

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

DIRECTORS (ELECT TWO)



Marie-Louise Luiking MANP, RN



I am honoured and privileged to be on the ballot for the office of Director.

My career in nursing has predominately been in intensive care nursing. I have a masters with a major in critical care advance practice. Being one of the first nurse practitioners to qualify and practice in the Netherlands with this title. My PhD has been about nurses' participation in the implementation of innovations, which has helped greatly in engaging members to participate with Sigma.

Over the last 16 years I have served in international positions with Sigma and other organisations. Firstly, as a chapter president with our Dutch chapter Rho Chi at-Large from 2014-2018. During my tenure we were the first chapter to secure three chapter key awards consecutively in Europe and in 2018 the first chapter outside of the United States to receive the Ethel Palmer Clarke award for implementing creative chapter activities that achieve the purpose of Sigma, recognizes superior achievement in scholarship, research, practice, and education and recognizes the development of leadership qualities.

Since 2017 I have had the honour to serve two consecutive terms as Sigma's European Regional Coordinator. In that time the European Region has grown by 100% in the number of chapters. This due in part to developing an European Identity of Sigma for European Sigma members to engage and participate with, both at the regional and chapter level.

My strengths have been in developing very successful programs such as the PhD connect virtual conference, the introduction of an annual virtual masterclass with eminent nurse scientists from all over Europe, the launch & take up of the

annual recognition endeavours for excellence in nursing research, education, and clinical practice during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Biennial Sigma European Awards for Research, Education, Clinical Practice & new Early career research or educationalist. Sigma Europe is the first region in May 2021 to have constructed a Sigma European Regional Website for all members. Putting together scholarships, awards and stipends to attend our regional conferences. We have a sound presence on our social media platforms giving our members more possibilities to connect with Sigma. Creating and developing eight standing committees at a pace that is needed has been realised. In listening to our Sigma European members, we have engaged in planning our 6th Biennial European Regional conference with the theme being: Sustainability in Partnership in February 2022. I coordinate five research lines of nurse inquiry with Sigma European members from all over the region.

Throughout this time I have actively provided strategic leadership, took part in strategic planning, worked on global committees, the judging of Sigma International Awards, reformulating of the chapter key award 2021-2023 and have developed a secure knowledge of how the society wants to move forward in the next biennium. I believe that Sigma has to concentrate on providing value for the membership. I will work diligently to represent the membership and am committed to the values, mission, and vision of Sigma.