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SPECIAL SESSION: International Leadership Opportunities

Keywords:

Leadership, Service and opportunities

Summary:

Members of the Leadership Succession Committee will discuss opportunities for serving as an international leader in the Honor Society. Open positions and position descriptions will be identified during this session as well as qualifications and time commitment required.

Abstract Text:

Gwen Sherwood, Chair of the Leadership Succession Committee (LSC), will discuss opportunities for serving as an international leader in the Honor Society. Open positions and position descriptions will be identified during this session as well as qualifications and time commitment required. It is important for the society to develop a ballot that reflects characteristics of the membership. Members from all regions are encouraged to consider running for elected office as a way to serve the society. While many are concerned about the time commitment required for elected office, the rewards justify the time invested. Attendees will be coached in the process of submitting one's name, or submitting names of those you consider qualified and who agree to be nominated. Names provided to the Leadership Succession Committee are reviewed and carefully considered. potential nominees are interviewed by an LSC member, and results are reviewed by the committee to determine individuals for selection to the final ballot. The committee considers many perspectives in considering choices for the ballot. The session will also explore myths that build up about the ballot process, and will be addressed in the session. The session ends with 10 ways to prepare for office.

- **Lead Locally:** Invite friends to chapter meetings or lead a project
- **Radar for Readiness:** Use your radar to look for leadership opportunities
- **Find a Mentor, Be a Mentor:** Build relationships for the journey
- **Chop Wood and Carry Water:** Do the work, pay dues
- **Show Up and Raise Your Hand:** Be fully engaged, contribute, demonstrate initiative
- **Engage to Connect:** Build a network that will go places

- **Attend and Be Admired:** Nurses admire Sigma leaders – locally and internationally
- **Appreciate Excellence:** Hard work is a gift to the profession, recognition follows
- **Pack for the Journey:** Define personal/organizational goals, get started
- **Arrive at Destination – Map in Hand:** Goal achieved, still planning for continued travel

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Content Outline:

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