STTI Biennial Convention: Zeta Chapter Delegate Report

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What is the Value of Membership?

Who are we? Why STTI?
http://www.nursingsociety.org/why-stti

Program of the Biennial Convention 2015
https://issuu.com/stti/docs/stti_43rd_biennial_convention_progr
Convention Highlights

- Recognition for Ebola efforts in opening session
- Resolution proposed to honor global efforts in closing business in the House of Delegates

Zeta chapter President-elect Magdeline Aagard (right) with Liberian colleagues and former U of M faculty, Dorcas Kunkel (left)
Showcase of Regional Excellence

Zeta Chapter was awarded achievement in Region 4
- STTI President Klopper’s Showcase of Regional Excellence for Connectedness and Gratitude in meeting strategic plan from call to action 2013–2015
- Recognition of 80th Birthday of Zeta Chapter in 2014
New STTI Officers

President Cathy Catrambone
Rush University, Chicago

President–elect Beth Tigges
University of New Mexico

Outgoing President Hester Klopper and incoming President Cathy Catrambone
Presidential Call to Action

Influence to Advance Global Health & Nursing
  ▶ Influence through Advocacy
  ▶ Influence through Lifelong Learning
  ▶ Influence through Policy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrxTk9b1tgg
Zeta Chapter’s Progress: The Chapter Sustainability Pyramid

Foundation: Chapter growth starts here

- Recruitment & Retention
- Volunteer/Lead
- Pride & Publicity
- Community & Member Involvement
- Member Communications
- Strategic Planning
- STTI Mission & Values
Connecting in STTI through The Circle
(update your profile now)

- Top 5 features
  - and linked to STTI Zeta tab at www.nursing.umn.edu
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, obtain Zeta Chapter board approval, and cast pre-ballots in electronic voting (amended in 2015)
- Candidates for office
- 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
Biennial Reports

- Know STTI process and structure
- Understand how STTI business is conducted

Biennial Report: pending
Results:

- Officers and representatives: Zeta delegates voted for alternative candidates
  - Delegates attended all but one of the candidate forums
- 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; this is the last House of Delegate vote on chapters
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<td>1 Change language of “Schools of Nursing” to “Institutions of higher education” (Article III Membership; Section 2 Qualifications)</td>
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<td>2 Allow STTI to induct applicant chapters on completion of chapter development with staff without vote in the House of Delegates; purpose is to hasten induction (Article IV Board of Directors; Section 4 Functions)</td>
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<td>3 Allow STTI to govern probation, revocation, dissolution, and reinstatement of chapter (Article IV Chapters; Section 9 Probation etc.; Section 10: Removal/Reinstatement)</td>
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<td>4 Allow chapters to form at-large chapters with clinical partners to engage nurses in practice. Discussion related to practice partners influencing chapter processes and unexplored implications for existing chapters with single to multiple clinical partners. (Article IV Chapters; Section 2 Organization of Chapter)</td>
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Next Steps for Zeta Chapter

1. Report to Zeta Chapter board: this presentation
2. Followed-up with STTI staff and representatives at biennial
   - Connected with STTI staff/new member liaisons for Nurse Leader: First delegate Renee Kumpula addressed Zeta chapter precedent for having unique Nurse Leader materials including cover letter and letter(s) of reference as cited on Zeta’s website
     - This was discussed in a Q&A session for chapter leaders on member eligibility; STTI allows individual chapters variances in determining chapter procedures, but encourages a user-friendly approach and streamlined process—Zeta chapter meets this recommendation and has measures to be welcoming to new Nurse Leader Inductees
3. Share notes from sessions in Chapter’s Google drive (pending)
4. Develop guide for future delegates: Outline presented in next slide
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.
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 may be limited in sessions); work with area chapters to divide and conquer; develop a plan to share notes or information from individual sessions with other Region 4 chapters.  
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.
Reflections on the Biennial Convention

- Link to STTI photos of biennial convention:
  http://photos.cashmanphoto.com/CASHMANPRODUCTIONS/ARIA/STTI2015/#/start/