

# CANDIDATES

## REGIONAL COORDINATOR

### NORTH AMERICA REGION 7 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



## Seongkum Heo PhD



This is Seongkum Heo who is a professor at Mercer University in Atlanta. I have been a member of Sigma since 2002 and involved in various Sigma activities at local and international levels. At local levels, I have been involved in Sigma chapter activities, including preparation of,

participation in, and presentation at many chapter events and review of articles and research proposals for students and faculty. In addition, I was elected as the treasurer of the Sigma Gamma Xi Chapter in 2018 and led and/or involved in the establishment of more effective financial management system, financial support for members' research activities and dissemination, and better ways of serving members. At international levels, in 2020, I was selected as an abstract reviewer and research proposal reviewer. In 2020 and 2021, I reviewed abstracts and research proposals for Sigma.

I have contributed to Sigma's mission and vision of "discover how Sigma supports nurses' efforts to improve the health of the world's people" by conducting research, disseminating the findings, and supporting other researchers and clinicians. I have disseminated research findings through approximately 60 manuscripts regarding quality of life (QOL) status and multidimensional factors associated with it, self-care, physical and psychological symptoms, inflammation, obesity, hospitalization and mortality, and palliative care in patients with heart failure and cancer and nursing education in nursing students. I have worked with national and international researchers to conduct research and disseminate the findings. The findings were cited by researchers and clinicians in nursing and multiple non-nursing disciplines more than 3,000 times and by the 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure. I also have tested and disseminated instruments of QOL, symptoms,

and perceived control. I provided the symptom instrument to researchers and clinicians in 10 countries. I also developed, tested, and disseminated a QOL model. All of my work is critically important for nurses' effort to improve people's health.

I have developed my leadership by serving many national and international committees, including the American Heart Association (Nomination and Communications Committee of Council of Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing), the Heart Failure Society of America (Nursing Committee, Research Committee, and Education Committee), the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses (Research Committee), and the American Nurses Association (Grant Review). I have participated in activities of enhancement of members' activities and roles, modification of professional educational modules, review of abstracts and research proposals, review and revision of policies regarding members, research, and grants, and becoming a mentor for nursing faculties in several countries. I also have served as a chair or member of several regional and local committees to plan and hold conferences; newly establish a subcommittee system and online registration and abstract submission systems; and establish more effective management systems of curriculum or tenure and promotion review.

My qualification for the coordinator role can be supported by my experiences and leadership in recruitment and management of members, establishment and improvement of management systems, strong involvement in professional network and collaboration, and selections of abstract, research proposals, and awardees.