

CANDIDATES

REGIONAL COORDINATOR

NORTH AMERICA REGION 4 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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Professional Background: I am a maternal-child nurse. During most of my professional life, I have been in academia where I have broadened my interests to include research, evidence-based practice, and study abroad. Nursing is a rewarding profession where I

can see families grow and students achieve beyond what I have ever been able to do myself.

Qualifications: I have been a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing since 2003 when I joined as a nursing leader because I wanted to be involved with this organization. I have served as vice president, president, and on numerous committees for Phi Chapter at South Dakota State University. At the international level, I have attended or presented at biennium, research congress, and one global leadership meeting. The resources at Sigma are a wonderful benefit of membership; I use them as student learning resources as well as to improve my teaching and scholarship. I am a peer reviewer for *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing*. I definitely appreciate the benefits of membership.

Leadership Experience: We are all leaders, even in our informal roles. I see myself strongest in coaching leadership. Besides my experiences as a leader in Phi Chapter, I served as a member of the finance committee for Midwest Nursing Research Society. I have served in several committees and workgroups at the university, and I currently am serving in an interim administrative position. Within the past few years, I have continued to grow in leadership knowledge and skills through two opportunities. I participated in the Kouzes & Posner Leadership Challenge as well as the Clifton-Strengths assessment. I am a life-long learner in leadership skills and practices.

Goals as Regional Coordinator for Region 4: My leadership strengths are in strategic thinking and enabling others to act. My goal is to use those strengths in working with Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents to learn what is working well within each chapter and share those strategies with other chapters. As regional coordinator I would like to introduce chapter leaders to others who have similar goals so that they might learn from each other and disseminate innovative approaches. My approach as regional coordinator would be to listen, learn, share, and coach.

Thank you for your consideration.