

# CANDIDATES

## REGIONAL COORDINATOR

### NORTH AMERICA REGION 11 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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As a professor at the University at Buffalo, I am the Coordinator of the MS in Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems program and have served on, or chaired, numerous committees and task forces at the department and university level. I previously served on

the NYS Organization of Nurse Leaders Education Committee, planning continuing education programs. With a passion for informatics, I was a major contributor to the Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform Initiative (TIGER) Initiative and was awarded the Open SUNY Online Teaching Ambassador award. In addition, I have presented papers at many conferences including Sigma and interdisciplinary conferences, published in major peer-reviewed journals and co-authored one of F. A. Davis's best-selling books, *Critical Care Notes*.

A funny thing happened to me at my first Sigma convention. I truly fell in love with Sigma and all it encompasses. My commitment to Sigma has been longstanding. I have served in many capacities at the chapter and regional level and have been mentored by two excellent Regional Coordinators. Being an active member of Sigma Nursing, I served on the Gamma Kappa board as President, President-elect, Vice President, Counselor, Leadership Succession, Governance Committee and Past-Presidents Advisory Council. I am also an active member of Sigma's Northeast Global Council that helps to provide strategic plans for the organization as the society expands into a more global focus. Serving as a delegate for nine conventions, I have come to appreciate the global impact of Sigma. Serving as an abstract reviewer for major Sigma conferences and a reviewer for the Sigma Repository has shown me the depth of nursing's contribution to the science and mission of Sigma Nursing.

A hallmark of Sigma is to promote shared scholarship and scholarly activities. I have been fortunate to do this on a local level in collaboration with other Sigma chapters within the region and would like to further promote sharing members' expertise at the regional level. I firmly believe in mentoring not only current chapter leaders but future leaders as well. As a Regional Coordinator, I can serve as a conduit for new ideas for recruitment and retention and organizational efficiency for chapters. Given the members' time commitments, I prefer short exchanges with chapter leaders and members that promote chapter health. Identifying best practices through collaboration can enhance a culture of working together with renewed enthusiasm for participation both within and across Sigma chapters. I plan to give the chapters tools to work "smarter, not harder" and promote the efficiency of the chapters. Although COVID has restricted many of my planned activities and also those of Region 11 chapters, I will work hard to encourage and assist chapter leaders as we emerge from the pandemic to re-energize our chapters and Sigma members. Let's collaborate and innovate together to make for a stronger Region 11 and showcase our regional excellence.