detail; and many delegates are new to Convention and may not have the expertise to address these types of issues. Z.C. Rogers (NC Z) stressed that this motion is a constitutional amendment so every chapter will have an opportunity to review it before it could be ratified and take effect. M.J. Bullard (OK G) expressed his concern with asking delegates to review multiple amendments and proposals with their chapters. M.A. Bentsen (CA O) requested a quorum call. Mr. Abellada responded that there were 264 delegates registered and a quorum was present. Mr. Bentsen moved, seconded by E.J. Feret (DC B), the previous question. Chairman Abellada concluded that two thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. He directed that the vote be taken by ElectionBuddy. He announced that 131 votes were cast in the affirmative and 94 votes were cast in the negative. A Constitution amendment requires three-fourths of those registered to vote in the affirmative which would be 198 votes, so the motion was lost and the Constitution and Bylaws were not amended. Mr. Sheets thanked the delegates for their time.

Continuing the Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Z.C. Rogers (NC Z) reviewed the status of the policies they had reviewed. The committee found that an additional four policies required no changes. The policies included: Financial Review (CC 09), Fellowship Program (CP 02), Scholarship Program (CP 07), and Tau Beta Pi Trust Management (PF 01).

Mr. Rogers informed delegates that the committee reviewed the Chapter Fees Policy (PO 07) and identified inconsistencies between the current policy and the recent changes from the Financial Affairs committee; therefore, they recommended that the policy be reviewed by the 2024 Convention. He moved, seconded by S. Jacobi (MI A), to refer the Chapter Fees Policy (PO 07) to the 2024 Convention, but leave the policy as an Executive Council policy until the next Convention. There was no further debate and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

The chair recognized J.M.A. Pénot (CA B) who presented on the Convention Agenda and Minutes Policy (PG 06). He shared that the policy incorporates and expands on the provisions that were formerly documented in the Constitution and Bylaws and those applicable to official meetings as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association. The committee found no conflicts between the policy and the relevant sections of the Constitution (Art. IX, Secs. 1, 5, 6, and 7). The committee proposes that future changes to the policy should move from the authority of the Executive Council to that of the Convention. The committee also recommends updates to add the 60-day information requirement as approved earlier today. Lastly, they also recommend modifications to describe what constitutes official minutes vs. historical information to align the policy with current practice. He moved, seconded by A.C. Russ (AL E), to adopt the revised policy as shown on the screen. S. Mehrotra (NY P) wanted to know if this would drastically increase the size of the minutes; Mr. Pénot replied that both a shorter version and a more detailed version would be available. An anonymous delegate moved, seconded by another anonymous delegate, to amend the policy to insert “an abridged version of” after the word “include” and before “Convention” in the description of the Convention histories. The delegate indicated that this would clarify the term “minutes” and “history.” A.B. Phelps (MD D) requested the text of the modified policy to be made larger which was done. K.U. Thakar (Greater San Diego) clarified the committee’s view on minutes vs. history and said that the offered amendment is worded incorrectly. Mr. Pénot voiced that he did not support the proposed amendment. There was no further debate, and the motion was lost on a voice vote and the motion was not amended. M.L. Benson (MI G Advisor) reviewed the definition of minutes according to Roberts Rules and suggested that this could be further reviewed by the 2024 Convention to ensure that all the necessary information is included in this motion. N.R. Divilbiss (KS G) inquired about the feasibility of tracking all this information; Parliamentarian Hickling noted that we are currently in the process of capturing these levels of detail and have brought an historian on board to assist in this effort. A. Limbu (CA H) added that AI models could be used to assist in creating a detailed set of minutes with all the conversation and a recording could also be made to catch additional information if desired. N.T. Bussett (D16 Director) asked about Mr. Kuspa’s title, and Mr. Hickling responded that he is the Convention Historian. K.J. Welch (CAA A) moved, seconded by B.H. Odeh (MI E), the previous question. There were no objections to voting immediately, and the previous question was ordered. The motion was adopted on a voice vote, and the revised wording of the policy appears below.

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**Purpose and Scope**

The Tau Beta Pi Association, Incorporated – 117th Convention History - 33
This policy establishes the recurring agenda items for the business meetings at the Tau Beta Pi Association, Inc. (the Association) annual Convention.

**Background**
This policy incorporates and expands on the provisions that were formerly documented in the Constitution and Bylaws and those applicable to official meetings as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

**Applies To**
This Policy applies to all Association members.

**Committee Charges**
A list of committees, committee information sheets, and committee charges shall be published and distributed to all Association Officials and to all collegiate and alumni chapters at least 60 days before Convention. This Policy applies to all Association members.

**Call to Order**
The Association President, or in his or her absence, the Vice President or other member of the Executive Council (EC), or, if no EC members are present, by the delegate from the oldest chapter represented, shall call the Convention to order.

The Executive Director shall serve as the Convention Secretary, shall examine the credentials of the delegates, and shall certify to the Convention the number of chapters properly represented and the number of Association Officers and Officials present.

The Executive Director shall determine and report if a quorum is present.

**Order of Business**
The first order of business shall be the reading of the President’s report on the state of the Association.

The second order of business shall be reports by the Program Directors.

The Executive Director shall then present the Convention agenda and the Convention shall adopt the order of business.

The Permanent Chair of the Convention, appointed by the EC prior to the Convention, shall then assume the chair and conduct the Convention business in accordance with the approved agenda.

**Convention Minutes**
The Convention Secretary, appointed by the EC prior to the Convention, shall take full and complete minutes of the actions of the Convention and shall, within two months of the conclusion of the Convention, prepare official copies of the minutes and distribute them to all Association Officials and to all collegiate and alumni chapters.

Convention histories shall include Convention discussion, Convention debate, Convention attendees, committee assignments, professional development sessions and speakers, and meeting locations.

A copy of the minutes shall be signed by the Permanent Convention Chair and the Convention Secretary and be bound in the book of the Association Conventions' Minutes for permanent safekeeping at the Association's Headquarters.

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1 Association Constitution, Article X, Section 5(m)
2 Association Constitution, Article X, Section 5(n)

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**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions**, D. Naruka (OH A) and her committee presented a humorous video about aspects of the 2023 Convention. The video featured short segments on married and unmarried Convention participants greeting each other as Ken and Barbie; a Tau Beta Pi dating app; “Dora” exploring the hotel in search of Convention registration; a delegate getting lost in the hotel with references to the movie *The Shining*; a campaign video from
Chairman Abellada called for items of New Business.

N.P. Burris (KY G) moved, seconded by K. Katsouleas (CA E), to require that any career/recruitment fair done as part of the Convention must have an on-site, in-person component. This motion shall not prohibit an online/virtual portion of said career/recruitment fair. O. Stenstadvolden (SD A) suggested that when the Convention is hosted by SD Alpha in Rapid City next year, it may be possible to partner with career services at their university to have a large, successful career fair. A.B. Phelps (MD D) pointed out that the motion, as worded, would permit no career fair be held. M.M. Youssef (Executive Councillor) moved, seconded by T.L. Chatfield (CA L), to amend the motion by striking the word “require” and inserting “request” and striking the word “must” and inserting “may.” A.M. Brunton (Minneapolis) wanted to know about the motivation to make this year’s career fair virtual. T.E. Gomulinski (Dir. of Alumni Affairs) informed delegates that the Convention Program Planning Committee decided to make the career fair virtual to provide more time for networking and the required business. A. Limbu (CA H) commented that requiring a career fair could increase the necessary time to hold the Convention and thus increase costs. N.R. Divilbiss (KS G) spoke against the amendment because it invalidates the original motion to require that something be in place. P.A. Tsibouris (OH N) spoke with two participating companies and schools at the virtual career fair, and they stated that they did not prefer the virtual career fair. J.R. Clinton (CA W) questioned whether a career fair would be required to be held if this motion passed. An anonymous delegate asked how much money was generated from the last career fair. Mr. Phelps (MD D) spoke in favor of the amendment because requiring an onsite component to a career fair could result in no career fair at all if it is impossible to host an in-person portion. R.W. Pierce (EC Candidate) shared that the previous career fair generated $48,000. The previous question was moved and seconded by anonymous delegates. Chairman Abellada reported that two thirds voted in the affirmative on a show of wristbands and the previous question was ordered. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the word “require” was struck and the word “request” inserted and the word “must” was struck and the word “may” was inserted in the main motion. N.R. Divilbiss (KS G) moved, seconded by T.P. Mullin (IN A), to substitute for the pending motion the following: “to have an in-person career/recruitment fair at Convention, unless the Executive Council deems it unreasonable.” K.K. Scherer (MN A) remarked that this proposal would be specifically for the Convention and would not prevent an online career fair outside of the Convention. D.A. Haley (TX Z) moved the previous question, and hearing no objections, the previous question was ordered. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and “to have an in-person career/recruitment fair at Convention, unless the Executive Council deems it unreasonable.” was substituted for the original motion. The main motion was adopted on a voice vote, and the final wording of the motion appears below.

To have an in-person career/recruitment fair at the Convention, unless the Executive Council deems it unreasonable.

S.E. Peak (FL Z) requested that a charge be given to the Rituals Committee for the 2024 Convention to remove the requirement that a centralized light controller be used for initiation. Instead, she recommended that individual light controllers be used by each reader. This will still allow that only one reader’s light is on at a time while eliminating the expensive cost and time intensive assembly of the centralized controller.

M.M. Caffery (LA A) requested that PowerPoint presentations from the Business Meetings be made available as part of the Convention record and history.

G.A. Angeletakis (DE A) asked that all videos be closed captioned at the last Convention, but mentioned that most videos at this Convention were not captioned. She moved that videos at the next Convention, including the Resolutions Committee, require captioning. There were no objections, so the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

An anonymous delegate requested that the Executive Council add a charge to the 2024 Constitution and Bylaws Committee to add the Public Relations Committee as a standing committee.

Mr. Abellada said that time had expired for the meeting. Executive Director Gomulinski suggested that any additional items of New Business be emailed to the Convention business email account (tbp.convbus@tbp.org) for inclusion in the official records. The following items were received from delegates.

L.H. Logan (D7 Director) recommends that President’s Book page B-30 (2008) / Officer’s Book page 18/50 (depending on version) be included with all copies of the ritual so that the information is readily available to chapters, and provides context for the introductory reading when initiation starts.

Z.C. Rogers (NC Z) commented that the spirit of the motion for PG-03 should be interpreted as follows. The Executive Council Responsibilities Policy (PG-03) is in no way intended to limit the day-to-day operations of the Tau Beta Pi Association, Incorporated – 117th Convention History - 35
Executive Council and should still allow them to go about the necessary inner workings of their business without the need for approval of the Convention. The only limiting factor imposed by PG-03 is to prevent the Executive Council from removing the responsibilities that they have been charged with. Should the Executive Council feel inclined to add responsibilities, they are free to do so. Additionally, should necessary steps be taken in order to complete the responsibilities that they have been charged with (i.e. changing the number of times they meet, forming necessary committees to delineate tasks, or optimizing the way that responsibilities are handled by the Council), they are free to do so without the need of approval.

L.D. Schmidt (MT A) shared that his chapter has been working to acquire Tau Beta Pi merchandise, including apparel, for their members. However, upon exploring the official Tau Beta Pi website, it has come to their attention the available clothing and merchandise appear outdated, reminiscent of the early 2000s. In today's fashion-conscious world, these items may not be appealing to a wide audience. We believe revitalizing the merchandise is essential for enhancing our brand's visibility and, consequently, increasing our membership. To improve Tau Beta Pi's image and create a more attractive apparel line, he recommends apparel design is added as an additional focal point for the Public Relations Committee at the 2024 Convention. The objective is to update and modernize the official Tau Beta Pi gear, making it more desirable to wear. This, in turn, will raise the visibility of our brand and hopefully generate increased interest in joining Tau Beta Pi. The importance of offering stylish and appealing clothing cannot be understated, as it is crucial for our future growth and appeal to potential members.

Chairman Abellada adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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The Chapter Awards Banquet was held in the Capitol Ballroom of the Courtland Grand Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Jon P. Pederson Jr., Atlanta Alumni Chapter President, served as master of ceremonies and introduced the members seated at the head tables. A total of 425 people enjoyed the airline chicken breast entrée and chocolate decadence with raspberry coulis.

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FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
Capitol Ballroom, Courtland Grand Hotel, Atlanta, GA
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Chairman Abellada took charge of the Final Business Meeting on the banquet program in the Capitol Ballroom and called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Abellada introduced Chris Potts, NEST Program Lead, to Continue the Report of the Committee on New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow (NEST) (ad hoc). Mr. Potts informed delegates that NEST is a pilot program which is intended to become a showcase event for future Conventions where student teams can develop projects around an annual theme, by forming a team which involves members as well as other students and alumni. As of today, CA AA has completed the entire NEST project cycle and has received the “Hatch” Award for the 2023 NEST program. Their project was to develop a knee joint that is affordable and functional, in partnership with the Love Restored non-profit; the team is on track for their knee to be used on an actual patient next year.

T.E. Gomulinski (Dir. of Alumni Affairs) was introduced to conclude her report. She stated that the Alumni Affairs Committee at the 2022 Convention requested that an inaugural series of Alumni Chapter Awards be presented at the 2023 Convention. For collaboration with collegiate chapters, the Great Smoky Mountains Alumni Chapter and the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter received honorable mentions; the winner in this category was the Southeastern Michigan Alumni Chapter. For engagement with their community, the Central Florida Alumni Chapter received the award. For participation by members, the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter was the recipient. For the most improved alumni chapter, an honorable mention was awarded to the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, and the winner was the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter. For outstanding alumni chapter, four excellent candidates were identified; the Front Range Alumni Chapter, Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, and Southeastern Michigan Alumni Chapters received honorable mentions, and the Milwaukee Area Alumni Chapter was the winner.

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Awards, A.B. Phelps (MD D), Chair, introduced Executive Director Emeritus J.D.Froula who presented the 2023 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award for growth in membership over the past three years. The committee considered improvement in membership numbers over the past three years, the percent increase in new initiates, and the ratio of initiates to candidates. Honorable mentions were given to Florida Eta and Louisiana Gamma, and the award was presented to California Nu.
Mr. Phelps remarked that the committee considered the increase in quality, diversity, and number of projects over the previous year; chapter size and the increase in member participation in projects; and improvement in quality and promptness of reports to Headquarters when assessing recipients for the **2023 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award**. He was pleased to present the award to **New York Tau** for the improvement in the quality, diversity, and number of projects and their overall operations.

Mr. Phelps spoke of the requirements for the Outstanding Chapter Award including the quality and variety of projects, the organization of the chapter, the number of projects undertaken by the chapter, and the promptness and completeness of reports submitted to Headquarters. He bestowed the **2023 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award on Ohio Kappa** at the University of Akron. An honorable mention was given to Wisconsin Alpha. (A plaque will be prepared and delivered to the winner later.)

**Continuing the Report of the Committee on Resolutions**, D. Naruka (OH A), Chair, read the following:

**Resolutions of the 2023 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 possible this year’s Convention, 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.

Historically, Tau Beta Pi members voted to merge with Sigma Tau 50 years ago at the 1973 Convention. Sigma Tau was founded in 1904 at the University of Nebraska as an engineering honor society. At the time of the official merger, on January 1, 1974, it had 34 collegiate chapters and a total initiated membership of 45,000. This formed a single, strong honor society to better serve the engineering profession.

We would like to thank our hosts, Georgia Alpha and the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, for warmly welcoming us into their city, and the Courtland Grand Hotel Atlanta for their hospitality. A few individuals deserve special recognition: the Georgia Alpha Chapter President, Jacques S. Singham, and their chief advisor, Douglas B. Williams; the Atlanta Alumni Chapter President, John P. Pederson Jr., and Secretary Kimmy A. Romstad; and this year’s Arrangements Chair, Hannah G. West. At this time, we would like to welcome Hannah to receive her plaque and Jacques, John, and Kimmy to receive certificates of recognition.

We also acknowledge that 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 8,685 TBP alumni, in addition to the contributions of the 228 companies who support the Association through matching gifts to our Alumni Giving Program. We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors as well as the companies, graduate programs, and government agencies that have participated in our virtual recruiting fair. Let’s give them all a well-deserved round of applause.

Congratulations to Tucson, Arizona, for being selected to host the 2026 Annual Convention.

Even within such an elite organization, there are those who have distinguished themselves above and beyond.

We would like to recognize the 31 Tau Beta Pi Fellows and 265 Tau Beta Pi Scholars who were named in the summer and fall issues of *The Bent*. Could those who have recently been awarded a 2023 Tau Beta Pi Fellowship or Scholarship please stand. Now, would those who have EVER been awarded a Fellowship or Scholarship please stand.

We also offer special recognition to our four Laureates: Maxine Dupuis of New York Nu ’23, Alexander J. Francisco of New York Nu ’24, Gwyneth M. Schloer, Virginia Beta ’22, and Mitchell Sueker, South Dakota Alpha ’23.

We congratulate all of these individuals on their achievements and the promise of their respective careers. Would those members who have received Laureate Awards in the past please stand.

We congratulate the NEST competition winner, California Alpha Alpha.
Congratulations to the four collegiate chapters that were installed this past spring: Georgia Delta at the University of Georgia; Tennessee Eta at Lipscomb University; North Carolina Eta at Western Carolina University; and Massachusetts Kappa at Merrimack College.

Congratulations to the newest international collegiate chapters that were granted a chapter at this year’s Convention: UAE Alpha at University of Sharjah and Qatar Alpha at Texas A&M University at Qatar.

In the past year, the Southwest Florida and Charlotte Alumni Chapters were established, and the Richmond Alumni Chapter was reactivated. The Kansas City Alumni Chapter was officially installed in March, bringing the number of active alumni chapters to 50 at this time. Please join me in giving these new chapters a round of applause as we once again welcome them into the Tau Beta Pi family.

As is clear from the given reports and the number of alumni chapters that have restarted, 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.

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, as well as the Tau Beta Pi’s Director of the District Program, Stacey Forkner. Would our District Directors please stand.

We extend our congratulations to our 2023 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients Edward D. Basta, Ohio Epsilon ’82; Brendan J. Chan, Michigan Beta ’03; and H. Alan Mantooth, Arkansas Alpha ’85. Congratulations to the 2023 McDonald Mentor Richard J. Spontak, Pennsylvania Beta ’83. We continue our congratulations to the 2023 Outstanding Advisor, Andrew E. Toy, Michigan Iota ’95.

We congratulate the 2023 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award honorable mention recipient Wisconsin Alpha, and the 2023 R.C. Matthews Most Outstanding Chapter Award recipient Ohio Kappa; the 2023 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award recipient New York Tau; and the 2023 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award honorable mention recipients Florida Eta and Louisiana Gamma, and 2023 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award recipient California Nu.

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 Curtis D. Gomulinski has worked enthusiastically to keep the organization running on a daily basis and maintained the integrity of Tau Beta Pi. Assistant Director of Member & Chapter Services Connor C. Dubrule ensured the smooth operation of yet another Convention. Without them and the tireless work of the Headquarters staff, many of us may not have made it to Convention at all.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of our Director of Alumni Affairs, Tricia E. Gomulinski, and her team for their leadership in Convention planning 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 J. D’Avignon, Director of Rituals, for his stewardship of our initiation traditions.

We would like to thank our Director of Fellowships, Sally J. Steadman, for her hard work over the past year.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Director of Engineering Futures, Kathleen T.-L. Colbry, and the program’s 30 volunteer instructors for their commitment to fostering the development of our beloved profession and for their enthusiasm to present online sessions these past two years.

We would also like to thank the distinguished members of the Fellowship Board: LeVern W. Faidley, Solange C. Fantozzi, and Abigail M. Richards.

We express our appreciation for the work of Tau Beta Pi’s Trust Advisory Committee, specifically Chair James W. Johnson Jr. and members Brent S. Beardsley, Harry W. Lange, Yung B. Lim, and David A. Liu. Our trust fund is certainly in good hands under your stewardship.

We also would like to thank the members of Tau Beta Pi’s Student Advisory Board, consisting of chair Daniel Karami, vice chair Hemanth Aroumougam, Owen R. Convery, Richard R. Nyquist, Gifford L. Courtney, Sean Aiton, Chris X.Y. Braga, Alejandro N. Cerna, Kara L. Combs, Christopher A. Ferguson, Alex D. Harris,
Elizabeth A. Kroll, and Michae lyn Thomas with advisors Alex D. Brown, Lauren H. Logan, Michael Ustes, Alec A. Jerger, and Laury N. Carver. Thank you for providing your recent graduate and student input to the Executive Council and Executive Director, especially outside of Convention, so that they could identify and prioritize areas of potential involvement in Tau Beta Pi and work to make those improvements.

Tau Beta Pi would like to offer sincere thanks to The Bent Brain Tickler judges: Frederick J. Tydeman, James C. Rasbold, Jeffrey R. Stribling, and Gary M. Gerken. The Association also recognizes the service of The Bent Editorial Board: Lyle D. Feisel, James D. Froula, Alison L. Hu, Bridget A. Moorman, and John W. Prados.

A huge thank you to the 13 members of the Tau Beta Pi Headquarters staff, 9 of whom are present at Convention. Would Angela R. Boles, Michael A. Brown, Rebecca M. Davis, William B. Dickson, Connor C. Dubrule, Ryan A. Hubuck, Sherry D. Jennings-King, Sherry L. King, and Patricia B. McDaniel please stand. Headquarters staff not attending are Roxanne Bachert, Matthew T. Brissette, C. Wilhelmina Hill-Bearhs, and Dylan S. Lane.

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 Rachel K. Alexander, Vice President Ronald M. Hickling, Secretary Michael L. Peterson, Treasurer Michael J. Hand III, and Councillors Ming De Lin, Marla A. Peterson, Joan M. Sciacca, George Youssef, and Mennatoallah M. Youssef.

We also thank the four alumni members who ran for Executive Council, Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, Henry H. Houh, Russell W. Pierce, and Thomas A. Pinkham IV and the three who were elected: Thomas A. Pinkham IV, Henry H. Houh, and Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak.

As Chair of the Resolutions Committee, I also would like to give a special thanks to all members and advisors of the Resolutions Committee, as well as everyone else who has assisted us these past three days.

Somehow, the Resolutions Committee has stayed at the Courtland Grand very late when many committees have already left, so I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude and my honor to serve with such a motivated and creative group of individuals.

Over the past three days at this 117th 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 very humbled to have this opportunity to stand before so many engineers of such high caliber. Words cannot fully express how much that this Convention and all the Tau Bates in attendance have impressed upon me in such a short time, and I hope and pray that all of you have great success in all of your endeavors. The Resolutions Committee and I sincerely thank you all for your time tonight and for making this Convention so memorable. We hope you have enjoyed your time in Atlanta and look forward to your attendance next year at the 2024 Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Finally, a big thank you to the collegiate and alumni chapter leaders who have effectively directed their local groups throughout the 2022-23 academic year, preserving and improving the visibility and public image of this Association.

For those who have distinguished themselves this year, let’s have one more round of applause!

Vice President R.M. Hickling expressed his appreciation to his fellow members of the Executive Council and praised them for their contributions. He lauded the work of M.L. Peterson, G. Youssef, and M.M. Youssef who are rolling off the Council at the end of this calendar year. Each was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation and engraved bookends noting their service to the Association.

President R.K. Alexander commented that running for the Executive Council can be very intimidating, and voiced her appreciation to all of the candidates. She explained that the three new Councillors will begin serving in January 2024, with the opportunity to shadow current Councillors and receive orientation at Headquarters before taking office. She congratulated C.L. Hill-Stramsak, H.H. Houh, and T.A. Pinkham IV for their election to the Executive Council and noted her excitement in working with them starting next year.

Farewell messages were then given to the participants. J.S. Singham, GA A President, spoke on behalf of the chapter and the university; he complimented T.J. Bell who participated in the group photo after spraining his ankle at the hotel and other
delegates for participating in the work of the Convention and the social events in town this weekend. He wished O. Stenstadvolden from SD Alpha the best of luck in hosting the 2024 Convention in Rapid City. Mr. Singham acknowledged his officers, new members, their advisors and alumni chapter representatives, and also Hannah G. West, the Convention Arrangements Chair. He commended all the delegates for their work at the Convention during business and committee meetings. He spoke of his appreciation for the opportunity to meet all the great people who have participated this weekend. He said that Georgia Tech became a home for him after coming to college, and he has appreciated everything that the school has done for him. On behalf of Georgia Tech, he thanked everyone for coming and for an incredible Convention.

On behalf of the Association, President R.K. Alexander remarked that many attendees may have initially been uncomfortable and uncertain coming to Convention, but everyone seemed to get comfortable quickly after the networking exercise at the start of Convention. She relayed her experience at one of her first Conventions which made her more comfortable and that comfort has grown in subsequent years. She emphasized that everyone can go home having gained new friendships and experienced new networking opportunities. She highlighted personal experiences as an officer in her chapter and encouraged the participants to stay involved in Tau Beta Pi.

Chairman Abellada was invited back to the podium when several delegates rose to a point of personal privilege. He recognized one of them who 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. He shared a poem from John D. Rockefeller, inserting Tau Beta Pi as being good to him every day. He thanked M.L. Peterson and J.L. Kuspa for their work during the business meetings, and expressed his appreciation to all the participants for their work to solve the problems of the Association. Mr. Abellada then called up J.D. Froula who led the attendees in the Tau Beta Pi Yell. On a motion by K.A. Lady (Ann Arbor Area), seconded by countless delegates, Chairman Abellada declared the Convention adjourned sine die at 8:55 p.m.

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