

# CANDIDATES

## LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION COMMITTEE (ELECT THREE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM)



### Karen Maxwell EdD, RN, NPD-BC



My name is Dr. Karen Maxwell, and I am running for the Leadership Succession Committee. I have been a nursing leader for 44 years serving in various staff nurse, clinical education and academic roles. I graduated from Georgia Baptist School of Nursing in

Atlanta, Georgia with my Diploma in Nursing in 1977. I later completed my BSN from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa in 2000, my MSN with a focus in nursing education, from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia in 2004, and my EdD in Instructional Leadership from the The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 2014. I also hold a certification in Nursing Professional Development from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In my current position I serve as an Education Coordinator for Emory Healthcare in Atlanta, Georgia. My research interests include transition to practice for new graduate nurses, and quality and safety education for nurses.

I am currently serving as the Sigma North America Region 3 Coordinator and am a member of Sigma's Alpha Kappa at-Large Chapter where I have served as the treasurer and chair of the governance committee. In my previous Sigma chapter, Pi Gamma, I served as treasurer for 6 years, Vice President for 2 years, President-elect for 1 year and President for 2 years. I have consistently served in a leadership position since my induction into Sigma in 2004 demonstrating my passion and commitment to Sigma.

I was awarded the Doris J. Biester Award for Excellence in Leadership in December, 2020 for Sigma's Alpha Kappa at-Large Chapter. I was honored to have completed Sigma's Experienced Academic Leadership Academy in March of 2021. During this academy I was awarded a \$5000.00 Scholarly Innovation in Learning and Teaching

Grant from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. The grant money was utilized to establish an interdisciplinary HeartCode Room in the Ruckert Hartman College of Health Professions at Regis University.

I have 3 children, who I consider to be my greatest accomplishment in life, 3 grandchildren, and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, named Patches. I love to play tennis, snow ski, hike, spend time at the beach and I have a passion for travel and exploring new places.

I bring a wealth of experience from my service to both my local chapters and the Sigma Board as the North America Region 3 Coordinator. If elected to the Leadership Succession Committee I will work to develop members in their leadership roles and help with the selection of candidates for the new board for the upcoming biennial ballots.