

February 2018

Dear Sigma Members,

The Sigma Board of Directors met in Indianapolis on 8-10 February 2018. It is with a sense of accomplishment that we provide a summary of information, decisions, and actions.

New Board Member Orientation

Five newly elected board members participated with the president, president elect, and the CEO in a half-day session covering the many roles and responsibilities of being a Sigma board member.

New Biennium's Committees, Advisory Councils and Task Forces

President Beth Tigges has formed three advisory councils and two task forces to assist with completing her call to action: Connect. Collaborate. Catalyze. These groups, along with the board of directors and the three elected committees, will implement the objectives established.

Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON)

GAPFON's Executive Committee met in Washington, D.C. on 16-18 February 2018. GAPFON has demonstrated that Sigma is an authority of thought leaders and has significantly helped to highlight Sigma as an organization that is committed to collaboration. The society plans to partner with other organizations to develop implementation plans.

Global Regional Councils

There will be nine regional councils. North America will be represented by three councils due to the number of chapters within it. Each of the six non-North American regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East and Oceania) will be represented by its own council.

United Nations (UN)

In its role as a non-governmental organization with special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Sigma will host a parallel event at the UN's 62nd session on the Commission on the Status of Women (March 2018). The event will take place at UN headquarters in New York City and is entitled "Women as Subjects, Consumers and Thought Leaders of Media."

Branding

The crest will be used for official documents for members (membership certificate, charter document). The new Sigma logo will be used for public facing documents. Brand guidebooks were given to chapter representatives at the 2017 Biennial Convention. Roll out of brand and products will continue to occur within the next four years.

Strategic Plan 2014-2020

The strategic plan was reviewed and discussed. Sigma CEO, Elizabeth Madigan, presented Dashboard Metrics+ and discussed how the BOD metrics are identified for monitoring.

2017-2019 International Bylaws

The board ratified the amendments to the international bylaws approved by the 2017 House of Delegates. The 2017-2019 International Bylaws reflect those approved amendments. A copy of the current bylaws is available on Sigma's website under About Sigma.

Respectfully submitted,

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