

Tau Beta Pi's Executive Council Welcomes New Councillors and Elects 2023 Officers

The 2022 Convention elected new members to the Executive Council for a three-year term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. They were selected from a field of four candidates to fill the seats of three members whose terms expired on December 31, 2022: Rachel K. Alexander, P.E., *CA Upsilon '15*; Russ W. Pierce, *WA Alpha '70*; and George J. Morales, Ph.D., *FL Epsilon '06*. The newly elected members are Marla A. Peterson, *AZ Alpha '83*; Michael J. Hand III, *Michigan Gamma '11*; and Rachel Alexander, P.E., who was re-elected.

The **TBP** Executive Council is comprised of nine members, with each member serving a three-year term. The Council elects its officers, including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, while the remaining five serve as Councillors. The 2023 officers are President Rachel Alexander; Vice President Ronald M. Hickling, *CA Epsilon '80*; Secretary Michael L. Peterson, *IA Alpha '89*; and Treasurer Michael Hand. The Executive Council guides the programs of Tau Beta Pi through a full-time Executive Director, Curtis D. Gomulinski, *MI Epsilon '01*.

Short biographies and images of President Alexander and Councillors Hand and Peterson follow:



Rachel K. Alexander, P.E., is employed as an Associate Engineer for Sacramento Area Sewer District in Sacramento, CA. She has a B.S. degree in civil engineering from California State University, Sacramento, where she served as CA Upsilon Chapter president and is currently an advisor. Rachel is a registered professional engineer in California and previously served as president of the Sacramento Valley Alumni Chapter. She was elected to the Executive Council in 2019 and has served the Association as Secretary (2020 &

2021) and Vice President (2022).



Michael J. Hand III, works at Ford Motor Company as an autonomous vehicles system engineer, was initiated by MI Gamma in 2009, and has been involved in leadership and volunteer roles ever since. Mike has B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering and EE systems from the University of Michigan where he served as MI G Chapter president and advisor. Mike helped establish the Ann Arbor Alumni Chapter, and in 2020 was instrumental in planning and executing the virtual *Unvention*. He has attended every

Convention since 2011 and assists chapters as a District 7 Director.



Marla A. Peterson is a senior technical manager for Continuous Improvement at Honeywell. She has been dedicated to aerospace product excellence for 38 years, serving in leadership positions for over 26 years at various levels. She earned a B.S. in systems engineering from the University of Arizona and served as AZ Alpha Chapter vice president for two years. Marla is a founding member of the Engineering and Technology Diversity Council and Women in Honeywell network and continues to mentor and sponsor interns,

new hires, and experienced women in aerospace.