

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT (ELECT ONE)



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I welcome the opportunity to serve as your President-elect.

Leadership Highlights:

- North America Regional Coordinator (2007-2011)
- Secretary, International Board of Directors (2011-2013)
- Liaison and Chief Representative to the United Nations (2016-2020)
- Mentor for Global Leadership Mentoring Community (2019-2021)
- National Public Policy Advisor for the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
- Past Secretary for Region 3 of the NJ State Nurses Association
- Chapter President for the Transcultural Nursing Society

Background:

The UN role prepared me to lead Sigma by building global collaboration and providing a broad perspective of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as Social Determinants of Health. When nurses are empowered to act in all settings to the full extent of their abilities in leadership, health promotion and disease prevention, as well as treating illness and disease, we contribute a pathway to achieving the SDGs with no one left behind. The Sigma UN team developed valuable strategies for nurses in clinical and academic settings to achieve the SDGs and shared them in a recent publication: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8051639/. As President of a struggling chapter, I engaged members to earn one of seven Key Awards for Chapter Excellence. Collaboration with other chapters and the community was a foundation for our success. We developed regional awards to recognize and promote nursing scholarship, leadership and early-career service. Exceptional Sigma mentors and friendships, networks and teamwork with members throughout the world motivated me to explore innovative ideas and create new partnerships and initiatives. My PhD dissertation “Health-related beliefs, practices, and

experiences of migrant Dominicans in the Northeastern United States” was inspired by leading a group of nurses to the Dominican Republic to set up health clinics in rural areas. This inaugural work became an ongoing service leadership project among several Sigma chapters.

Ideas for the future:

Chapters grow stronger through supportive networking and sharing resources for scholarly programs. Virtual platforms facilitate collaboration and advance nursing science while reducing travel expenses. Virtual pathways for mentoring relationships and membership connections across global regions develop nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere. This gives value to membership and promotes the growth of the organization. Provide advocacy education and media communication strategies for members. We must use our individual and collective expertise to lead and inform decision-making and policy related to the health of populations, communities and health systems, including safe workplace environments. Media coverage of the pandemic showcased courageous examples of nursing leadership, advocacy and excellence that improved outcomes. As we heal from this worldwide trauma, nurses must continue our advocacy for connected, empowered nurse leaders to transform global health care.

About me:

Advanced-level Certified Transcultural Nurse (CTN-A). Completing 13 Women’s Sprint Triathlons taught me perseverance, determination, and confidence to master challenges. www.linkedin.com/in/connie-sobon-sensor-phd-rn-ctn-a-2450642b/

If elected, I will use my passion for Sigma, global citizenship, and the SDGs to inspire you to be advocates and inclusive leaders for population health and safe, healthy environments in your communities locally, regionally and globally. Together we can have a tremendous impact on transforming global health. I would be honored to have your vote.