Tau Beta Pi Elects New Executive Councillors

In November 2020, at Tau Beta Pi’s inaugural Unvention, held virtually, three alumni members were elected to the Association’s Executive Council (board of directors) for a three year term effective January 1, 2021. They are: MingDe Lin, Scott Fable, and Joan Sciacca. In addition, effective January 1, former Vice President George Morales will become the Association’s 2021 President. Short biographies and images are below.

The TBP Executive Council is comprised of nine members with each member serving a three-year term. The Council names its own officers, including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, while the remaining five serve as Councillors. The Executive Council guides the programs of Tau Beta Pi through a full-time Executive Director, Curt Gomulinski, whose offices at the University of Tennessee are the Headquarters of the Association.

MingDe Lin, Ph.D., NY Gamma ’01, earned his B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Ph.D. from Duke University, both in biomedical engineering. The Director of Clinical Research North America for Visage Imaging, Inc., he is stationed at Yale-New Haven Hospital (adjunct assistant professor, Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging). He oversees research collaborations with high profile academic hospitals to develop new solutions for diagnostic image analysis that improve clinical and operational outcomes while reducing the cost of care. Dr. Lin has been a chapter advisor and served as president and director of the Central Connecticut Alumni Chapter. As a Councillor, he plans to instill a greater connection between alumni and collegiate Tau Bates, to explore the role TBP can play in equality and inclusiveness, and to encourage new membership.

Scott E. Fable, CA Tau ’96, earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from University of California, Irvine, and an M.S.M.E. at UC Berkeley. As a manager at Pacific Gas and Electric Company, he leads quality control and stakeholder communications for PG&E’s energy efficiency incentive programs. He has volunteered continuously with TBP for over 20 years, as a District 15 Director, a chapter advisor, and a member of the Executive Council. Scott aims to emphasize alumni giving and involvement and website development to support chapters’ activities, recruitment, events, and meetings.
Joan M. Sciaccra, CA Mu, ’87, is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University with a B.S. in aeronautical engineering. Joan retired after a diverse career — over 30 years with Honeywell International where she held leadership positions in engineering projects, aircraft engine test, a joint venture with General Electric, a $1B divestiture transition, six sigma and lean problem solving, global strategic sourcing and internal consulting, and human resources talent management. She is the founder of Finestra Consulting, LLC, where she continues her passion for process excellence and mentoring early career professionals in leadership. She participated in design meetings for the Engineering Futures program in the late 1980s and later served as an EF session Facilitator. She has been a volunteer mentor with Menttium since 2008 and as a member of the EC looks forward to bringing to TBP her experience and enthusiasm for shaping future engineering leaders.

George J. Morales, Ph.D., FL Epsilon ’06, obtained his B.S. in electrical engineering from the Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Florida Atlantic University. He is employed at Intel Corporation as a Research and Development Packaging Engineer, focusing on die to substrate bonding process and technology under the Die Attach Technology Development organization. He spent eight previous years as a Senior Research and Development Test Engineer where he served as test program manager for Intel’s modems as well as factory deployments of novel test solutions. He has been an Engineering Futures Facilitator since 2010. He has served on the Executive Council since 2014 in officer positions including Treasurer, Vice President, and now as President.

Tau Beta Pi is the Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. As the world’s largest engineering society, TBP has collegiate chapters at 250 engineering colleges in the United States, active alumni chapters in 46 cities, and has initiated nearly 610,000 members.

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