

## February 2015

### Dear STTI Members,

The Board of Directors convened via teleconference on 2 December 2014 and in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, on 12-14 February 2015. It is with a sense of accomplishment that we provide a summary of decisions and actions.

### **43rd Biennial Convention, 7-11 November 2015, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**

Planning is underway for the upcoming biennial convention, and registration is open. The Resolutions Advisory Council invites members to submit resolutions to be considered for presentation to the House of Delegates during the convention. Proposed resolutions may be submitted using the online submission form until 30 April 2015. <https://stti.wufoo.com/forms/stti-call-for-resolutions-2015/>

### **Strategic Plan 2014-2020**

The Board reviewed metrics and achievement of benchmarks for the first and second quarters of the fiscal year. President Klopper asked the Board and staff to consider a value chain of strategic management as a framework. This type of approach involves complementing the Board of Directors' (BOD) strategic plan with an operational strategic plan, including various elements and metrics that map onto the BOD's strategic plan.

Vice President Tigges continues to work with the Strategic Planning Task Force to condense the strategic planning document for use by audiences external to the Board with a goal of having printed copies available at the Biennial Convention.

### **Budget Priorities**

Budget planning is underway for FY 2015-2016. There was consensus on six priority areas:

- International Scholarship Institute
- Global Health Executive Leadership Institute
- Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing
- Society branding
- Information technology upgrades
- Supporting an office in other geographic regions

### **Building Corporation Master Plan**

Background information and an overview of the Building Corporation Master Plan, including short-term operational priorities for FY 2015-2016 as well as long-term strategic priorities, were presented to the Board. President Klopper asked the Board to consider how the organization will grow and change strategically as a global organization over the next decade. Specifically, she asked the Board to envision what an international organization should look like moving forward.

### **Membership**

The Board approved proposed bylaws amendments to the international bylaws from the Governance Committee for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2015 biennial convention.

### **Definition of Scholarship**

The Board approved an updated definition of scholarship that appears on the society's website and in the Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository. The updated definition builds on prior definitions and reflects the value of the scholarship of engagement that speaks to clinicians, educators, and researchers globally.

[http://www.nursingsociety.org/aboutus/PositionPapers/Documents/resource\\_scholarship\\_definition.pdf](http://www.nursingsociety.org/aboutus/PositionPapers/Documents/resource_scholarship_definition.pdf)

### **Revised Global Regions Model**

The Board approved a revised global regions model to include the Middle East. The revision will be implemented at the beginning of the next biennium. The revised model includes seven regions including Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America, the Middle East, and Oceania.

### **Growing Chapters and Membership Outside of North America**

The South Africa office three-year pilot project is complete and the society's contract with FUNDISA ends in June 2015. Board members agreed that it is in the society's best interest to continue its commitment to growing membership in Africa. There was consensus to renew the contract with FUNDISA and maintain the office for an additional three years.

### **Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing**

The Board received a report from the president and CEO on the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON). President Klopper and Dr. Martha Hill presented global commentary on GAPFON in the January 2015 issue of the *Journal of Nursing*

*Scholarship* (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jnu.12118/abstract>). STTI members are kept informed of the panel's progress via the GAPFON website at <http://www.gapfon.org/>.

### **United Nations Update**

In its role as a non-governmental organization with the Department of Public Information with Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the areas of nursing and global health, STTI participated in the 59th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York City. STTI presented the program "Empowering Women Through Education" on Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 6:15 p.m. (1815) in the Guild Room of the Armenian Convention Center, located at 630 2nd Avenue in New York, New York, USA. This marked the first time that STTI, a U.N.-recognized nongovernmental organization (NGO), hosted such an occasion since achieving special consultative status with the U.N. ECOSOC in 2012. Other participating organizations were the International Council of Nurses (also an NGO with ECOSOC status), Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and Felician College (an NGO).

Respectfully submitted,

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