

CANDIDATES

REGIONAL COORDINATOR

NORTH AMERICA REGION 4 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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I am an associate professor of nursing in the JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing and Health Professions at Alverno College with expertise in undergraduate, direct entry, and graduate curriculum development, in both traditional and on-line courses, related to pharmacology,

geriatrics, clinical practice, and nutrition. My clinical background includes significant experience in geriatrics, inpatient physical rehabilitation, and occupational health. My doctoral dissertation was on the effect of an asynchronous webinar education module on nurses' knowledge, skills, and attitudes toward older adults to provide quality geriatric medication management in a home care setting. I have served in a variety of leadership positions over my career, including: Sigma Region 4 Coordinator, Sigma chapter treasurer, faculty senate member, chair of Aesthetic Engagement, faculty advisor for three student nurse groups, and facilitated the creation of a free diabetes clinic in my community.

I became a member of Sigma in 2008. I am currently president of the Delta Gamma at-Large Chapter and have served on the board since 2014. As an active member of the board, I spearheaded initiatives focused on increasing the services to, and involvement of, our members. Some of these initiatives include the development of: an annual scholarship award, an annual continuing education scholarship award, social networking events, and ways to connect our members through the use of social media. To this end, I directed the creation of a social media liaison as a new position on the board of directors which has led to additional involvement and retention of members. Through my leadership, encouragement, and mentoring, several new members have successfully run for board positions and have become more engaged in the chapter. Additionally, I continue to find ways to

involve the general membership while keeping our finances stable. In addition to the new initiatives, over the last five years, I have decreased the cost of events for our current and future members (students) and have increased our charitable giving all while maintaining a balanced budget by finding areas of redundancy or reallocating funds to maintain the solvency of the organization.

If re-elected as Regional Coordinator for Region 4, I will build on the previous work between chapters to strengthen and facilitate new connections through the use of social media and technology in order to break down geographic distances. I will provide mentorship, support chapters in networking events, available as a keynote speaker, and advise and troubleshoot challenges within our region's chapter leadership. Lastly, I will showcase the great work of our region's chapters and members by sharing these resources through The Circle email list serve.