

June 2014

Dear STTI Members,

The Board of Directors convened via teleconference on 1 April 2014 and in Indianapolis on 5-7 June 2014. It is with a sense of accomplishment that we provide a summary of decisions and actions.

New Member Welcomed to the Board of Directors

The Board appointed Dr. Thora Hafsteinsdóttir to the position of director at the 1 April 2014 meeting and welcomed her to her first meeting on 5-7 June 2014. The appointment was necessitated after the resignation of Dr. Gladys Mouro due to ill health. Dr. Hafsteinsdóttir's term of appointment will expire at the 2015 House of Delegates. The transition of Dr. Hafsteinsdóttir to the Board created an opportunity for a new European regional coordinator, and during the Board's June meeting, Dr. Joy Merrell was appointed to that role. Dr. Merrell is currently Professor of Public Health Nursing at the College of Human and Health Sciences at Swansea University in Wales. She was a founding member of Upsilon Xi at-Large Chapter, based at Cardiff University, where she served as both treasurer and president.

Information Technology Upgrades

The Board approved funding for information technology upgrades and for improvements to the design of the STTI website. Upgrades will involve a more responsive design and dynamic content.

Strategic Plan 2014-2020

After the acceptance of the Strategic Plan 2014-2020, the Board continued development and refinement of the strategic planning document for 2014-2020 focusing on the strategic goals. Objectives, activities, and metrics (i.e., key performance indicators) for each goal were reviewed and discussed. The board approved the metrics for 2014-2015 that are aligned to Strategic Plan 2014-2020.

In addition, the existing dashboard metrics were reviewed for the first, second, and third quarters of FY2014. It was decided that once STTI's policy agenda is fully developed, additional metrics will be identified to monitor performance in this area of the strategic plan. Plans for sharing of the strategic plan with the membership are underway and will be communicated in due course. Watch the space!

Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing

The Board of Directors received a report from the president and CEO on the first meeting of the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON). The panel's first meeting was convened in Switzerland in March 2014. The next GAPFON meetings will be in Puerto Rico (December 2014), followed by planned regional meetings in the Middle East (April 2015), Pacific Rim (June 2015), and Latin America/Caribbean (July 2015) with additional meetings in other areas through 2016. In the planning of the series of regional meetings, relevant stakeholders will be consulted around key issues and a plan to move forward with global health initiatives will be identified. As the convener for the group, STTI brought key nursing leaders together and funded the initial meeting. Because the goal is that GAPFON ultimately be self-sustaining, the Foundation Board and a Foundation Task Group are looking at possible future funding sources to sustain the work of the panel. The Board of Directors recommended that the work of GAPFON be incorporated as part of STTI's strategic plan and that regular updates be provided to the Board. STTI members will be kept informed of the group's progress via the [GAPFON website](#).

Growing Chapters and Membership Outside of North America

As an international organization the Board recognizes the need to increase our membership outside of North America, while supporting all our members. Regional coordinators for the five regions outside North America were elected for the first time in the last biennium. Country and cultural differences across these regions have been identified that require additional support as STTI increases chapters and membership in these areas. The Board agreed to pilot providing some part time administrative support to assist these coordinators to strengthen STTI in their respective regions.

United Nations Update

STTI holds associative status at the United Nations (U.N.) as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with the Department of Public Information (DPI). In addition to holding NGO status, STTI has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the areas of nursing and global health. STTI has contracted with Dr. Mary Norton to be the STTI representative at the U.N., New York office. President Klopper and Dr. Joanne McGlown (Global Business Development) participated in a series of meetings at the U.N. in early June 2014. During the meetings, the following were accomplished:

- A side event during March 2015 as part of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) event was secured.
- An abstract was submitted on invitation to present at the International DPI/NGO conference in August 2014.
- Discussions about a potential Geneva presence were initiated.

Plans are underway for STTI to participate in the 65th annual International DPI/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014 in New York, New York. In addition, STTI staff members are creating a strategic plan for STTI's continued work at the U.N. and are also constructing a manual with information for organizational engagement with the U.N.

Respectfully submitted,



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