STTI Biennial Convention: Zeta Chapter Delegate Report

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Delegate Report on November 2013 Convention, Indianapolis, IN
What is STTI and the Value of Being a Member?

- Video: Who are we?
  Narrated by Dan Pesut, former STTI president and current U of M School of Nursing faculty and Director of the Densford Leadership Center

- Video: Highlights of the Biennial Convention 2013
  [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GChTDRZXEE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GChTDRZXEE)
New STTI Officers

President Hester Klopper
South Africa

President-elect Cathy Catrambone
Rush University

Outgoing President Susanne Prevost with new officers
Presidential Call to Action

Sigma Theta Tau: Love, Courage, and Honor
- Serve locally – connectedness
- Transform regionally – transformation
- Lead globally – servant leadership

Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GChTDRZXEE
Best Knowledge Acquisition: The Chapter Sustainability Pyramid

*Recruitment & Retention

*Volunteer/Lead

*Pride & Publicity
*Community & Member Involvement

*Member Communications
*Strategic Planning
*STTI Mission & Values

Foundation: Chapter growth starts here
Best Chapter Resource: The Circle (connections to come)

- Top 5 features
  1. Automatic subscription to chapter’s discussion forum
  2. Access to STTI membership directory
  3. Connection to peers within specific networks (location, interests, specialties, etc.)
  4. Each chapter has an individualized site: chapter news, events, library, and more
  5. Interact with peers in community of interest
The Role of Delegate

**Before the convention:** Delegates register online, research the issues, review materials, seek member input, and cast pre-ballots
- Candidates for office
- Chapters to be inducted into STTI
- By-law/organizational changes

**Know the order and structure of convention:**
- Opening ceremony
- Plenary sessions
- Awards ceremony
- Breakout sessions concurrent with candidate forums
- Election of representatives and officers
- Delegate voting sessions

**At the convention:**
- Attend delegate orientation; vetting candidates in candidate posters and forums
- Attend chapter leadership sessions; being seated to cast ballots in session
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- Know STTI process and structure
- Understand how STTI business is conducted

Local Chi-at-Large Chapter received Key Award for chapter growth
CEO, Pat Thompson, Chi-at Large Ann Holland and Mary Cullen, and outgoing STTI President Prevost

Zeta and Chi-at-Large members attend Nurses Who Read, a nurses book club, and plan future networking events

Biennial Report

Supplemental Report
## Voting Report

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<td>1b Graduate students eligible for membership</td>
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<td>2 Existing chapter may form at-large chapter</td>
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<td>4 Change length of terms and stagger for succession</td>
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<td>5 Use most recently published Robert’s Rules for business</td>
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Results:

- Officers and representatives: All candidates but two were selected by Zeta delegates
  - Delegates attended all but one candidate forum
- New chapters: All schools of nursing that were confirmed by Zeta BOD and delegates were admitted as new chapters
  - Delegates presented information for BOD input prior to convention
Next Steps

1. Report to Zeta Chapter board: this presentation
2. Follow-up with STTI staff and representatives
   - Proposing By-law Change for 2015 Biennial: First delegate Renee Kumpula addressed letter to STTI and communicated best practice for amending by-laws for leadership succession nominations to STTI Governance committee chair
     • Governance Committee Chair requested Zeta chapter to propose amending by-law and citing other nursing organizations that have best practice in place for next biennium
     • This would need to be proposed in 2014 for consideration on next ballot; chair indicated she would support the measure
   - Reporting Induction Process Improvement: Second delegate Kathryn Waud White addressed STTI staff on the process for reporting new inductees and communicated challenges for confirming inductees on website with STTI staff
     • To follow-up with STTI staff on recommendations for improving process; work with chapter staff and future faculty counselor
3. Develop guide for future delegates (to come)
   Outline presented in next slide; content summary (to come)
Top 10 Guide for Future Delegates

Our recommendations on voting responsibilities:
1. Know the importance of saving and viewing delegate documents from STTI website before the convention as they become available; time constraints affect complete review.
2. Have electronic and paper copies at the convention as some critical documents are removed from the STTI website during the delegate registration process.
3. Recognize the candidate forums are invaluable for selecting the best officers and representatives; STTI printed materials fall short in providing a snapshot of individual strengths and weaknesses for each role.
4. Divide forums among both delegates to attend.
5. Plan a working dinner with both delegates to review voting information after convention contacts and candidate forums, yet prior to balloting sessions; this provides for discussion and inclusion of different perspectives.
Top 10 Guide for Delegates, continued

Our recommendations on chapter leadership opportunities:
6. Anticipate and plan for the demand for chapter leadership sessions on the convention agenda and limited room capacity (500+ chapters present at convention but seating was limited for 40+); work with area chapters to divide and conquer; develop a plan to share notes or information from individual sessions.
7. Select different first and second choice for breakout sessions between both delegates (plan for limited room capacity in many sessions with popular content).
8. Concentrate on sessions concerning key issues and topics for the chapter; provide a brief content summary for chapter records.
9. Attend the regional meeting to meet area leaders and other chapter officers; discuss potential of mutual efforts and events for chapter building.
10. Network with regional chapter and representatives; connect on breaks and during meals as this establishes relationships and promotes sharing of recruitment and retention or best practice successes and challenges among chapters.
The Experience: Priceless

Delegates and former STTI President
Renee Kumpula, Dan Pesut, Kathryn Waud White

- Link to STTI photos of biennial convention:
  http://www.flickr.com/photos/stti/sets/72157638556499845/