Dear Sigma Members,

The board of directors met on Thursday, 2 August 2018, via conference call. Following are the outcomes and announcements from that meeting.

**Board Awards**

Nominations for each award were solicited. Formal nominations will be submitted by the board members who suggested a potential award recipient. Further discussion of the nominations will occur at the September 2018 board meeting, and recipients for the 2019 Board Awards will be selected.

**2018 International Nursing Research Congress Report (INRC)**

The congress, held in Melbourne, Australia on 19-23 July 2018, was a great success. Highlights included:

- Attendance: 856
- International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame ceremony was well received
- Significant Twitter activity – 13 million impressions; highest ever at a Congress
- Elizabeth Iro, Chief Nursing Officer of WHO, participated in a panel presentation that was very well attended
- 2019 INRC – 25-29 July 2019 – Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Global Strategy Summit**

The strategy summit’s dates and attendees are being confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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