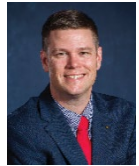


Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society Elects New Executive Council Members and Names 2025 President

The 2024 Convention elected three new members to the Executive Council (board of directors) of Tau Beta Pi for a three-year term effective January 1, 2025. They were selected to fill the seats of three members whose terms expired on December 31, 2024. The newly elected members are David J. Cowan Jr., P.E., ENV SP, *FL Epsilon '14*; Ronald M. Hickling, *CA Epsilon '80*; and Sue L.R. Holl, Ph.D., *CA Lambda '76*.

The **TBP** Executive Council is comprised of nine members, with each serving a three-year term. The Council elects four officers while the remaining five serve as Councillors. The 2025 officers are President Marla A. Peterson, *AZ Alpha '83*; Vice President Thomas A. Pinkham IV, *MA Epsilon '88*; Secretary Henry H. Houh, Ph.D., *MA Beta '89*; Treasurer Colleen L. Hill-Stramsak, P.E., *MI Epsilon '00*; and Councillors Rachel K. Alexander, P.E., *CA Upsilon '15*; David J. Cowan Jr., P.E., *FL Epsilon '14*; Michael J. Hand III, *MI Gamma '11*; Ronald M. Hickling, *CA Epsilon '80*; and Sue L.R. Holl, Ph.D., *CA Lambda '76*. The Executive Council guides the programs of Tau Beta Pi through a full-time Executive Director, Curtis D. Gomulinski, *MI Epsilon '01*. For more information about the Executive Council, visit <https://www.tbp.org/executive-council.cfm>.

Brief biographies of the new Councillors and President:



David J. Cowan Jr., P.E., ENV SP, is a senior engineer in West Palm Beach, Florida, and has 15+ years of experience specializing in the renovation and design of water/wastewater pump facilities and water/wastewater conveyance and distribution systems. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from Florida Atlantic University, where he serves as FL Epsilon Chapter Advisor. David previously volunteered as a District 5 Director, secretary for the **TBP** Palm Beach/Broward Alumni Chapter, and FL Epsilon Chapter president. He is a Florida Engineering Leadership Institute graduate and assumes executive roles for several professional organizations.



Ron M. Hickling is a senior systems engineer for Creative Digital Systems Integration Simi Valley where he develops digital beamforming antennas. He received his B.S. and M.S. from the University of California, Los Angeles. His service to **TBP** includes permanent Convention Chair (28 times), parliamentarian, District 15 Director, Engineering Futures Facilitator, Director of Engineering Futures, and advisor to the CA Epsilon Chapter. Ron joined the Executive Council in 2021, serving as Councillor, Vice President (2023) and President (2024). A senior member of IEEE, Ron is formerly founding President and CTO of Techno-Concepts, Inc., which develops software defined radio chips and systems.



Sue L.R. Holl, Ph.D., is a Professor Emerita, materials science department of mechanical engineering at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), where she established the **TBP** CA Upsilon Chapter and has been its Chief Advisor ever since. She earned a B.S. in electrical engineering, B.S. and M.S. degrees in materials science and engineering from the University of California, Davis, and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Sue previously served on the Executive Council as Vice President and President, on the Fellowship Board, and was recently certified as an Engineering Futures Facilitator.



Marla A. Peterson recently retired from Honeywell, where she mentored and sponsored interns, new hires, and experienced women in aerospace as a founding member of the Engineering & Technology Diversity Council and Women in Honeywell network. She has a B.S. in systems engineering from the University of Arizona, where she was **TBP** AZ Alpha Chapter vice president for two years. Marla has been dedicated to aerospace product excellence for 40+ years, participated in various leadership positions, and joined the Executive Council in 2023.

Tau Beta Pi is The Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. With 257 active collegiate chapters and 52 alumni chapters, it has initiated more than 640,000 members in its 140-year history and is the world's largest engineering society (see www.tbp.org). Contact Renea Lewis (tbp.media@tbp.org) for more details.