



Dear Sigma Members,

The board of directors met on Thursday and Friday, 14-15 June 2018, in Indianapolis, Indiana at the society's headquarters. Following are the outcomes and announcements from that meeting.

**FY 2019 Budget**

The CEO, Chief Financial Officer, and Staff Directors prepared an annual budget for the board's consideration. The board reviewed and approved the society's budget for the next fiscal year.

**Policy Statements**

After careful deliberation and review of previous reports from Advisory Councils on Policy, the board's consensus was Sigma would comment, endorse, or support policy rather than developing new policies at this time.

**Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery (GAPFON)**

GAPFON is now in implementation phase. The society has identified specific organizations as partners for the development of the implementation plans. A strategy summit will be held in October 2018 to begin the process.

**Chapter Charters & Charter Amendments**

The Governance Committee presented motions for one chapter charter, five chapter charter amendments, and one chapter division for the board's consideration. All motions were approved.

**Chapter Charter Approved (name pending)**

SIA At-Large Honor Society of Nursing & Midwifery  
University College Cork - Cork, Ireland  
Waterford Institute of Technology - Waterford, Ireland  
Institute of Technology Tralee - Tralee, Ireland

**Chapter Charter Amendments Approved**

The College of the Ozarks (Point Lookout, Missouri, USA) to join Theta Lambda Chapter (#201),  
Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri, USA.

Rochester College (Rochester, Michigan, USA) to join Theta Psi Chapter (#213), Oakland  
University, Michigan, USA.

Northwest Nazarene University (Nampa, Idaho, USA) to join Mu Gamma Chapter (#289), Boise  
State University, Boise, Idaho, USA.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, Maryland, USA), Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center  
(Baltimore, Maryland, USA), Howard County General Hospital (Columbia, Maryland, USA), Sibley

Memorial Hospital (Washington, District of Columbia, USA), Suburban Hospital (Bethesda, Maryland, USA), Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (St. Petersburg, Florida, USA) to join Nu Beta Chapter (#312), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Maria College (Albany, New York, USA) to join Omicron Sigma Chapter (#), alumni chapter of SUNY-New Paltz, New Paltz, New York, USA.

**Chapter Division Approved**

Zeta Omega at-Large Chapter will retain Mercy College (Dobbs Ferry, New York, USA), Dominican College (Orangeburg, New York, USA), and College of New Rochelle (New Rochelle, New York, USA). Pace University (Pleasantville, New York, USA) will be chartered as a new chapter.

**Board Awards**

The board has begun considering nominations for the 2019 Archon Award, Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award, and Nell J. Watts Lifetime Achievement Award. These awards will be presented and their recipients honored at the 45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Washington, DC (16-20 November 2019).

**Proposed Resolutions for the 2019 House of Delegates**

The Resolutions Advisory Council will begin soliciting proposed resolutions from regions, chapters and members in early 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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