

June 2015

Dear STTI Members,

The Board of Directors convened via teleconference on April 7, 2015 and in Indianapolis on June 4-6, 2015. It is with a sense of accomplishment that we provide a summary of decisions and actions.

Committee, Advisory Council, and Task Force Work Related to the Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed a new document, titled *Committee, Advisory Council and Task Force Work Related to the 2014-2020 Strategic Plan*. The document aligns expected outcomes of each group with the status of actions. To make the work of groups transparent to the membership, the document will be streamlined and linked to the STTI strategic plan on the website.

Growing Chapters and Membership Outside of North America

To further efforts toward the strategic initiative of growing chapters and membership outside of North America, a decision was made to establish a presence in both the Asia and Europe regions.

Decisions about exact locations within these regions are being made based on information from the United States Department of Commerce, which is charged with helping U.S. organizations expand globally, as well as other credible sources of data. The Board has decided to establish offices in Asia and Europe. The locations and arrangements are still under consideration. Specific objectives and measureable outcomes for evaluating all STTI locations outside of North America have been established and will be reviewed periodically by the Board.

Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing

The Board received a report from the president and CEO on the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON). The initial phase of the GAPFON work is primarily focused on data gathering. Once all data is gathered, a collective analysis and global report will be developed along with regional action plans. Next phases will focus on communicating recommendations regionally and globally and identifying key partners to move action plans forward. The GAPFON website is current with activities and meetings: www.gapfon.org. Work continues on identification of new funders and a publication strategy is being developed to keep the work visible and ongoing.

Rebranding and Website Revisions

Rebranding efforts are underway concurrently with website revisions. Keep your eyes open for a new look for STTI materials and a better experience interfacing with STTI's web-based information, materials, and resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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