

The following is a summary of actions taken by the committees and assembly at the 2023 Convention in Atlanta, GA, on October 12-14, 2023. Additional information about each item can be found in the Convention minutes (pages in parentheses) or history [pages in brackets].

1. Gave the **R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award** for 2022-23 to Ohio Kappa at the University of Akron. An honorable mention was given to Wisconsin Alpha at the University of Wisconsin. (*p. 18*); [*p. 37*]
2. Gave the **R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award** for 2022-23 to New York Tau at the State University of New York at Binghamton. (*p. 18*); [*p. 37*]
3. Applauded the presentation of the **J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award** for 2022-23 to California Nu at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and honorable mentions to Florida Eta at Florida A&M University/Florida State University and Louisiana Gamma at Louisiana Technological University. (*p. 18*); [*p. 37*]
4. Applauded the inaugural **Alumni Chapter Awards** recipients: Southeastern Michigan for collaboration with collegiate chapters with honorable mentions to the Great Smoky Mountains and Pittsburgh; Central Florida for engagement with their community; Indianapolis for participation by members; Indianapolis for most improved with an honorable mention to Baltimore; Milwaukee Area for outstanding with honorable mentions to Front Range, Indianapolis, and Southeastern Michigan. (*p. 18*); [*pp. 36-37*]
5. Commended the recipients of 19 **Chapter Excellence Awards** for outstanding chapter operations in 2022-23: 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. Also commended the recipients of the 17 **Chapter Excellence Awards with Distinction** recipients: 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. [*p. 13*]
6. Commended the recipients of 13 **Chapter Project Awards** for excellent project work in 2022-23: 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, and to the following 7 chapters that won three consecutive Chapter Project Awards and were presented **Chapter Performance Scholarships** of \$500 each: Alabama Epsilon, Iowa Alpha, Michigan Gamma, Ohio Kappa, Tennessee Alpha, Texas Alpha, and Wisconsin Alpha. [*p. 14*]
7. Applauded the inaugural “Hatch” Award presented to California Alpha Alpha for their participation in the New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow (NEST) program. (*p. 17*); [*p. 36*]
8. Congratulated the 2023 Tau Beta Pi Laureates: **Maxine M. Dupuis**, *New York Nu '23*; **Alexander J. Francisco**, *New York Nu '24*; **Gwyneth M. Schloer**, *Virginia Beta '22*; and **Mitchell Sueker**, *South Dakota Alpha '23*. [*p. 12*]

9. Congratulated the 2023 Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor **Richard J. Spontak**, Ph.D., *Pennsylvania Beta '83*, distinguished professor of chemical engineering at North Carolina State University. [p. 23]
10. Congratulated the 2023 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor **Andrew E. Toy**, *Michigan Iota '95*, Michigan Iota Chief Advisor. [p. 23]
11. Congratulated the 2023 Distinguished Alumni: **Edward D. Basta**, *Ohio Epsilon '82*; and **Brendan J. Chan**, Ph.D., *Michigan Beta '03*. Also congratulated the inaugural Asad M. Madni Distinguished Alumnus **H. Alan Mantooth**, Ph.D., P.E., *Arkansas Alpha '85*. [p. 23]
12. Reviewed the 2019-21 audit of the Association and met with chapters owing more than \$500 to Headquarters. (p. 5); [p. 15]
13. Adopted a new Association Initiation Fee Policy (PF 12) that permits the Executive Council to adjust a portion of the initiation fee based on changes to the cost of tangible goods received by new members. (pp. 5-6); [pp. 15-16]
14. Updated the Convention Delegate Travel Reimbursement Policy (PF 06) to address issues identified with the original policy and the reimbursement structure adopted at the 2022 Convention. (pp. 6-7); [pp. 16-18]
15. Reviewed seven policies developed after the general revision of the Constitution and Bylaws and found them to be in order: Student Loans (PF 09), Official Publications (PA 03), Laureate Award (PO 18), Financial Review (CC 09), Fellowship Program (CP 02), Scholarship Program (CP 07), and Tau Beta Pi Trust Management (PF 01). (pp. 8, 15); [pp. 20, 33]
16. Provided recommended wording changes for four policies developed after the general revision of the Constitution and Bylaws: 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). (p. 8); [p. 20]
17. Rescinded three policies developed after the general revision of the Constitution and Bylaws: Chapter Officer Duties (PO 08), Chapter Committee Policy (PO 16), and Chapter Fines (PO 10). (pp. 8, 9); [pp. 20, 33]
18. Adopted Convention Policies regarding Executive Council Responsibilities (PG 03) and Convention Agenda and Minutes (PG 06). (pp. 8-9, 15-16); [pp. 20-21, 33-34]
19. Referred the Chapter Fees Policy (PO 07) to the 2024 Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for further study. (p. 15); [p. 33]
20. Granted new chapters to Texas A&M University at Qatar and the American University of Sharjah. (p. 9); [pp. 21-22]
21. Provided recommendations on the naming of and district assignments for international chapters. (p. 9); [p. 22]

22. Elected Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, MI E '00, Henry H. Houh, MA B '89, and Thomas A. Pinkham IV, MA E '88 to serve on the Executive Council for the 2024-26 term. (pp. 10-11); [pp. 24-25]
23. Made recommendations to the Executive Council to improve the Association and the chapter advisors and asked that *ad hoc* committee on advisors be convened at the 2024 Convention. (p. 11); [p. 25]
24. Provided recommendations to the Executive Council and Director of Alumni Affairs regarding alumni chapters and requested that an *ad hoc* committee on alumni chapters be established at the 2024 Convention. (p. 11); [p. 25]
25. Enacted three changes to the Tau Beta Pi Ritual. (p. 11); [pp. 26, 42-43]
26. Made recommendations to improve the Association's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts and directed the standing DEI Committee to make quarterly reports to the Executive Council. (p. 11-12); [pp. 26-27]
27. Directed the Executive Council to reinstate the *ad hoc* Committee on DEI at the 2024 Convention. (p. 11); [p. 27]
28. Updated the "Code of Ethics of Engineers" distributed by Tau Beta Pi to include language about upholding and enhancing the values of inclusivity and accessibility. (p. 11); [p. 27]
29. Granted appeals from the American University of Sharjah, California Alpha Alpha, Michigan Epsilon, and Washington Beta to consider students in their undergraduate computer science programs as eligible for membership. (p. 12); [p. 27-28]
30. Granted appeals from Michigan Epsilon to consider students in their graduate environmental & sustainability engineering, robotics with a major in smart mobility, and robotics with a major in intelligent control programs as eligible for membership. (pp. 12-13); [pp. 27, 28]
31. Made recommendations to the Executive Council on the identity of Tau Beta Pi. (p. 13); [p. 28]
32. Accepted the invitation from Arizona Alpha to host the 2026 Convention in Tucson, AZ. (p. 13); [pp. 29-30]
33. Determined that waste management would be the 2023-24 NEST Challenge topic. (p. 13); [p. 30]
34. Provided recommendations to the Executive Council on the current posters, website navigation, and the chapter reporting website. (p. 13); [pp. 30-31]
35. Charged the Executive Council to offer an additional stole design as part of the existing graduation regalia. (p. 14); [p. 31]
36. Directed the Executive Council to appoint an *ad hoc* committee on Public Relations starting at the 2024 Convention to address the issues of image, marketing, social media, and website. (p. 14); [p. 31]

37. Adopted a policy requiring that the Executive Council to make all information sheets for committee charges for Convention business available to the chapters at least 60 days in advance of Convention. *(p. 14); [pp. 31-32]*
38. Requested to have an in-person career/recruitment fair at the Convention, unless the Executive Council deems it unreasonable. *(pp. 16-17); [p. 35]*
39. Required that videos at the next Convention, including the Resolutions Committee, be closed captioned. *(p. 17); [p. 35]*
40. Made recommendations to the Executive Council for further study and review. *(p. 17); [pp. 35-36]*

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