In the past 10 years, Sigma has grown to over 500 chapters worldwide; developed new models for chapter development, including partnerships with clinical organizations; formed new global regions; gained Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) status with the United Nations (UN); and convened the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery (GAPFON®).

Now is the time to build on that extraordinary success and our rich heritage by developing new ways to connect with our members and other nurses worldwide, and collaborate with diverse partners to catalyze change for advancing world health and global nursing excellence.

Please join me in embracing the 2017–2019 Presidential Call to Action.

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2017-2019 Sigma President
Sigma's vision is to be the global organization of choice for nursing. To do so, we need to connect with fellow nurses and partners near and far, and work together to share our message, opportunities, and accomplishments. Technology allows us to make connections and work collaboratively like never before. We must make maximum use of cutting-edge technologies to digitally transform as an organization and advance the work of Sigma.

Collaborate.

The Sigma mission is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. To do so, we need to be intentionally collaborative. Collaborations foster creativity and innovation, are best for addressing complex issues, and are more successful in challenging environments. By expanding our collaborative work with other nurses and partners outside of nursing, we can more successfully fulfill our mission.

- Make sure your chapter strategic plan includes activities with at least one new collaborative partner per year, such as another chapter, hospital, university, profession, or community.
- Consider whether the new chapter model of incorporating a practice setting is right for your chapter.
- Work with fellow chapter leaders to implement initiatives highlighted in Chapter Key Award criteria to maximize chapter effectiveness and apply for an award.
- Complete a service project with another professional organization or community group.
- Identify potential collaborative partners through The Circle or develop a new community of interest with a specific goal.
- Serve in elected and appointed positions in broad, health-focused organizations.
- Lead and participate in collaborative activities that advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (nursingsociety.org/unitednations).
- Diversify your professional networks to gain new partners and ideas for innovative solutions.
- Attend workshops or read publications about effective leadership or participation in collaborative teams.
- Complete a volunteer profile on The Circle to work with others.
- Serve as a career advisor, coach, or mentor through the Career Coach on The Circle.
- Submit the outcomes of your professional work to Sigma's Journal of Nursing Scholarship or Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing for publication.

Catalyze.

To be the organization of choice for nursing and advance world health, Sigma must be a catalyst for action. Catalyze means to bring about, initiate, produce fundamental change, or transform. We can use our skills as practical, innovative, and visionary nurse leaders to transform global nursing. Sigma is a global organization; we think globally about advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence, but we implement our global vision and mission within local contexts — within chapters and regions of the world. Because of this perspective, we can bring about significant change in our communities.

- Make sure your strategic plan focuses on strengthening existing activities or developing new initiatives.
- Continue the tradition of celebrating Sigma’s annual Founders’ Day (5 October) with 90 minutes of service as a volunteer.
- Structure chapter and regional activities to support the strategic intent of Sigma’s Board of Directors, as indicated in Sigma’s strategic plan and board updates.
- Nominate colleagues for Sigma’s international and chapter awards, Emerging Nurse Researcher Award, International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame, and honorary membership.

Connect.

- Participate in Sigma webinars for chapter members and leaders.
- Be intentional about learning and using a minimum of one new social media strategy professionally each year.
- Follow and like @STTI, @STTIPub, @BethTigges.
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