

**Title:**

Cash Stash: Tips for Effective Chapter Budgeting

**Keywords:**

budgeting, chapter budget and chapter finances

**Summary:**

Join Sigma's Treasurer, Ken Dion, as he and Sigma staff discuss tips and considerations for how to create an effective chapter budget each year. Not eligible for continuing nursing education contact hours.

**Abstract Text:**

Join Sigma's Treasurer, Ken Dion, as he and staff discuss how to create an effective chapter budget! This will include a conversation on the importance of an accurate budget, as well as annual considerations for your budget, including the Sigma Chapter Check Schedule and how to budget to send representatives to Sigma events such as Leadership Connection and Biennial Convention.

This session is not eligible for continuing nursing education contact hours.

**References:**

All Chapter Officers Workgroup, Sigma Theta Tau International

**Content Outline:**

- Discuss the importance of an annual chapter budget
- Complete an activity to create a chapter budget

**Moderator**

Mary Ellen LaSala, PhD, RN  
Stony Brook University  
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**Professional Experience:** Possess 35 years of professional nursing experience in a wide range of clinical, teaching, and leadership roles. Currently, Clinical Instructor in the School of Nursing at SUNY Stony Brook, and Mather Hospital-Northwell Health. Extensive knowledge and expertise in maternal/child health. Active member and Counselor of Kappa Gamma Chapter, and member of ACHNE.

**Author Summary:** Presented findings of IRB approved research at regional and national conferences. Author of nursing curriculum of maternal child/pediatric, population health, fundamentals, and nursing role development.

**Organizer**

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Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing  
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**Professional Experience:** Jessica Wendorf is the chapter and regional operations manager at the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. She has a bachelor's degree in public affairs focusing in Non-profit management and more than seven years of experience in the non-profit field with over five years of experience at STTI. At STTI, Jessica works to ensure STTI has the resources chapters need and that chapter leaders have the support they need to maintain healthy chapters. As a resource for chapters regarding chapter bylaws compliance and interpretation, chapter leadership issues and questions,

development of strategic plans and almost any other chapter operation, Jessica is familiar with the issues that concern chapter leaders.

**Author Summary:** At STTI, Jessica works to ensure STTI has the resources chapters need and that chapter leaders have the support they need to maintain healthy chapters. She has been with the organization for nearly 10 years.

Organizer

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**Professional Experience:** The author is a 35 year veteran of the healthcare industry. Dr. Dion concentrated in entrepreneurship at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Dion is a successful entrepreneur having taken a company through all phases of the lifecycle to include successful acquisition by a publicly traded company. His service to the healthcare industry spans 30 years ranging from firefighter/paramedic to emergency room nurse, to educator and entrepreneur.

**Author Summary:** Dr. Kenneth Dion is a nurse entrepreneur, inventor, scholar, and 35-year veteran of the healthcare industry. He is a member of the Theta Epsilon Chapter. He founded Decision Critical Inc. which he sold to Healthstream, Inc. Dr. Dion obtained his Baccalaureate in Nursing from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, his Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Nursing Administration as well as a Doctorate in Nursing Systems from the University of Texas at Austin.