

Minutes 2008
87th National Pi Tau Sigma Convention
Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA
February 15-17, 2008

FRIDAY February 15 - Plenary Session:

President Mun Choi welcomed the delegates and gave an overview of the convention schedule. Kyle Schwing of the Georgia Tech Nu Chapter, the Convention Director, introduced the Georgia Tech team who made this convention possible and welcomed the delegates on behalf of Georgia Tech. Mun Choi then gave the charges to the breakout committees and then the attendees broke up into their respective sessions. The Finance, Budget and Endowment Committee was convened by Professor Farrokh Mistree, the Convention Site and Event Planning Committee was convened by Professor Bayless, the Honors and Awards Committee was convened by Professor Wiens, the Vision Planning and Strategy Committee was convened by Professor Boyd and the Infrastructure, National Officers and Elections Committee was Dr. Danley.

SATURDAY February 16 Business meeting
LeCraw Auditorium, College of Management
Georgia Tech

The meeting was called to order by President Mun Choi. He welcomed attendees and introduced the Chair of Georgia Tech's George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, Bill Wepfer.

Professor Wepfer also welcomed the attendees to the Woodruff School and thanked the sponsors and the members of the Nu chapter for their hard work.

The roll call followed.

Report of the Pi Tau Sigma Board

Professor Mistree, the outgoing Secretary-Treasurer reported that Pi Tau Sigma is in good financial condition. He introduced Professor Alex Moutsoglou of South Dakota State University Tau Chi who has agreed to become the National Secretary-Treasurer of Pi Tau Sigma.

The other members of the Board were introduced: Professor Bill Danley, VP for the Eastern Region Professor Ronald Boyd, VP for the Western Region Professor Gloria Weins, VP for the International Region The Chapter Advisors were also recognized.

Convention Site Committee Report

Chair – Mark Rodarte, New Mexico Tau Delta

There were presentation bids for the National Convention from Michigan Pi Rho and Texas Tech Sigma Delta.

Motion 1: Brandon Berlin, Purdue Beta moved to declare that Michigan Pi Rho will be the site of the 2009 Pi Tau Sigma National Convention. Kenneth Wilson, Prairie View Phi Delta seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion 2: Bryan Kobie, Michigan Pi Rho moved to declare that Texas Tech be the site of the 2010 Pi Tau Sigma National Convention. Sara Villatoro of Texas Delta Gamma seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recommendations by the Committee:

1. Chapters submit bids for the Pi Tau Sigma National Convention three years prior to the year for which they are bidding.
2. New Mexico State Tau Delta submit a bid for the 2011 National Convention.

Infrastructure Committee Report

Meredith Mach Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon

Motion 3: Meredith Macha, Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon, moved to elect Dr. Moutsoglou of South Dakota State University Tau Chi as the Pi Tau Sigma Secretary-Treasurer for 2007-2009. This was seconded by Michael Murphy Tennessee Tech Sigma Nu. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion 4: Meredith Macha, Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon, moved to elect Tom Burton as VP at Large for one year. Jeff Milke of Dayton Delta Nu seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 5: Ryan Cardillo of Florida State Omicron moved to elect Gloria Weins as the VP International Region for 2008-2011. The motion was seconded by Sanjanna Datta, Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 6: Paul Briede of Drexel Xi moved to elect Franco Capaldi as VP of the Eastern Region for 2008-2011. The motion was seconded by Kara Shell of Ohio State Pi Mu. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion 7: Nakita Bowman of Prairie View Phi Delta moved to elect Ronald Boyd of Prairie AM as VP of the Western Region until a replacement is

found. This motion was seconded by Jaime Junell of Oregon State Omega. The motion was carried.

Recommendations by the Committee:

1. That the Board of Directors develop a policy regarding the sale of PTS merchandise.
2. Assign Florida Sigma Omicron as the official name tag supplier. All proceeds should be shared with the National Office.
3. Elect one undergraduate student at large as a member from each region to serve a one year term to participate in board meetings.

Report of the Vision, Planning, and Strategy Committee

Chair Brandon Berlin, Purdue Beta

The committee thanks Dr. Boyd for leadership and guidance.

Recommendations from the Committee

1. Declare the 1st Week in November as National PTS Week.
2. Encourage engineering excellence in all engineering entities including company seminars, local community service and interdepartment social activities
3. Promote ethics.

Motion 8: Kara Shell of Ohio State Pi Mu moved that next year's conference have the theme of ethics in engineering including relevant keynote speakers or discussions. This was seconded by Samantha Bozek of Northeastern Tau Kappa. After debate, this motion was turned into a recommendation in order to give Michigan flexibility.

Report of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Endowment

Chair, Alex Ulvila Virginia Delta Xi

Motion 9: Jeff Milke of Dayton Delta Nu proposed that the budget be accepted as proposed. Ryan Cardillo Florida Sigma Omicron seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 10: Bryan Kobie of Michigan Pi Rho moved that \$8,000 be disbursed for four PTS Scholarships for Excellence at the 2009 Convention. This was seconded by Michael Sapienza of Naval Academy Delta Psi. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion 11: Ben Usie of Southern Methodist University Tau Sigma moved that \$32,175 from the 2006-2007 Net Balance be transferred to the

Scholarship Endowment Fund. This was seconded by Devin Maloney Boston Alpha Nu. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 12: Micheal Sapienza Naval Academy Delta Psi moved that the national registration fees be changed from \$20 to \$25 plus an additional \$5 for the scholarship endowment for a total of \$30. This was seconded by Ryan Cardillo of Florida Sigma Omicron. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 13: Kara Shell of Ohio State Pi Mu moved that Purdue Beta, hosts of the 2007 Convention, be recognized for their contribution of \$5000 to the PTS Office plus picking up the hospitality costs for the board members at the 2007 convention. This was seconded by Jeff Milkie, Dayton Delta Nu. The motion carried unanimously.

The Report of the Pi Tau Sigma Webmaster

Johnathan Jesky, Florida Sigma Omicron

We are collecting convention information online in a convention archive so that those who are hosting a convention can benefit from previous experience. The report format can be obtained from the website.

Messageboard Update

Anyone can post to the messageboard independent of the chapter.

Honors and Awards Committee Report

Chair, Nakita Bowman, Prairie View A&M Phi Delta

Motion 14: Ben Irwin of Missouri Tau Lambda moved that the new scholarship be named after Baynes-Armstrong. This was seconded by Melissa Bautista of San Jose Phi Zeta. The motion was replaced by a run-off of names for the scholarship among the choices: The Ward Winer Scholarship, The Founders Scholarship and The Baynes-Armstrong Scholarship. The most votes were received for the name The Ward Winer Scholarship.

Motion 15: Meredith Hopps of Georgia Tech Nu moved that the new scholarship be named the Ward Winer Scholarship for Excellence. This was seconded by Camryn Prevost, Southern Delta Nu. The motion was carried.

Recommendations by the Committee

1. The next PTS scholarship created be the Bayne-Armstrong Scholarship.

2. No person who serves on the scholarship committee may also serve on the awards committee and vice versa.

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Best Practices - The delegates were divided into groups to discuss best practices of each of the chapters. Best practices discussed include policies regarding initiation, social events for members, and fundraising opportunities, among others.

Initiation - It was recommended to provide a time for initiates to meet with the faculty of their respective universities in a one on one setting for a set amount of time. In an alternative fashion, it was recommended for initiates to meet with faculty by attending research information sessions.

Social Events - It was recommended to provide additional social interaction for members through movie outings, cookouts, or student-faculty sporting events.

Fundraising - Fundraising opportunities such as selling bratwursts weekly or selling clothing were presented.

Awards.

Outstand Chapter

Top Recipient

Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon

Other Recipients

Michigan Pi Rho

Purdue Beta

Outstanding Service Award

Top Recipient

Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon

Other Recipients

Florida Sigma Omicron

Purdue Beta

In appreciation for the National Convention

Georgia Tech Nu

Conclusion and Farewell - Dr. Mistree thanked the convention visitors for their attendance on behalf of the Georgia Tech Nu Chapter. He also advised that as leaders in their field, Pi Tau Sigma members should consider their role in defining the path for the future of Mechanical Engineering over the next year. Dr. Choi thanked all the delegates, advisors, and all other participants for attending the 87th National Pi Tau Sigma Convention, and making it a successful event. He also invited them to return for the 2009 National Convention in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan.

Reporters

Drew Owen and Jefferson Gee

As hosts of the 2008 National Convention, the Georgia Tech Nu Chapter would like to extend its greatest thanks to everyone that made the 87th convention a success.

Convention Activities

Tour of the Woodruff School

Friday afternoon delegates who arrived early were given a tour of the Woodruff School.

Career and Graduate School Fair – both corporate sponsors and universities were given to opportunity of showcasing their activities and actively recruiting.

Photograph – Saturday morning a photograph of all of the attendees of the convention was taken on the Fifth Street Bridge with a view of the Atlanta skyline in the background.

Industrial Speakers At the Saturday luncheon, Evan Smith of Exxon Mobile spoke on “Sustaining Supply Chain Reliability, Exxon Mobil’s Response to the 2006 Hurricanes.” Derek Garland from Schlumberger addressed the delegates on Saturday night on the topic of “Engineering a Sustainable Future.”

Panel Discussion on Sustainability – Saturday afternoon immediately following lunch, the corporate representatives present formed a panel which was moderated by Professor Farrokh Mistree.

Awards – The following awards were given on Saturday night

In appreciation to Ward O. Winer for providing resources for the George W. Woodruff School to host the Pi Tau Sigma National Office for thirteen years and for recognizing and encouraging excellence in professionalism, scholarship, and service.

In appreciation to Farrokh Mistree for building the Pi Tau Sigma Scholarship Endowment, for thirteen years of dedicated stewardship of the Pi Tau Sigma Society, and for recognizing and encouraging excellence in professionalism, scholarship, and service.

In appreciation to Tom Burton in recognition of his outstanding service as President of Pi Tau Sigma and for his commitment to encouraging excellence in professionalism, service, and scholarship.

In appreciation to Stephanie Merrick with deep appreciation of her contributions to the efficient running of the Pi Tau Sigma Office.

Social Activities – evening social activities were arranged for Friday and Saturday evenings. This provided an opportunity for the convention attendees to mingle and network. The new friendships that were forged will serve to strengthen and enhance the future development of Pi Tau Sigma. On Friday evening, the delegates went to the Campus Recreation Center where they enjoyed the Georgia Tech swimming facilities and the water slide. On Saturday evening, following dinner, Schlumberger invited all of the attendees to the Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant. Following that, the delegates returned to campus for a performance by the band, Last November.

Chapter Advisors Breakfast

Sunday morning all chapter advisors had breakfast together and discussed common problems and shared successes.

87th Convention Committee

Director	Kyle Schwing
Logistics	Jeffrey Clement
Entertainment	Ben Lee
Cyber	Patrick Chang
Fund Raising	Meredith Hopps
Promotions	Patrick Goldrick
Finances	Laney Sowell

Volunteers

Jason Barfield	Saeed Beituni
Michael Burnett	Jenna Browing
Dan DeBruler	Timothy Dietz
Diache Fujioka	David Gay
Jefferson Gee	Carol Girata
Michael Hildreth	Jacob Kunz
Adrit Lath	Robin Laverentz
Jose Medina	Niclole Miller
Drew Owen	Stephanie Presley
Carley Queen	Noah Randolph
Lori Reinert	Megan Smith
Eric Winslette	Justin Yoo

Chapters in Good Standing

Auburn Chi
 Boston University Alpha Mu
 Cal Poly Pomona Delta Beta
 Clemson Phi Kappa
 Florida Sigma Omicron
 Georgia Tech Nu
 Iowa State Pi Epsilon
 Maryland Tau Mu
 Michigan Pi Rho
 Missouri Kansas City Phi Eta
 Naval Academy Delta Psi
 Ohio Alpha Omicron
 Ohio State Pi Mu

Oregon State Omega
 Prairie View Phi Delta
 Purdue Beta
 South Alabama Phi Xi
 Southern Illinois Alpha Chi
 Texas A&M Sigma Delta
 Virginia Delta Xi
 Wisconsin Alpha Theta
 Pennsylvania State Zeta
 Wisconsin Alpha
 Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon
 Southern Illinois Alpha Chi

87th Convention Sponsors

Industrial Sponsors

Exxonmobil Corporation
 Ford Motor Company
 Schlumberger
 Shell Oil Company

University Sponsors

The G.W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Tech

87th Convention Attendees

Alabama Pi Omicron

Jospeh Chappell	Alan Hewitt
Anderson Renaud	Michael Sealy

Auburn Chi

Lowell Brown	David Came
Allen Craven	Alan Gaskins
Ryan Hill	Julia Jones
Bruce Shue	Christine Taylor
Haley Walker	

Boston University Alpha Mu

Devin Maloney

Cal Poly Pomona Delta Beta

Jessica Huttger	Mazen Nasr
Shalom Rabizadeh	

California Pi Omega

Miguel Christophy	Jahon Khorsandi
Nathan Tom	Sam Woodard

Clarkson Tau Gamma

Courtney Kiszewski	Astri Roman
Karen Streeter	

Clemson Phi Kappa

Cody Bailey	Heidi Channell
Amanda Hutchinson	Kevin Meyers

Connecticut Pi Psi

Mun Choi, National President
 Andres Teran

Dayton Delta Nu

Jeff Milke	Jeff Monfort
Amanda O'Connell	

Drexel Xi

Bill Danley, Outgoing VP Eastern Region
 Franco Capaldi, Faculty Advisor

Paul Briede	Michael Cecchini	<i>Naval Academy Delta Psi</i>	
Ryan Cooper	Ali Sajwani	Michael Sapienza	
<i>Florida Sigma Omicron</i>		<i>North Carolina State Pi Alpha</i>	
Gloria Wiens, VP International Region		Myles Bohan	
Ryan Cardillo	Katherine Faist	<i>North Dakota State Pi Upsilon</i>	
Jonathan Jeske	Ivana Kennedy	Zachary Ditter	Erik Manthey
Chirstina Mills	Garrett Pataky	Nathan Sailer	
Kenneth Rivard	Jimmy Roark	<i>Nebraska Pi</i>	
Jonathan Runyon	Travis Vitello	Hong Wei Tan	
<i>Georgia Tech Nu</i>		<i>New Haven Delta Zeta</i>	
Janet K. Allen, Faculty Advisor		Brian Francisco	David Whalen
Farrokh Mistree, Outgoing National Secretary-Treasurer		<i>New Mexico Pi Sigma</i>	
Stephanie Merrick,		Brian Schmitt	Bryce Smith
Convention Administrative Assistant		<i>New Mexico Tau Delta</i>	
David Rosen, Associate Chair of the Woodruff School for Graduate Studies		James Cole	Chad Garcia
Bill Wefer, Chair of the Woodruff School		Neal Grieb	Mike Lowinske
Ward Winer, Chair Emeritus of the Woodruff School		Mark Rodarte	Gwynne Skaggs-Ryan
Wayne Whiteman, Director of the Office of Student Services of the Woodruff School		<i>New Orleans Phi Chi</i>	
Patrick Chang		Laura Montelepre	Cathlynn Vierra
<i>Houston Sigma Zeta</i>		<i>New York Alpha Eta</i>	
Adrian Martinez		Nicholaus Parziale	
<i>Illinois Alpha</i>		<i>New York Delta Lambda</i>	
Mark Hernquist	Kyle Hewerdine	Michael Patti	William Simon
Gibson Mammen		<i>North Carolina Delta Epsilon</i>	
<i>Iowa State Pi Epsilon</i>		Raina Brown	DeRome Dunn
Robert Gipple		Tiffany Jackson	Terika Palmer
<i>Lehigh Theta</i>		Damion Rose	Tarico Sweat
Timothy Coull	David Sondak	Lim Thach	
<i>Louisiana Tau Zeta</i>		<i>Northeastern Tau Kappa</i>	
David Marler	Robert Marler	Samantha Bozek	
<i>Maryland Tau Mu</i>		<i>Ohio Alpha Omicron</i>	
Carol Wong, Faculty Advisor		David Bayless, VP Central Region	
Kevin Brillhart	Elizabeth Henningsgaard	Andy Tompkins	
Catie Wienke		<i>Ohio State Pi Mu</i>	
<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology Pi Kappa</i>		Kara Shell	
Michael Allshouse		<i>Oregon State Omega</i>	
<i>Michigan Pi Rho</i>		Adam Aschenbach	Jaime Junell
Dayna Anderson	Matt Bachner	Alexander Naef	Hitesh Patel
Bryan Kobie	Kate Sanders	<i>Pennsylvania State Zeta</i>	
Steve Vozar		John Zidian	
<i>Michigan State Tau Epsilon</i>		<i>Prairie View Phi Delta</i>	
Alan Katz		Zial Huque, Faculty Advisor	
<i>Missouri Epsilon</i>		Ronald Boyd, Sr., National Officer	
Charles Baxter	Josh Harvey	Nakita Bowman	
Raymond Troy		Kenneth Wilson	
<i>Missouri- Kansas City Phi Eta</i>		<i>Purdue Beta</i>	
Ryan Newcomer	Paul Wilson	Brandon Berlin	Eric Bowler
<i>Missouri U. Science & Technology Tau Lambda</i>		Richard Bueler	Joshua Flesch
Matthew Cooper	Mike Flemming	Andrew Martinez	Amy Schellpfeffer
Chirs Hill	Ryan Huber	<i>Rensselaer Phi</i>	
Ben Irwin	Kristofer Markway	Nick Hogberg	Mike Schrameyer
Joe Morrey	Adam Raynor	<i>Rochester Delta Pi</i>	
		Thomas Fountain	David Grymin
		Anthony Nimeh	Kevin Smith
		<i>Saint Martins Alpha Tau</i>	
		Jonathan Brighton	Larry Brighton

<i>San Jose Phi Zeta</i>		<i>Western Michigan Phi Pi</i>	
Melissa Bautista	Hanna Zeid	Abi Panikulangara	Jaivi George
<i>South Alabama Phi Xi</i>		<i>Wichita State Sigma Sigma</i>	
Jason Cates	Lucas Chapman	Leah Boundy	Robert Downs
Robert Clark	Chris Oliver		
Travis Packard			
<i>South Carolina Delta Tau</i>			
Clinton Canaday			
<i>South Dakota State Tau Chi</i>			
Alex Moutsoglou, National Secretary-Treasurer			
Travis Kubal			
<i>Southern Delta Mu</i>			
Karen Crosby, Faculty Advisor			
John Alston	Jullien Brannon		
Karen Crosby	Pierre Johnson		
Camryn Prevost			
<i>Southern Illinois Alpha Chi</i>			
Ross Vickroy	Kevin Doss		
<i>Southern Methodist Tau Sigma</i>			
Jana Floyd	Amy Herbel		
Ben Usie			
<i>Stevens Phi Omicron</i>			
Daniel Gennarelli			
<i>Tennessee Sigma Nu</i>			
Jeff Torbett, Faculty Advisor			
Edwin Griggs, National Officer			
Micah Murphy	Jeff Torbett		
Megan Wellbaum	Chris Wilson		
<i>Texas A&M Sigma Delta</i>			
Brett Garbs	Grayson Kirk		
<i>Texas Delta Gamma</i>			
Lucero Gonzalez	Allen Roman		
Sara Villatoro	Connie Gomez		
<i>Texas Kappa</i>			
Gede Bhawa	Wesley Zurovec		
<i>Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon</i>			
Seth Berry	Billy Clark		
Amanda Gordon	Meredith Macha		
Troy Mills			
<i>Tri-State Delta Delta</i>			
Amanda Morrisett	Phillip Mullen		
Christopher Ravenscroft			
<i>UAB Phi Tau</i>			
Jessica Berry	Sanjay Malkani		
Matthew Possey			
<i>U.C. Irvine Alpha Beta</i>			
Kevin Hung	Ryan Snooks		
<i>UIC Alpha Sigma</i>			
Tom Paulkner			
<i>Virginia Delta Xi</i>			
Chase Bennett	Jason Kaplan		
Alexander Ulvila			
<i>Virginia Tech Upsilon</i>			
Matthew Cobert	Craig English		
Omar Hafez	Parham Shahidi		