Preparing nurses for seats at the table

Board Leadership Institute to convene again in Indianapolis.

“The speakers were outstanding and the networking fabulous.”

“Fantastic real-life experiences and case studies. Excellent guidance and a true confidence-builder.”

“Outstanding faculty. This went way beyond being on a board.”

These were some of the comments from attendees who evaluated the 2014 Board Leadership Institute presented by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Participants were enthusiastic about the intensive, two-day event, designed to prepare nurse leaders for service as board members of health institutions, hospitals, and community health systems.

Registration is now open for the 2015 STTI Board Leadership Institute, to be held 8-10 March in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. The registration fee is US $1,499. Two individuals from the same organization can attend together for a discounted fee of US $1,999. The institute, which is offered at break-even rates, is not a revenue generator for STTI.

Rebecca Wiseman, PhD, RN, knows the value of the STTI Board Leadership Institute. She recently was appointed to a three-year term on the governing board of Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center in Rockville, Maryland, USA.
Wiseman, associate professor and chairperson at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, participated in the 2014 institute. “We admire her passion for nursing and her commitment to health care education,” said John Sackett, president of Shady Grove Medical Center, in a news release. “She shares our dedication to serving the community, and we look forward to her collaboration and input.”

STTI created the Board Leadership Institute in direct response to the Institute of Medicine report The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, which called attention to the discrepancy between the physicians on health and hospital boards versus the number of nurses. Since nurses comprise the largest segment of the health care workforce, this critically important group needs a voice and a representative in the boardroom.

STTI's Board Leadership Institute positions high-profile speakers to prepare nurse leaders who will impact the future of nursing.

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Patricia E. Thompson, EdD, RN, FAAN, a past STTI president and former university administrator, is STTI's chief executive officer. She leads the honor society during a period of unprecedented global expansion, directing the 134,000-member organization in developing nurse leaders around the world.

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