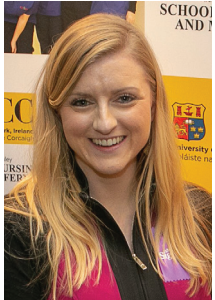


BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

DIRECTORS (ELECT TWO)



Elizabeth Weathers PhD, BSc, PGCertTLHE, RGN, FAAN



I am honored to be considered for a Director. I have 15+ years' experience building strategic relationships globally across clinical practice, academia, and the medical device industry in Europe, the US, and Asia.

I am currently the Clinical Affairs Manager for a global medical device company, Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies, responsible for clinical research and providing strategic leadership for regulatory submissions across all world regions. Before joining Terumo, I was Clinical Research Manager at Ion Beam Applications, Belgium, where I initiated the first company-sponsored clinical study. As a nurse leader in the med-tech industry, I am an advocate for patients, responsible for monitoring the quality and safety of medical devices.

I am also a Lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Cork, Ireland, where I am leading the development of two graduate nursing programs. Previously, I lectured in Bahrain, where I led inter-professional, collaborative research projects to improve the medical management of syncope/falls and to increase public awareness of prostate cancer – a first for the region. In Ireland, working in practice and academia, I was the nurse lead for the first regional syncope/falls service, that resulted in 50% reduction in length of stay and a net saving of €1.1M for the hospital.

From 2013 to 2019, I served as President of the first Irish chapter of Sigma, Omega Epsilon at-Large. I led chapter development from conception to chartering in 2018. One year later, I was elected to the Sigma International Governance Committee. I am one of just five nurses from Ireland inducted into the American Academy of Nursing and the only European to serve on the Academy's

Governance Steering Committee. Other leadership roles I currently hold include: Chair of Media and Marketing (Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter Board of Directors); Editorial Board Member (Seminars in Oncology Nursing); and Expert Reviewer (European Commission).

I am deeply committed to improving healthcare by effecting change for patients and highlighting the valuable contribution of nurses globally. My journey, working across three continents, has equipped me with an understanding of the cultural nuances that exist across global healthcare systems and practices. I have witnessed the benefits of Sigma membership for nurses working in all countries and settings. If elected, I would draw upon this experience to provide a culturally astute perspective to the Board, diligently representing the global membership. I would continue to advocate for Sigma by sharing my experience with others, especially with those outside of North America who may not recognize the many rewards that Sigma offers.

Reflecting on the challenges of COVID-19, I have observed how the pandemic necessitated social isolation to ensure safety. Yet, it also nurtured solidarity amongst our profession. There is a sense of having been through the trenches together, emerging united, but tired, and reliant on each other for that unspoken understanding. Sigma provides a global community of peers and seeks to build a connected and empowered global nursing workforce. I would be honored to dedicate my time to supporting this mission.

Thank you!