

## **Dear Members:**

Newly elected members of the Board of Directors were oriented to their duties, roles and responsibilities on February 5th and met with the entire Board on February 6th – 8th.

## **Decision-Making**

The Board of Directors ratified amendments to the 2013-2015 International Bylaws and the 2013-2015 Chapter Bylaws, which were approved by the House of Delegates at the Biennial Convention.

The BOD voted to reaffirm STTI's Guiding Principles for Decision-Making with revisions. The revised Guiding Principles are:

1. STTI's brand will be protected.
2. STTI will foster global development of the Society.
3. STTI will consider the local, regional, and global impact of decisions.
4. STTI will actively engage with nurse leaders throughout the world.
5. Criteria for membership will be applied consistently worldwide.
6. STTI will make financially sound decisions.
7. Equitable benefit services and access will be delivered.
8. STTI fees will be equitable and based on the World Bank structure.
9. Policies related to chapter health will be consistently enforced.
10. STTI will remain politically neutral.

## **Direction**

The following strategic goals were approved for 2014-2020.

1. Grow in \*value for members and nurses worldwide.
2. Promote and celebrate nursing scholarship, leadership, and service.
3. Build partnerships and collaborative endeavors to advance the mission of the society.
4. Sustain and advance the resources of the Society.

\*value = timely, relevant, and compelling.

A task group was charged with identifying metrics for each goal for consideration by the BOD at its April meeting.

The BOD discussed direction setting and the global aspects of committees, advisory councils and task forces. Reports and recommendations from each will come to the BOD every three months for analysis of congruence with STTI's strategic goals.

## **Information Sharing**

Overall the Society is ahead of budget YTD with renewals slightly behind budget and inductions slightly ahead of the budget.

Dr. Mary Norton has been appointed as STTI's official representative to the United Nations.

STTI is a strategic partner with Johns Hopkins University's National Nursing Ethics Summit in August 2014 – Nursing Ethics for the 21st Century: A Blueprint for Action.

STTI and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) are collaborating to offer two US \$20,000 evident practice grants. The first grant will be awarded in October 2014 at the Magnet Conference in Dallas Texas.



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