

CANDIDATES

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (ELECT TWO FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM)



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Thank you to the Leadership Succession Committee for the opportunity to be considered for a position on the Governance Committee of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma). I have been a nurse for more than 44 years, 24 of those serving on active

duty in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve. Most of my career was caring for patients in medical-surgical areas. I spent nearly 10 years as a clinical and adjunct faculty member, including three years teaching Adult Health at the University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG). I also served as the Director of Education and Training for a large six-hospital system with more than 12,000 employees in the Triad area of North Carolina. Recently I have been providing COVID-19 vaccines and education for my local community. I was inducted into Sigma in 1989, in my MSN program at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. For years I have been actively involved in chapter level activities and governance. I served as Vice President, President-elect, President and Governance Committee Chair for Gamma Zeta Chapter, my current local chapter, affiliated with The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In these roles I have learned what makes a chapter successful. As President I was most proud of collaboration with two sister chapters, Rho Lambda at North Carolina A & T State University, and Mu Tau at Winston Salem State University. We held collaborative health screening events and soup kitchens for underserved community residents. GZ created an endowed scholarship for UNCG nursing students.

On the international level, I currently serve on the Chapter Review Task Force, where I review applications for potential chapters for Sigma. I serve as an abstract reviewer for biennium and other Sigma professional meetings. During the

last two biennial conventions I volunteered in the House of Delegates.

For the last 3 years I chaired the Governance Committee for Gamma Zeta Chapter. This role has given me a unique opportunity to carefully and thoroughly review both chapter and international bylaws. I realize how important the bylaws are in providing guidance to members and the chapter on how to best support the mission of Sigma. Based on my experience with local governance and with Sigma internationally, I believe I am well positioned to serve on the International Governance Committee. I know the issues faced by chapters and can bring my extensive chapter leadership experiences to this role.

I have the time to devote to the work of the Governance Committee. If elected, I would bring expertise, excitement for the work, ideas, and solutions to the committee to help positively impact policy change. With more than 25 years of leadership experience and an understanding of the Sigma bylaws I will serve Sigma and its members. I pledge to help with overseeing the bylaws, chapter development, and to address eligibility issues as needed. I am excited to be offered this opportunity.