

## STTI 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention, November 7-11, 2015, Las Vegas, NV

### Report for Xi Chi-at-Large BOD

January 18, 2016

STTI President Hester C. Klopper, PhD, MBA, RN, RM, FANSA, FAAN  
Her **call to action** for 2013 to 2015: Serve locally, Transform regionally, Lead globally

Two Xi Chi-at-Large delegate represented the chapter; **Krista White** and **Linda Ginder**.

#### THE CONFERENCE

We arrived at the Aria Convention Center and Casino on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. After checking into the conference and registering as our chapter delegates, we finally ate some dinner and reviewed the quite large conference program. It was a long day of travel. On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, we took full advantage of the plenary sessions, poster presentations, exhibit hall, and concurrent sessions. There were so many excellent options of sessions to attending – choosing was difficult. Often Linda and I would select different sessions to broaden our exposure to topics. In total, there were 528 posters presented. At the close of the conference day on Sunday, Region #12 had their meeting session; Dr. Janice Agazio presided. During this meeting we discussed successful programming and member engagement initiatives the chapters are doing (*see member engagement opportunities below*). It was nice to meet folks from our region. After the meeting, we all walked across the “strip” to Mexican restaurant for dinner. It was nice to visit with our region #12 colleagues.

STTI global initiatives were discussed over and over throughout the conference. STTI has a global initiatives department, its foci are: global expansion; the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON); relationship building; member engagement; and member growth (*see attached page*).

#### MEMBER ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNIES

- ✓ Bp screening at a baseball game.
- ✓ Sell STTI items at induction – Christmas list for mom/dad/husband. Bags, shirts, jewelry.
- ✓ Welcome to STTI video at BSN orientation – part of online or f2f orientation.
- ✓ Participate in “walks” – heart, diabetes, cancer.
- ✓ Happy hour.
- ✓ Induction tea.
- ✓ Cake Day – serve birthday cake on Flo’s birthday or in October for the birthday of STTI.
- ✓ Work with girl-scout and cub-scout troops to promote nursing.
- ✓ Family support of wounded warriors.
- ✓ Paint Night – wine, cheese, and paint class.
- ✓ Campus-wide initiative. Birthday in a Bag – make up birthday bags or underprivileged kids. Give chapter lots of exposure to whole campus.

## **VOLUNTEERISM**

Krista acted as a moderator for five concurrent sessions throughout the conference.

Linda acted as a volunteer in the STTI store, exhibit hall, and was a greeter for new conference arrivals.

## **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday convened the House of Delegates for STTI. This is the official business meeting and time for voting by all registered chapter delegates. There are > 500 chapters in > 90 countries that comprise STTI. There were 487 chapters represented at this business meeting.

*Tuesday* afternoon found us greeted by President Klopper – who called the meeting to order after a lovely processional with all the international flags presented. Official reports were given by the international officers, advisory boards, and the STTI publications. The proposed bylaws revisions were each reviewed and discussed at length. Voting on the bylaws changes occurred on Wednesday. Paper ballots were distributed and we voted on new STTI officers on Tuesday.

*Wednesday* the election results were presented. We also voted on the proposed bylaws changes (using electronic voting pads). International award winners and grant recipients were announced. New STTI chapters were presented; 10 from the USA, 1 from Canada, 1 from Lebanon, and 2 from Africa. Additionally, those chapters who had charter amendments were presented; 7 new at-large chapters. Wednesday concluded with the installation of new officers and recessional. Dr. Jan Agazio remains as our Region #12 Coordinator.

## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

April 7-9, 2016; *Nursing Education Research Conference*, Washington, DC (Kristen Zulkosky and Krista White were selected for an oral presentation at this conference).

September 7-10, 2016; *Institute for Global Healthcare Leadership Conference*, Washington, DC

September 17-20, 2016; *Leadership Connection*, Indianapolis, IN

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

*Foundation for Nursing* – chapter give \$1.00 per member (time frame is a fiscal year). This fund supports research monies and leadership opportunities. This is the Chapter Giving Club.

Apply to the *Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy* (NFLA) – application for 2016 is past. Consider for next year.

Apply to the *Maternal-Child Health Nursing Leadership Academy* (MCHNLA) - application for 2016 is past. Consider for next year.

Apply to the *Gerontologic Nursing Leadership Academy* (GNLA) - application for 2016 is past. Consider for next year.

Apply to the *Experienced Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy* (ENFLA) - application for next cohort available in April 2016. For nurse educators with > 7 years of experience.

Apply to the *Nurse Educator Mentoring Program* - application for first cohort available in April 2016. Offers innovative approaches to support mentors, mentees, and the mentoring relationship.

Apply to the *Emerging Educational Administrator Institute* - application for next cohort available in April 2016. For aspiring or first-time administrators in nursing education.

Apply for small research grants – most often there are more funds available than researcher apply for.

### **INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS CHANGES – ALL APPROVED FOR 2015-2017**

1. Article III. Membership; Section 2. Qualifications for Membership – minor wording changes for clarity.
2. Article IV. Chapters; Sections 1 and 2. Definition of Chapter and Organization of Chapter. “schools” changed to “institutions of higher education”.
3. Article IV. Chapters; Section 5. Chapter Officers. Term “faculty counselor” changed to “counselor”. All counselors must be faculty. Numbers 1, 2 and 3 voted on together; **99.6% Yes and 0.4% No**
4. Article VII. Board of Directors; Section 4. Functions. Two main changes – (a) House of Delegates will not vote on new chapters and (b) time to chapter-hood goes from 9-12 months to about 6 months. **Voting – 82.4% Yes and 17.6% No.**
5. Article IV. Chapters; Sections 9 and 10. Probation, revocation and dissolution. House of Delegates will not vote on this for legal, risk management, and confidentiality reasons. **Voting – 85% Yes and 15% No.**
6. Article IV. Chapters; Section 2. Organization of a Chapter. Huge amount of debate on this one. Many pros and cons discussed by those in attendance. A chapter-at-large can be made up of an *institution of higher learning* (primary part) and a practice setting (the at-large part). **Voting – 75% Yes and 25% No.**

### **2015-2017 BIENNIUM**

Our new president is, Cathy Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN. Dr. Catrambone’s call to action for the next biennium is “*Influence to Advance Global Health & Nursing*”. There are four themes housed in this call to action: Influence through advocacy, influence through policy, influence through philanthropy, and influence through lifelong learning.

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