
FRONT RANGE TAU BETA PI

ALUMNI CHAPTER

MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the chapter was held at LASP in Boulder, CO on August 14, 2014 starting at 7:30 PM. In attendance were Brian Pals, Eric Paquette, Wes Munsil, Diane Hildebrand, Greg Newcomb, Michael Pierce, Tina Pierce, Nathan Young, Sandy Pitzak, Scott Busch. The meeting was led by President Brian Pals.

The meeting was preceded by a sumptuous BBQ dinner at the home of Greg and Robin Newcomb. The meeting was followed by a tour of LASP, led by Greg Newcomb. Many thanks! LASP is the Laboratory of Atmospheric Science and Physics, a research facility associated with University of Colorado Boulder.

National and District News:

- Of particular note is that our Vice President, Eric Paquette, will represent our chapter at the National Convention in Spokane, WA in October. He will be our voting delegate at the convention. Dr. Marvin Criswell, retiring chief advisor for CO D, was named Outstanding Advisor; and Col. Gary Payton, former astronaut and now faculty at USAF Academy, was named Distinguished Alumnus. Both will receive their awards at the National Convention.
- 25 Fellows were announced earlier. They will receive \$10,000 for a year of graduate school. The announcement of 242 Scholars is available on the TBP website, with 18% from District 12. They will receive \$2,000 for their last year of undergraduate study.
- The District 12 Conference will be held in Colorado Springs, hosted by CO Z, the last week of February 2015.

Check out member benefits at www.tbp.org, which include a job board, hotel discounts, moving discounts, and other benefits. Also, on LinkedIn, you can join the overall "Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society" group.

Local Chapter Events:

July: Sci-Fi Film viewing and discussion with the Denver Film Society and Denver Museum of Nature and Science happened on July 16 (Journey to the Center of the Earth) and July 23 (Europa Report).

August: BBQ and tour of the Laboratory of Atmospheric Science Physics happened on August 14.

October: Next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, October 9, 2014.

October continued: Wes Munsil will be acting in the play, *Into the Woods*, October 17 to November 9, in Aurora. On May 31, 2014, several of us really enjoyed attending the play, *Copenhagen*, in

which Wes played a star role.

Future Events: Coors Brewery, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. More details to come.

Treasurer's Report

Wes Munsil reports we have \$388.92, with 22 paid members. The number of paid memberships is about the same as recent years. Dues are now due. Members may pay directly to Wes Munsil or through PayPal. Please go to the website for more details.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hildebrand, Secretary