The 96th Convention of Tau Beta Pi was held October 18-20, 2001, in Columbus, OH. The Ohio Gamma Chapter was official host. The hundreds of out-of-town attendees were housed near the Port Columbus International Airport at the Radisson Airport Hotel, where the business meetings were held and four meals were served.

A total of 459 members of Tau Beta Pi participated in the business of the Convention, the fifth-highest number in history. Of these, 354 were student voting and non-voting delegates and host-chapter members; 27 were chapter advisors; 57 were national officials and Engineering Futures Facilitators of the Society; seven were alumni chapter representatives; and 14 were alumni visitors, Laureates, and petitioners. The attendees represented 183 collegiate chapters and seven alumni chapters. Most of the chapter advisors attended at the special invitation and partial expense of the national organization. Additionally, at least 23 non-member petitioners, consultants and guests attended some events.

Arrangements Chair Adina D. Rollins, OH Γ ’02, expertly guided preparations for the Convention and its logistics. Together with chapter President Brian T. Wenning, OH Γ ’02, and Assistant Arrangements Chairs Lisa N. Ringler, OH Γ ’02, and Frank M. Zalar, OH Γ ’02, she managed a hard-working group of effective host-committee chairs for such duties as housing, registration, meals, souvenirs, technology, hospitality, tours, publicity, and transportation.

The Convention formally opened Thursday afternoon with the President’s report by Tau Beta Pi President Douglas M. Green. Activities closed with the Saturday evening awards banquet.

Four Convention business meetings were held, starting on Thursday when President Green officially opened the session. He later turned the gavel over to Ronald M. Hickling, CA E ’80, the Executive Council-appointed permanent chair, for the duration of the Convention. The final business meeting came during the banquet on Saturday, when national and chapter awards were announced and the final report of the Resolutions Committee was heard.

Friday and Saturday were filled with business, committee, advisor, District and Engineering Futures meetings, interactive chapter exchanges, and the model initiation.

The Chapter Development Program of the Convention, including the District and Engineering Futures meetings and ICE seminars, is reported on page 7 in this issue.
These informal sessions are extremely valuable benefits of the Convention because they provide delegates with opportunities to exchange good ideas with other Tau Bates from all regions of the country. On Saturday afternoon an excellent model initiation was conducted by a team of national engineers and Rituals Committee members; the ceremony brought 15 student members and two eminent engineers into the Association.

The initiation and awards banquet was held in the ballroom of the hotel. The program included the presentation of Tau Beta Pi’s 2001 National Outstanding Advisor, 2001 Distinguished Alumnus, and 2001 Laureates. Biographical sketches of Advisor Louis F. Geschwindner Jr., NY Α ’67, P.E.; 2001 Distinguished Alumnus James E. Drewry, VA Α ’60; and Laureates Laura S. Miyakawa, PA Γ ’91, and Matthew T. Reiter, PA Θ ’91, appeared in the Fall 2001 BENT.

In Tau Beta Pi’s usual method, Convention business is handled by committees, except for those few items that emerge during the meetings as new business. Seven standing committees are called for by the Constitution, and three ad hoc groups were also appointed.

Every collegiate-chapter voting delegate served on a committee, and a national officer advisor opened each group’s first meeting on Thursday afternoon and then stood by with other national officials for consultation. Each committee selected fellow students as chair, vice chair, and secretary to present reports, recommendations, and proposals to the entire Convention. The following reports summarize formal business.

**Petitions.**
Geoffrey D. Recktenwald, OH Ν, Chair. After studying the petitions, catalogs, and inspection reports and interviewing the petitioner’s representatives, the committee recommended that new chapters be established at four institutions.

The schools and student and faculty leaders are:
- Dartmouth College—Hyon Wook Kim, Dominic C. Germana, and Dr. Francis E. Kennedy, MA Α ’63, P.E., advisor.
- University of Missouri—Jay B. Hass, MO Α ’02, Patrick O. Heiser, MO Α ’03, and Dr. C. Quinton Bowles, MO Α ’63, advisor.
- University of Portland—Craig R. Smith and Dr. Peter M. Osterberg, MA B ’78, advisor.
- University of Texas at San Antonio—Lori R. Nerio and Dr. Cheryl B. Schrader, IN Α ’84, advisor.

The Convention granted the petitions by overwhelming votes. New Hampshire Beta, Missouri Delta, Oregon Gamma, and Texas Mu will be officially installed on Feb. 23, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, and March 2, 2002, respectively, which will raise the number of active collegiate chapters to 225.

The group also recommended modifications to documentation in the petitioning process.

**Constitution and Bylaws.**
Joseph P. Blackford, DC Γ, Chair. Three topics had been referred to the committee for study and recommendation prior to the meeting. The Convention adopted, by the required three-fourths favorable vote, an amendment to Constitution Art. I, Sec. 10, to make English the official business language of the Society; final approval of the change is subject to chapter ratification. The Convention also adopted, by the required three-fourths favorable vote, changes to Const. Art. IX, Sec. 2, to place a chapter on probation if it fails to hold an approved initiation during a fiscal year; final approval of this change is subject to chapter ratification. Finally, for the second year in a row, a proposal to allow partial Fellowship stipends to Fellows who receive other substantial financial aid was rejected.

**Chapter & National Financial Affairs.**
David B. Lewanda, PA Α, Chair. The group had been given the 2000-01 reports of the Association’s auditor and Executive Director and the Society’s budget for 2001-02. The committee reviewed the documents and concluded that Tau Beta Pi’s finances and records are strong, well-managed, and in order.

The committee recommended, and the Convention adopted, specific allowable Convention expenses beyond those specified in the Bylaws for delegates to the 2002 meeting.

**Rituals.**
Jacob R. Kraus, MI Θ, Chair. The team recommended no change to the Ritual and decided to keep the motto secret and the ceremony private, but recommended that the Society create an optional program for
Convention Site.
Bright L. Small, CO Z, Chair.

The group reviewed joint invitations from Utah Alpha/Beta/Gamma, and Florida Alpha/Delta to host the 2004 Convention. The Convention happily accepted the invitation to hold the national meeting in Orlando, FL, and encouraged the other bid to be re-submitted next year.

Awards.
Katherine A. Walowicz, MI A, Chair.
The committee spent long hours evaluating the chapters and selecting the 2000-01 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter and R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter and honorable mentions. The winners are reported elsewhere in this issue, and special plaques were delivered to them after the Convention.

Image Review (ad hoc).
David M. Brumit, NM A, Chair.
The team recommended that:
1) image materials be provided at no cost except for shipping;
2) the Society convene an ad hoc Convention Committee on Image every four years to review market research of the effectiveness of these materials on campus and to approve new materials;
3) Headquarters communicate with new members directly via email to convey specific information;
4) (a) chapters recognize initiates publicly; (b) recommendations for use of image materials be included in the first packet of material from Headquarters; (c) posters and Powerpoint presentations be redesigned; (d) guidelines for more inviting and personable presentations be created; and (e) the information brochure be updated; and
5) questions on image responses be included annually and that questions on the Chapter Survey be modified.

Computer-Science Eligibility (ad hoc).
Robert S. Renfro II, OH II, Chair.
The group spent many hours studying the controversial issue of the eligibility of computer-science students, and the Convention declared them eligible for another year.

International Chapters (ad hoc).
Nicholas P. Teske, NM B, and Firas S. Azrai, AR A, Chairs.
The group evaluated issues expected to arise when an international institution petitions for a chapter. It recommended that the international task group re-establish contact with international universities that had previously contacted the Society to inform them of the changes in policy on international chapters, that the next ad hoc Committee on Image Review study the international image of both engineering and Tau Beta Pi, and that an ad hoc Committee on International Chapters continue its work at the 2002 Convention.

It also recommended that the Council consider developing an International Liaison Committee within national Headquarters to deal with cultural aspects of international chapters.

Resolutions.
Keith E. Hammack, WV B, Chair.
This group prepared the appropriate resolutions for Convention adoption. At the final banquet, Mr. Hammack presented resolutions of thanks to the host chapter, officials, alumni, and others, whose support had been gratefully received by the Association. Preceded by a humorous skit by committee members on Saturday morning, the final resolution provided an inspirational charge to all:

We commend all of the collegiate and alumni chapter leaders who directed their local groups effectively in 2000-01 and truly maintained and improved the visibility and public image of the Association and its members. In the wake of the tragedy of September 11, we all realize that there are numerous problems in the world to solve. Ms. Rollins reminded us at this Convention’s opening that we, as engineers, are problem solvers. We know that many of these global problems will be considered and perhaps solved by the people in this very room as you all continue your education, research, or careers. You will make Tau Beta Pi proud. Thank you to all collegiate representatives for your attendance here in Columbus, OH. We hope to meet you again in 2002 in Detroit with Michigan Epsilon at Wayne State University hosting.

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Thirty-three chapters, each of which had won Secretary’s Commendations and/or Chapter Project Awards for three consecutive years, won $500 or $1,000 scholarships.

Executive Director Jim Froula presented commendations for perfect and punctual Headquarters reports in 2000-01 to the following chapters:

**Directors Commends 55 Chapters**

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**Graduate Fellowships**

Tau Beta Pi’s 69th annual program of graduate fellowships for study in the 2002-03 academic year will close January 15, 2002, when applications must be in the hands of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E., Alabama Power Company, P.O. Box 2247, Mobile, AL 36652.

A record total of 100+ cash awards, each worth $2,000, will be given in our fantastic, expanding program. They will be made on the basis of high scholarship, strong recommendations, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Winners will be selected and notified before April 1. Junior members of Tau Beta Pi are eligible to apply. Applications are available from chapter presidents and from www.tbp.org.

**Educational Loan Fund**

Since 1935, Tau Beta Pi has assisted student members with their financial needs while in school or with payment of their initiation fee through our Student Loan Fund. We are pleased to offer this service for student members in amounts up to $2,500 per member.

Repayment is required after three years, and a simple interest rate of 6% is charged from the day the loan is received.

Interested students can obtain promissory notes and loan applications from their chapter presidents or directly from Secretary-Treasurer Jim Froula at the national Headquarters in Knoxville, TN.
Tau Beta Pi Annual Awards

Wyoming Alpha Is the Best!

THE 2001 R.C. MATTHEWS OUTSTANDING Chapter Award was captured by members of the Wyoming Alpha Chapter for the first time. On the campus of University of Wyoming in Laramie, this medium-sized chapter initiated 83 members from a possible 86. Many participated in the more than 40 service projects and extensive community outreach endeavors.

In deciding the winner, the award committee was impressed particularly by the level of support the chapter received from Dean Gus Plumb, who in the chapter survey proudly introduced his chapter to the committee members. He mentioned the direct impact that Wyoming Alpha has on the engineering programs at the university, including a free tutoring program that operates from 7:00-9:00 weekday evenings and a seminar program aimed at helping students get jobs and become successful professionals.

The dean is also impressed with the totally student-run annual Tau Beta Pi Honors Banquet, which attracts 500 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and college supporters. During this event, the college takes the opportunity to recognize outstanding students, faculty, staff, and practicing professionals, and, most importantly, the donors of 300 scholarships. Wyoming Alpha also receives numerous features in the college’s bulletin “Foresight.”

Honorable Mentions: Competition for the top award was keen again this year, and two chapters that have won the award twice before received honorable mentions—Iowa Alpha and Michigan Theta.

Members of the Iowa Alpha Chapter returned home with another accolade. Being the best is not new to them. They won the top Tau Beta Pi award in 1989-90 and again in 1991-92. Tau Bates conducted their annual pi-mile run, the VEISHEA catapult competition, and the Relay for Life, as well as undertaking ordinary chapter operations. Presidents Michael A. Taylor and Brendan P. McMenomy helped to manage the large chapter of 146 members.

Michigan Theta, another two-time winner, was led last year by Angela R. Mulberger and Jacob R. Kraus. Even though chapter membership is small, the awards committee was impressed with the chapter's numerous and unique projects, including fundraisers, socials, and the Detroit Area pre-college engineering program and career-related projects advancing the engineering profession.

Presented since 1957, the RCM Award is named for Tau Beta Pi’s first Secretary-Treasurer—R.C. Matthews—and recognizes chapters in four areas of excellence: (1) quality, variety, and number of projects; (2) chapter organization; (3) promptness and quality of reports to Headquarters; and (4) number of members participating.

West Virginia Alpha Steadily Improves

ALTHOUGH CERTAIN CHANGES seem dramatic, most evolve over time. During a three-year period while already receiving a high rating, members of the West Virginia Alpha Chapter at West Virginia University in Morgantown increased the number of high-quality projects, such as ICE sessions and mixers, clothing drives, and an Engineers Day high-school competition. Secondly, member participation rose significantly over the past year, and reports to Headquarters improved in both promptness and quality over that same period. Daniel J. Moyers (photo) was called to the platform in Columbus, OH, to receive the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award on behalf of the Convention. The award is named for Sec.-Treas. Emeritus Robert H. Nagel, who served the Association from 1939-82. West Virginia Alpha also won the R.C. Matthews Award in 1995-96.
39 Chapters Praised for Projects!

Alaska Alpha
5 projects
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Judged at science fair
Helped feed the hungry

California Alpha
41 projects
University of California, Berkeley
Co-hosted the 2000 Convention
Helped judge at SECEM Competition
Re-started

California Zeta
8 projects
Santa Clara University
Raised funds for SF senior center
Designed and constructed wheelchair ramp

DC Alpha (1000)
26 projects
Howard University
Tutored at junior high school
Held Order of the Engineer ceremony

Florida Alpha
53 projects
University of Florida
Helped at St. Francis House
Helped with the JETS competition

Florida Beta
30 projects
University of Miami
Tapped perspective members
Held the pi-mile run

Florida Zeta
18 projects
Florida Institute of Technology
Collected Toys for Tots
Held Order of the Engineering magazine

Florida Theta
21 projects
Florida Institute of Technology
Helped judge at SECEM Competition
Held FE exam reviews

Indiana Delta
19 projects
Valparaiso University
Adopted a family
Most valuable member award

Iowa Alpha
60 projects
Iowa State University
Helped judge at SECEM Competition
Helped many Sigma Tau members become Tau Bates

Louisiana Gamma
26 projects
Louisiana Tech University
Talked to freshmen
Helped judge at SECEM Competition

Maryland Alpha
21 projects
Johns Hopkins University
Conducted high school outreach program
Williams College

Maryland Delta
54 projects
University of Maryland
Adopted a highway
Most outstanding member award

Mexico Zeta
16 projects
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Helped with landscaping project

Michigan Gamma
69 projects
University of Michigan
Helped feed the hungry
Organized engineer’s week

Michigan Epsilon
53 projects
Wayne State University
Sent out a letter of invitation from the dean

Michigan Theta
13 projects
Oakland University
Wrote a letter of invitation from the dean

Missouri Beta
43 projects
University of Missouri-Rolla
Wrote articles for campus paper

Missouri Gamma
10 projects
Washington University
Tapped perspective members

New York Kappa
34 projects
University of Rochester
High-school engineering outreach

New York Tau
20 projects
Binghamham University
Helped feed the hungry

New Mexico Gamma
16 projects
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology
Held the pi-mile run

N Carolina Delta
11 projects
University of NC at Charlotte
Recognized outstanding freshman and sophomore

Ohio Eta
20 projects
Ohio Northern University
Organized engineer’s week

Ohio Iota
12 projects
Ohio State University
Co-sponsored AFIT bash

Ohio Kappa
26 projects
Ohio State University
Built a new chapter house

Pennsylvania Alpha
12 projects
Lehigh University
Hosted 2 EF sessions

Pennsylvania Beta
23 projects
Pennsylvania State University
Held blood drive

Pennsylvania Lambda
18 projects
University of Pittsburgh
Most valuable member award

Pennsylvania Sigma Chi
20 projects
University of Pittsburgh
Helped Habitat for Humanity

Puerto Rico Alpha
29 projects
University of Puerto Rico
Organized a talent show

South Dakota Alpha
22 projects
South Dakota School of Mines & Tech.
Received GIG Grant. Tutored at a middle school

Texas Alpha
20 projects
University of Texas at Austin
Helped many Sigma Tau members become Tau Bates

Texas Delta
17 projects
Texas A&M University
Visited a nursing home

Vermont Beta
21 projects
Norwich University
Helped Habitat for Humanity

Washington Delta
7 projects
Gonzaga University
Organized engineer’s week

Wyoming Alpha
38 projects
University of Wyoming
Judge elementary-school science fair

West Virginia Alpha
6 projects
West Virginia University
Helped host high-school visitation day

West Virginia Delta
20 projects
West Virginia University
Held high-school district quiz bowl

West Virginia Epsilon
23 projects
West Virginia University
Recognized outstanding freshman and sophomore

West Virginia Zeta
21 projects
West Virginia University
Organized engineer’s week

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Helped feed the hungry

West Virginia Zeta
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Western Kentucky Alpha
13 projects
Western Kentucky University
Helped feed the hungry

Western Kentucky Delta
20 projects
Western Kentucky University
Organized engineer’s week

Washington Zeta
7 projects
University of Washington
Organized engineer’s week

Wisconsin Alpha
43 projects
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Helped feed the hungry

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BUILDING ON SUCCESSES of 2000, the Interactive Chapter Exchange (ICE) program added a special project to the 2001 mix. The ICE team of Solange Dao, Jason Huggins, Jimmy Lin, Lisa Pawlak, Norman Pih, and Jason Rogan worked with Director of Communications and Development Pat McDaniel to focus on the problem of decreasing interest in membership.

The special projects session replaced the Friday evening Engineering Futures session. Non-voting delegates attended one of three groups. Each group discussed the benefits of membership in Tau Beta Pi, Prestige/recognition/honor, leadership opportunity, and service to a community topped the list. Corporate recruiting recognition, working with other engineering disciplines, leadership training, and socialization also rated highly.

Earlier that day, the regular ICE groups once again brainstormed solutions. Delegates shared their successes and failures to develop positive solutions. The latter part of the ICE session saw the sharing of solutions to the whole group. Ideas and suggestions were presented by each subgroup, which created an excellent forum for the student leaders to detail plans and projects for further improving their chapters. Notable synergy came from the sharing of ideas.

ICE was only one aspect of chapter development activity. Convention Chair Ron Hickling and Parliamentarian Jim Johnson guided delegates through the proper techniques of parliamentary procedure. After being understood and properly used, these basics of Robert’s Rules of Order provided techniques necessary for survival in three business meetings that would follow in an orderly fashion. Chapter presidents were well served to study and apply this knowledge at home.

After the first business meeting, committees selected student leaders to serve as chairs, vice chairs, and secretaries. Valuable experience was gained as they guided their teams and presented reports before the entire body. Non-voting delegates built important interpersonal, team-building, and meeting-management skills at EF sessions. District meet-

ings followed, allowing old friendships to be renewed and new ones begun as the bonds among chapters strengthen.

Friday morning’s business meeting brought the first opportunity to practice Robert’s Rules. Motions were moved and amended, points of inquiry were made, and questions were called as devoted delegates debated the issues before them.

On-time, accurate reports garnered Secretary’s Commendations for 55 chapters. Outstanding project activity of 39 chapters earned Project Awards as recognition for great work. The students’ service to school, community, and the profession generated many ideas for officers to implement. Also, 43 checks for $500 were presented to 33 chapters for receiving awards in three consecutive years.

On Saturday, the third business meeting generated the usual high level of debate as students honed their Robert’s Rules skills. Final reports and concluding arguments helped them to reach their decisions.

Advisors are important in chapter development, and President Green conducted sessions for these mentors.

The Convention provided numerous opportunities packed into the busy hours. Each Tau Bate gained something valuable before braving the airways for the trip home.

R.E.H.
Nominate a 2002 Laureate

Tau Beta Pi inaugurated the Laureate Program in 1981 to honor those student members who have demonstrated exceptional talents outside the field of engineering. Look among your members for an outstanding student. Chapters may nominate one or more members as a Laureate based upon their contributions in arts, athletics, service, or diverse achievements. Laureates each receive a $2,500 cash award, recognition at the Convention, and publicity in THE BENT.

A chapter nominating committee, excluding but in consultation with the candidate, should assemble the nomination package and send it to the Secretary-Treasurer by March 15—in triplicate. (Please refer to the President’s Book, pp. C-29 & 30, www.tbp.org.)

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