

June 2013

Dear STTI Members,

The International Board of Directors met 6-8 June 2013 for a face-to-face conference at STTI Headquarters in Indianapolis to conduct the business of the society.

The following reflects the decisions made, the direction setting undertaken, and the information that was shared.

Decision-Making

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the 16 April 2013 Board of Directors video conference as submitted.

Based on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board approved the following honor societies' applications for chapter charters: American University of Beirut School of Nursing Honor Society, Beirut, Lebanon; and Chatham University Nursing Honor Society, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. The Board provided feedback and recommended a future reapplication for one additional honor society.

Based on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board approved that the Cumulative Average (CAV) grading system be added to the approved list of Academic Achievement Excellence Standards used by the society. The equivalencies will be set at CAV=78 or higher for undergraduates and CAV=84 or higher for graduate students.

Based on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board approved the chapter charter amendments for the following: Zeta Eta Chapter, California State University-Sacramento to add University of California-Davis, USA; Eta Kappa-at-Large Chapter Baker University and Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, to add Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, USA; and Rho Nu-at-Large Chapter Ashland University, Mansfield, Ohio, to add Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, Ohio, USA.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Governance Committee for proposed changes to the Bylaws Article III. Membership, Section 2: Qualifications for Membership; and Article XV. Dissolution, Section 1: Initial Action. b., which will be presented to the House of Delegates for a vote in 2013 November.

The Board approved the proposed budget for the Sigma Theta Tau International FY 2014 as presented by the Treasurer. The Board reaffirmed its unequivocal support of Nursing Knowledge International.

Direction-Setting

The following Board Committees, Task Forces, and Advisory Councils gave reports:

- Corporate Audit and Accountability Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- INDEN Task Force (International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing)
- South Africa Pilot Task Force
- Strategic Partnership Task Force
- International Awards Task Force
- Leadership Succession Committee
- Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee
- International Academic Nursing Alliance Task Force
- Research & Scholarship Advisory Council
- United Nations and Global Health Advisory Council
- Clinical Partnership Task Force
- Globalization Task Force
- International Service Task Force
- Legacy Building Task Force
- Rising Star Advisory Panel
- Technology & Innovation Task Force
- Education Workgroup

The Board actively discussed the STTI mission and vision statements, guiding principles, strategic intentions and objectives, initiatives, and metrics to guide the future of the society. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

Information-Sharing

Kimberly Thompson, Library Administrator, highlighted the recent updates, collections, and plans for the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. The Board approved that the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library be renamed the Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository to reflect the digital nature of the collection.

The President reviewed the Board Oversight Plan. The CEO reviewed the metrics portion and presented highlights from the Organizational Operational Performance Report including updates on the 2013 International Nursing Research Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, and the 2013 Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; selection of a publisher for the journals; and JobTarget's performance.

The Board approved three recommended nominations for Honorary Membership, to be bestowed at the 2013 Biennial Convention.

Status reports were provided covering recent activities of the STTI subsidiaries: the Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing, STTI Building Corporation, and Nursing Knowledge International and Publications.

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