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Chapter Office Duties

If you are receiving this newsletter and are no longer an officer of your chapter, please see that the old or new Scribe sends an Officer Election Report to central.office@thetatau.org right away.



NCR FORM

[Chapter NCR](#) (generic) [Colony NCR](#) (generic)

[Personalized NCR excel forms](#)

The Central Office has posted NCR excel forms. Please only use these to report any future changes. **Initiation Reports** and payment are due within 2 weeks of the initiation date, and timely reporting of a new **Officer Election Report** is key to a successful start for new officers. The start of each new semester is a good time to ensure that the semester officers' transition was handled correctly. In addition to an Officer Election Report, Membership Status Change and Co-op Reports are due now to ensure that your Spring 2008 Dues List is as accurate as possible.

Furthermore, initiations that were held last December or this month should be reported immediately if that has not already been done. Doing so will help ensure that your new members receive their badges/shingles in a timely manner.

SCRIBE:

Pledge Forms & Fees w/i 2 weeks of pledging
Officer Election Report Right after election
Membership Status Change Right after Graduation

SCRIBE/TREASURER:

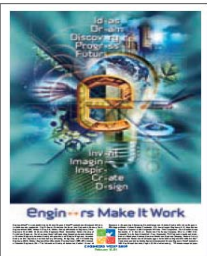
Initiation Report & Payments w/i 2 weeks of initiation

TREASURER:

Spring Semiannual Dues March 15

REGENT:

Electronic Annual Report -- bring the excel version of the report up to date for at least the first two quarters of the "Scoring Year," (ie May-July, August – October, and November – January.)



National Engineers Week 2010

[E-Week Store/Supplies](#)

www.eweek.org

Each student and alumnus group should make an effort to celebrate National Engineers Week (February 14-20) by sponsoring a professional event or related activity. This is the one time we set aside each year to take pride in our profession and the many contributions engineers make to everyday life. Order supplies early for timely delivery.

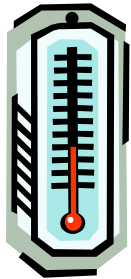
Theta Tau Rube Goldberg Machine Contest

<http://www.rubemachine.com/>

<http://www.rubegoldberg.com/>

The goal for 2010 is to **dispense an appropriate amount of hand sanitizer into a hand.** It must be made in a creative way and in accordance with the rules. Your own local Rube Goldberg Machine Contest should be scheduled early to be held on your campus soon – at least before the **national contest on the Purdue Campus on Saturday, March 27, 2010.** Publicity, goodwill, and success generated by this contest for your own chapter is far

greater than that which you might get from any other event. Information, entry forms, and deadlines are available at websites noted above. **Registration deadline is January 23, 2010.**



Frigid Weather

Temperatures across the nation are putting the global warming theory to the test. While that debate plays out, please take precautions to make sure your chapter house does not experience bursting water pipes and the extensive damage that often accompany freezing pipes. Keep the thermostat at 68 degrees or higher, check the house for broken windows, add insulation where needed (crawl spaces, attics, garages, patios, etc), check/service your boiler/furnace, make sure the main water shut is accessible in an emergency, and fix leaks promptly. Additional risk issues this time of year are created by use of unsafe, unmonitored space heaters, and un-shoveled walkways and

stairs (that should be clear of ice/snow).

Tisdale & Thurmond Fellowship

The [Eben Tisdale Fellowship](#), which includes a \$5,000 grant, is a summer internship available to undergraduate and graduate students where the high-tech sector meets the government. The program offers outstanding opportunities for students to learn about high tech public policy issues with hands-on experience in Washington, D.C. Tisdale Fellowships are open to students from colleges and universities all over the country.

The **Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship**, which includes one \$5,000 grant for one student each year, is part of the Tisdale Fellowship program. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who is interested in diversity and ethics issues, and in learning about high-tech public policy issues, can apply for this Fellowship.

The application for both of these Fellowships is the same, except that those applying for the Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship should include an additional essay on diversity and ethics.

- (1) Internship: Fellows participate an eight-week internship in the government relations office of a leading high technology company or association. In the recent past, fellows have interned at such companies as **Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Philips Electronics** and **Monster Worldwide**, as well as associations such as the [Business Software Alliance](#) or [TechAmerica](#).
- (2) Issues Seminar: The issues seminar is a weekly lunch hosted by the different sponsoring companies and associations. Expert speakers lead discussions of current public policy issues in Washington, and the methods the high technology industry uses for effective advocacy.

The Summer 2010 Fellowship runs from June 14th – August 6th, 2010. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a supportive and collegial environment in which a new class of public policy professionals will be mentored to help ensure that the high-tech industry continues to have highly capable and well-trained individuals in both policy advocacy and senior management positions. The Final deadline for all applications is **February 15, 2010**.

Students may find more information and apply at www.tisdalefellowship.org. Questions? Contact Jonathan Tilley at info@tisdalefellowship.org or 202/986-0384.

Pledge Test

[Pledge Test](#)

The Central Office has posted the current version of the Pledge Test at the link noted above. In accord with Bylaws, Chapter II, Part E, Section 8, the Adviser is responsible for the exam. Please coordinate with an Adviser to proctor or delegate the exam to those soon to be initiated.



2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mark your calendar to attend the 2010 National Convention in Denver, CO August 5-8 at the [Grand Hyatt Denver downtown](#). Our special lodging rate of \$105/night is available by calling 800/233-1234 and mentioning our name/event.



The Convention Meal Package & Registration which includes all meeting materials, breaks, Opening Dinner, Topical/Regional Lunch, Awards Banquet will be \$100 for early registrants (\$125 for those registering after June 1, 2008). Detailed scheduling information to follow in subsequent weeks.

Any chapter/colony student or alumnus may register using the third link below. Additional registration materials specific to your chapter's elected Delegate and Alternate are found in the second link below.

[Credential Form A](#)
[Delegate/Alternate Letter and Information](#)
[Reservation Form](#)
[Expense Policy](#)

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