

February 2016

Dear STTI Members,

The Board of Directors met via teleconference on 26 October 2016 and convened at the start and conclusion of the 43rd Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., USA, on 6 and 11 November 2015, as well as 11, 12, and 13 February 2016 in Indianapolis, Ind., USA. It is with a sense of accomplishment that we provide a summary of information, decisions, and actions.

Audit Report

The FY2015 audit report was presented by the Corporate Audit and Accountability Committee and approved by the Board. Highlights of the report included the strong financial position of STTI and the fact that of every dollar spent 72 percent goes to programs, which is well above benchmark.

2013-2015 Recommendations from Committees, Advisory Councils, and Task Forces

The Board reviewed priority recommendations presented by each group along with expectations for committee, council, and task force leaders. Recommendations from the Advisory Council on Policy aimed at moving STTI forward in creating a policy agenda and using a framework to identify key areas to focus on in creating position statements was discussed.

43rd Biennial Convention, November 7-11, 2015, Las Vegas, Nev., USA

The House of Delegates convened on 10 and 11 November 2015 during the biennial convention. Four hundred and eight-six (486) chapters were represented. All proposed bylaws were passed and all proposed resolutions were adopted. Installation of new officers, investiture of the President, and the Presidential Call to Action were highlights of the meeting.

Strategic Plan 2014-2020

The Board discussed goals, objectives, activities, and metrics within the strategic plan. There was agreement to amend 3.1 to add additional detail and add an additional objective (i.e., 3.2) as follows:

3.1 Establish strategic alliances in all global regions to support global health

3.2 Establish strategic alliances in all global regions to celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

The Board reviewed metrics and achievement of benchmarks for the first and second quarters of FY2016.

STTI Branding

Staff reviewed work on re-branding efforts, including gathering data from focus groups

and analysis of the data. Research findings and recommendations will be considered at the June meeting of the Board.

Building Corporation Master Plan

Background information and an overview of the Building Corporation Master Plan, including short term operational priorities for FY2016, as well as long term strategic priorities, were presented to the Board.

The president asked the Board to continue the dialog initiated during the previous biennium about how the organization will grow and change strategically as a global organization over the next decade.

Growing Chapters and Membership Outside of North America

New board members were provided with information about the history of the satellite office in South Africa. Work with the United States Chamber of Commerce to identify potential partnerships to help establish contractual agreements for work in Brussels and Singapore is ongoing.

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

The Board received a report from the President and CEO on the work of GAPFON. To date, efforts have focused on data gathering. Next steps include identifying strategic actions with outcomes and metrics. Successful achievement of metrics will be the measure of the panel's success. STTI members are kept informed of the panel's progress via the GAPFON website at <http://www.gapfon.org/>.

United Nations Update: 60th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women

In its role as a non-governmental organization with the Department of Public Information with special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the areas of nursing and global health, STTI will participate in the UN's 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) in March 2016. STTI will present *Empowering Women Through Leadership Development* parallel to the CSW60. Specific information about the event can be found at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/connect-engage/news-detail/2016/01/27/register-now-for-the-stti-program-as-part-of-the-united-nations-commission-on-the-status-of-women>.

Respectfully submitted,

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