

# SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL

## The Honor Society of Nursing Iota Sigma Chapter Newsletter

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### IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER 232 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Marilyn Klakovich  
President, Iota Sigma

As we continue the yearlong celebration of our 20th Anniversary as a chapter, the Iota Sigma board has been busy planning and hosting a number of events.

#### December 10 New Member Christmas Gathering

The Iota Sigma board hosted a dinner meeting for new members with a festive Christmas theme. We had representation from a number of member categories including nurse leaders, BSN student members, and MSN student members. We networked, brainstormed, and welcomed one of our new inductees into the chapter with an informal induction ceremony. Viann Duncan, Javier Guerra and I reported on the biennial convention (see report later in this edition of the newsletter). Javier also reported on Iota Sigma's involvement with Dr. Connie Brehm's homeless outreach. Phyllis Esslinger provided us with an update on the Western Conservancy of Nursing Research, and new member Martha Ann Carey reported on Iota Sigma's involvement as a co-sponsor of the 4th Annual APU School of Nursing Research Conference. Lastly, we shared the good news that our members in the Philippines received the shipment of books from the book drive coordinated by Iota Sigma, and recognized our chapter in an official "turnover" ceremony. And, of course, we enjoyed a delicious dinner while we relaxed and got to know one another better.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

### January 14 Student Information Meeting

Members of Iota Sigma and the board hosted a student information meeting combined with a pizza dinner to share information about the many benefits of belonging to Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Since invitations for induction will be sent in February, we used this opportunity to connect with interested students and answer questions. Current members reported on opportunities open to them as members of STTI, including networking with amazing nursing professionals, attendance at conferences, publications, service opportunities and many more.

### January 28 SCAN Cohort #2 Mentor-Mentee Introduction Dinner

The Board of Iota Sigma collaborated with the SCAN leadership team to identify Iota Sigma members who are in advanced practice roles and are willing to mentor our SCAN students as they transition to advanced practice during the MSN portion of their program. In order to promote a positive mentoring experience for all involved, Iota Sigma and SCAN hosted a dinner for this year's mentors and mentees. This mentorship will be ongoing until Cohort #2 students have completed their MSN degree with an advanced practice specialty.

### Announcements

I am pleased to report that Kathie Taylor, immediate Past President and I have been asked to serve on the International Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau Service Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2007-2009 biennium. Per Dr. Carol Huston, President of STTI, "the primary goals for this advisory council are to explore the development of an international service brand for the honor society, to strategize how members, chapters, and regions could be connected/ linked in their service activities, and to identify strategies for providing support (human and fiscal resources) to members and chapters engaged in service projects. In addition, I hope the advisory council will consider potential partnerships and linkages for national and international service opportunities and develop recommendations for service incentives at the chapter, regional, national, and international levels." I'm sure that Kathie and I will value opportunities to tap the expertise of our Iota Sigma members as we are working with this task force.

Please be sure to read Cathy McPhee's article on our 2007 induction ceremony including exciting plans for our April 18, 2008 ceremony. I hope to see you all there!

## HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING, SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

### Delegate Report from Viann Duncan

As your representative to the 39th Biennial convention I am reporting on my experience in hopes of encouraging each of you to consider attending this convention in the future. I left Burbank airport at about 11pm on Friday Nov. 3rd and arrived in Baltimore, Maryland about 6 o'clock the next morning. I stayed with our president Marilyn Klakovich at the Marriott Inner Harbor, within a block and a half of the Baltimore Convention Center where the Biennial Convention was held. The weather was wet and cold but there was no snow and there was not enough rain to carry an umbrella.

The opening plenary presentation was held in the grand ballroom where the décor was beautiful. The speaker, Anne Ryder, was inspirational. Though not a nurse, she is a national award winning news anchor and TV reporter, columnist and speaker. She spoke on Power, Peace and Perseverance: Lessons Learned from Mother Teresa, sharing from her heart how Mother Teresa and nurses had made a difference in her life. There were other plenary speakers over the several days of the conference and each one was inspirational and informative.

The one thing with which I was most impressed was the quality of the information shared at the convention. Each day there were opportunities to go to clinical sessions to learn what other nurses in other parts of the country and world were doing in various areas of research. I attended sessions on education strategies for success: Prediction NCLEX-RN Success: Do Results Hold Up? and Outcomes of Neonatal Education Consortium: A Tri-State Collaborative Education Model for NNPs. I also learned about Psychiatric/Mental Models and Strategies: Self-Reported Needs for Care of Outpatients with a Bipolar Disorder in the Netherlands from international members from the Netherlands, Transcultural Nursing Strategies: Humor in Healthcare Messaging: Audionovela Style and many other very interesting sessions.

On the final day I attended the House of Delegates Session - the business meeting of the Society. This was the session where debates and the vote regarding By-Law changes were held. We also held elections of International officers and accepted petitions for new Chapters. The best part of the House of Delegates Session was the installation of Carol Huston as the new president followed by her call to action.

I am very proud to be a member of Iota Sigma Chapter and would love to talk to you more about my experience. Please encourage your nursing friends to consider this organization as a worthy professional group that desires to develop leaders, serve the nursing profession and improve patient care at the bedside and in the world.

*A Session at the Biennial Convention*



## Delegate Report form Marilyn Klakovich

My experience at the 2007 Biennial Convention was a bit different than my 2005 experience. Although I was a delegate at both conventions, this year, I was running for a position on the STTI Board of Directors. I was unsuccessful in my bid for office, but I did learn a lot from the experience.

Because I was a candidate, I needed to attend many special forums provided for delegates to hear from the candidates and ask us questions. These were both challenging and stimulating sessions since the delegates asked many insightful questions.

I also attended many of the special events: Nancy Dickenson-Hazard's retirement dinner, the Heritage dinner recognizing members and non-members for their contributions to health care, and best of all, the Chapter Awards Luncheon. Iota Sigma was recognized for a second time with the Chapter Key Award. This award is presented to chapters who demonstrate excellence in membership involvement, leadership development, and chapter outreach. Only about 10% of the chapters qualify for this award at each biennial convention, so Viann and I were proud to represent our chapter and accept the award on the chapter's behalf.



*The delegate session hall*



*Marilyn Klakovich and Viann Duncan with the Key Award*



*Iota Sigma Delegates at the Conventio*

## THE SIGMA THETA TAU CONVENTION: MY POINT OF VIEW BY: JAVIER GUERRA, STUDENT LEADERSHIP INTERN

For my first time flying it was sure one of those interesting experiences, especially being seated next to complete strangers for a somewhat uncomfortable red-eye flight. Being tired because it was otherwise my normal sleeping time, I actually enjoyed the flight very much since I got a window seat on each flight with the window shades open completely, sailing like a boat through water, except it was on the air and below were not sparkles and halos of stars from the sky, but were the lights and cities. I fell asleep staring down at incredible patterns of streetlights and building lights and woke up seeing golden veins of rivers and streams reflecting brightly from the sunrise coming up over the Atlantic Ocean. A cold, beautiful city, that you could walk past 200 years of American History in a span of eight to ten blocks down Charles Street with an ethnic variety of food, beautiful lofty buildings, and monuments. Getting lost (intentionally) on my first day out after arriving I saw an apparent socioeconomic disparity similar to my impression of the several African-American communities I had walked through near downtown of Los Angeles city. The plane did not only take me the span of America, but provided me with a wider glimpse than I had before of the span of its beauty, its potential, and the unique and similar health needs of people. The Biennial Convention amplified this concept by providing a venue in which the cares and concerns of nurses from around the world were shared and honored.

My first experience at convention was at the Speed Connect meeting in which new members of STTI were provided lunch and a fun time of connecting with many leaders and its newest members. Carol Huston, Carol Picard, and others participated in a series of ice breakers and made themselves readily available for a time to engage us, where we individually are in nursing and where we see ourselves going.

The first plenary speaker Anne Ryder, while addressing her interview with Mother Teresa, and life lessons learned through working with her ministry to the poor, presented a patient's perspective of receiving nursing care and the impact on her life it has had, especially when she went through obstetrical complications with her pregnancy. Her speech was very reaffirming to the call a person has to provide nursing care, and that nursing care is needed across the globe. She presented her belief that the spirit is one of the most underserved parts of human beings, but that while nursing offers this kind of care, nurses need to be mindful of their own spiritual needs.

The second plenary speaker, Dr. Loretta Sweet Jemmott, addressed how persistence in the profession to advocate on behalf of the patient through research dissemination, whether for individuals or even nations, is necessary in order to provide optimal health and disease prevention. Also, she described that the need to translate this advocacy and research creatively across cultures is one need nursing must improve upon.

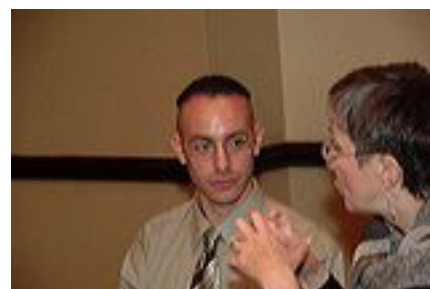


## THE SIGMA THETA TAU CONVENTION: MY POINT OF VIEW, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

The third plenary speaker, Dr. Silvina Milvarez, spoke one of the most significant statements that I remember: “Health is a bridge to peace.” This is a concept with a world wide impact that, while war, disaster, disease, and suffering prevail in many regions of the world, nursing care is continually needed in these regions. Our ability to extend our knowledge, support, resources, and able bodies as an international community provides a most agreeable olive branch to those whose health is positively affected by nursing, essentially, encouraging a form of international healthcare diplomacy by entering into collaborative endeavors to achieve global health goals.

In the concurrent sessions I gave preference to sessions focused on gerontology, evidence based practice implementation, and nursing education innovations. I have more notes from those sessions than I know what to do with. Really, this was a great opportunity to gain an overview of what research and innovations nurses focus their efforts towards. It was very special to see Dr. Patricia Hanes present the development of the Combat Readiness instrument for the U.S. military, to have Dr. Marilyn Klakovich run for an elected position, and to take a seat along side Viann Duncan at both the plenary sessions and for dinner. In all of my meetings with members from other chapters it was apparent that very few had registered nurse students in attendance, let alone had sent students to the convention with some sort of financial support. Several faculty members I spoke with plan to imitate our chapter in supporting students to attend in the future. The convention, being in Baltimore, also allowed for me to attend the National Evaluation Association conference to present with Dr. Connie Brehm and Dr. Martha Ann Carey. In our presentation, Enhancement through Integration of Assessment and Accreditation, we presented our findings from our own school’s accreditation review and review of professional evaluation literature and professional assessment literature.

I appreciated that there was a central focus of developing and using research for improving healthcare across all settings where nursing assistance is needed. With the continuing internationalization of nursing research, I was so impressed with meeting many people from different countries able to carry on a conversation about their patients, or about their research focus, and how the conversational translation was facilitated by the common language of nursing. It was exciting to see this large amassing of healthcare professionals addressing together the health needs of people globally through nursing research and practice and continuing the advancement of the profession through service, education, collaboration, and international relationships, which are all goals that Iota Sigma is pursuing.



## 2007 HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT: BYLAWS AMENDED BY VIANN DUNCAN

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as a delegate, along with Marilyn Klakovich, at the 2007 House of Delegates held at the end of the Biennium Convention last November. I enjoyed the experience and want to encourage each of you to consider being a delegate when the opportunity presents itself. The House of Delegates is the formal business meeting where new officers are elected and the international bylaws are amended. Before Marilyn and I left for the convention, members of Iota Sigma had given us instructions on how to cast our votes for you. I am including the changes to the international bylaws that were discussed and passed. More information about the bylaws changes can be found at the Reflections on Nursing Leadership web site - Highlights of the 2007 biennial convention. Click on Bylaws changes.

[http://www2.nursingsociety.org/RNL/Current/in\\_touch/convention07.html](http://www2.nursingsociety.org/RNL/Current/in_touch/convention07.html)

I will give you the highlights as I saw them. There were 22 proposed changes - 21 passed by the House of Delegates.

1. Remove specific words about kind of person that qualifies. Now states that Sigma Theta Tau International does not discriminate. Candidates are qualified for membership so long as eligibility requirements are met.
- 2 & 4. Academic Achievement - removed the 3.0 GPA for basic nursing program. Now states: Students in basic program shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the society. The guidelines will explain the GPA requirements for all levels of students.
3. Rank in class - this change did not pass. It will remain the highest 35% of the class in scholarship.
5. Addition of statement that students could be considered a candidate for membership in another chapter if the institution that the student attends doesn't have a chapter.
6. Includes statement that "Members may also formally request to discontinue membership."
7. Members may be active in more than one chapter
8. Honorary members may be inducted in locations and times decided upon by international board of directors.
9. Revocation of Membership - May be revoked at any time by a chapter to which the member belongs for just cause and after due process.

## 2007 HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT: BYLAWS AMENDED, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Changes 10 -15 were all related to the Chapter business. The organization of a chapter, the chapter officers, chapter meetings regarding business meetings and scholarship offerings, chapter responsibilities and what happens to the money when a chapter dissolves.

Changes 16 and 17 had to do with terms that international officers may hold and committee membership.

Changes 18 - 21 were under the finance section and related to when dues would be collected for new chapters. Several other sections were removed.

Change 22 had to do with parliamentary authority. International will use the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.



IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER OF  
THE HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING  
SIGMA THETA TAU, INTERNATIONAL  
AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

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## 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

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DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008

TIME: 3:30 TO 5 PM\*

LOCATION: VIP ROOM OF THE FELIX EVENT CENTER  
ON APU'S WEST CAMPUS

Please join us for updates on Iota Sigma's major activities for the past year including:

Reports from committees and task forces

Student leadership intern reports

Report on community service activities

You will also have an opportunity to network with board members  
as well as other Iota Sigma members.

\*This meeting is scheduled to follow immediately after  
the 4th Annual School of Nursing Research Day.

The theme for this year is "Addressing Health Disparities."

Watch for your invitation later this month and plan to attend both events.

### DIRECTIONS TO APU WEST CAMPUS

#### FROM THE 210 FREEWAY

Exit Citrus Ave.  
North (left) on Citrus, past Alostia  
(Pass APU main campus on right)  
Turn left onto Foothill (traffic light)  
Right into parking at the white pillars  
Felix Event Center is the large white  
building to the left  
VIP room is up the stairs to your left  
(through the glass doors)

#### FROM THE 10 FREEWAY

Exit Grand Ave. North on Grand  
Left on Alostia (Route 66)  
Right (north) onto Citrus  
Pass APU main campus on right  
Turn left onto Foothill (traffic light)  
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Iota Sigma Chapter Newsletters are available at <http://apu.edu/iotasigma> Please refer there for information on recent member achievements, research award application procedure, nominations for community nursing projects, membership update information, and the event calendar. For questions, please contact Marilyn Klakovich [mklakovich@apu.edu](mailto:mklakovich@apu.edu)

## ANNUAL SPRING INDUCTION, SILENT AUCTION AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER PLANNED FOR APRIL 18TH, 2008.

As many of you know, Azusa Pacific University students and local community leaders are inducted each spring into our Iota Sigma Chapter and funds are raised to support our efforts to promote nursing scholarship and research.

At our Induction last April, 31 Undergraduate and 19 Graduate students at Azusa Pacific University, as well as 5 community nurse leaders, were inducted into The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI).

Undergraduate inductees included APU junior students Uriah Bahn, Shelly Boar, Jennifer Caldwell, Javier Guerra, Katelyn Manley, Alexandra McKillop, Elizabeth Oganyan, Nicole Russell, Katherine Skarka, Anna Soriano, Meghan Stumbo, Cindi Tenny, Lisa Vo, Misty Wright, and Yunita Yunita. Senior students inducted were Aimee Castillo, Kristin Cooper, Sarah Hadley, Marnellie Maravilla, Priscilla Noboa, Shondra Perry, Heather Stroud, and Anne Vitug. RN to BSN students inducted were Registered Nurses Dorothy Bernhard, Michele Eaton Dwyer, Shelly Ferrari, Pam Matten, Pam Neale, Cathy Trimble, and Lisette Villarreal.

Students inducted from the Second Careers and Nursing program (SCAN) included Nicole Ballweg, Laura Brittan, KarriAnn Erdman, Divya Ghiya, Kristine Joves, Karen La, Jennifer Lee, Helen Nwangwu, Carlos Perez, and Rebecca Ann Schearer. Angela Ibarra and Nancy Soon were inductees from the Early Entry into Nursing Advanced Practice Program (EENAP).

Graduate students inducted were Registered Nurses Mary Hull, Marcelina Johnson, Rebecca Lyndel Kingsbury, Lena Martin, Rosemary Powell, Lorie Purdy, and Joria Rainbolt-Clemente.

Community nurse leaders inducted were Martha Ann Carey, PhD, RN, Erlinda Castro-Palaganas, PhD, RN, Patricia Lachelt, MA, PNP, Maria Suarez, MS, CPNP, Anastacio Villaluna III, RN, Gail Ann Wallace, PhD, RN.

Financial scholarships were awarded to Katie Skarka and Jenny Cauldwell. A research grant was given to Professor Annie Odell for her proposal, "The Social Determinants and Social Changes that Influence Native Hawaiian's Perception of Obesity". A financial award for community service was given to build a lending library at the APU Wellness Center. Other awards presented were Excellence in Nursing Leadership to Susan Smith, MN, RNC, and Excellence in Education to Grace Arndt, MSN, RN.

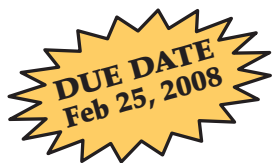
The keynote address, Decades Making a Difference, was presented by APU School of Nursing graduates from our school's four decades of excellent nursing education. Julie Pusztai, MSN '77, Gidget Wood, FNP '86, Larry Santiago, MSN '97 and Jenny Ulrich '07 presented how their varied school and life experiences have influenced, and continue to influence, their practice of nursing. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees, \$1055 was raised for scholarship activities. The Induction of 2007 was a tremendous success and a great experience for all who attended.

This year's Induction promises to be just as rewarding. Our speaker, John Boucher, RN, MS-NSA, FABC, works at Script Healthcare in San Diego, CA. He will present his research based understanding of how specific personality characteristics, such as hardiness and self esteem, can help us attain caring efficacy in today's turbulent workplace environment.

All these activities, awards and financial scholarships provided by Iota Sigma serve to promote Sigma Theta Tau International's goals, which include fostering, developing and connecting nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care and promoting nursing excellence through research and leadership.

Please join us for this wonderful evening in celebration of nursing excellence when we will also celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Iota Sigma. The event will be at 5:00 PM on East Campus (UTCC), Friday, April 19, 2008. For information contact [cmcphee@apu.edu](mailto:cmcphee@apu.edu)

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING, SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER  
 4TH ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY, APU SCHOOL OF NURSING  
 POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION



The Iota Sigma chapter of The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. invites you to submit a proposal for a student poster presentation competition for the 4th Annual Research Day, cosponsored by the Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing and Iota Sigma. Health disparities is the focus of the Research Day and the goals are:

- Provide an avenue for dissemination of evidence-based research and linkages to clinical applications.
- Utilize researchers as role models to encourage excellence in students and colleagues.
- Provide networking opportunities and promote collegiality among students and nursing professionals.

We welcome poster proposals from undergraduate and graduate student nurses on innovative, practical ideas in administration, clinical practice, research, and education that can be used in a variety of settings including ambulatory, hospital, home, school, military, and industry. Posters do not need to relate to the conference theme, but must be based on scholarly work. Individual or groups of students can submit a poster. Posters presented at other conferences can be submitted, as long as they have not been presented at a previous APU/SON Research Day. The Iota Sigma research committee will provide assistance and resources to undergraduate students for poster preparation.

The Iota Sigma Research Committee will judge the posters based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of description of the content
- Importance, depth, focus, level of audience interest
- Feasibility of application to a variety of settings
- Originality of topic/presentation
- Overall appearance of poster

In recognition of Iota Sigma's 20th anniversary as a chapter, the winning poster in each of the following categories will receive an award of \$200:

1. Undergraduate student poster
2. Graduate student poster (MSN or PhD)

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare a 1-page application of the poster presentation including:

- Presenter Information
  - Name and email for each presenter
  - Student level

A content outline indicating

- Title of the poster
- Methods
- Conclusions/Implications
- Purpose (include intended audience)
- Results

Email application by February 25, 2008, to:

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS (subject heading)**

**Marilyn Klakovich, President, Iota Sigma and Research Committee Chair**  
**mklakovich@apu.edu**

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## RESEARCH AWARD

### PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

Iota Sigma chapter has allocated monies to provide assistance to members who are conducting investigations on phenomena relevant to nursing.

### CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS

1. Applicants are required to meet the following criteria\*:
  1. Are registered nurses with current license.
  2. Are ready to start or have started the research project.
  3. Have submitted a complete research application.
  4. Have signed research agreement with Iota Sigma (see Research Grant Application Form).
2. The grant award will be based on the quality of the proposed research, the past performance and future promise of the applicant, and the applicant's research budget.
3. The Research Committee of Iota Sigma will recommend who will receive the grant award

### GRANT ALLOCATION

1. Proposals should include a complete project budget specifying how the designated \$750 award will be allocated.
2. Duplicate funding is not permitted; however, dual or multiple sources of funding to make a larger study possible is permitted.
3. The Research committee will consist of 3 voting members. They are the Research Chair of Iota Sigma and 2 active members who have earned doctorates and have had experience in research.
4. Policies and procedures used in making the award are approved by the Iota Sigma Board Members.
5. A proposed deadline is on February 28 each year.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

1. Send applications to the Iota Sigma Research Chair on or before February 28 each year.
2. Submit 3 copies with the following subsections: (1) Application form , (2) Proposal narrative & (3) Appendices (or submit electronically to [mkklakovich@apu.edu](mailto:mkklakovich@apu.edu))
3. A final report is to be submitted to the Iota Sigma Research chair within 3 months after completion of the study. Theses or dissertations are not acceptable as final reports.  
(See guidelines for Preparation of the Final Report.)
4. Awardee is required to present the completed study at the next Southern California Joint Research Conference following completion of the study.

# RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

## A. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Principal Investigator*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Nurse License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Current active Iota Sigma Chapter Membership  Yes  No

Have you ever received a Sigma Theta Tau International Research Award:  Yes  No

If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received an Iota Sigma Chapter Research Award?  Yes  No

If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or are you now receiving support for this research?  Yes  No

If yes, please identify sponsor and amount requested. \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Covered \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested from sources **other than Iota Sigma Chapter** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested from Iota Sigma \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total budget of the project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Human subjects involved? Yes No

Animal subjects involved?  Yes  No

Current active Iota Sigma Chapter Membership  Yes  No

Institutional Review Board action (Include a copy of the approval).

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Information to be completed by master or doctoral students submitting a research proposal:

Degree sought \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Are you admitted to candidacy?  Yes  No

University \_\_\_\_\_ College/School \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Research Advisor/Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note that students are required to submit a letter from their Research Advisor/ Chairperson indicating approval of research plan by entire research committee. Also note that the biosketch for the research committee chair must be included with the application.)*

Starting Date of Project \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **B. RESEARCH GRANT AGREEMENT**

If my proposal is approved for funding by the Research Committee, I agree:

1. To assume responsibility for the scientific conduct of this project.
2. To use the grant for the research project as described in the proposal, and to return any excess funds to the Treasurer of Iota Sigma.
3. To send three copies of a final report upon completion of the project.
4. To publish or present the findings of the research, especially at a future Iota Sigma Chapter Research Conference following the completion of the study.
5. To acknowledge Iota Sigma's support in all presentations/publications.
6. That I will not accept duplicate funding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal Investigator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## BUDGET FOR ENTIRE PROPOSED PERIOD

Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

<b>BUDGET CATEGORY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<p><i>PERSONNEL: Salaries for investigators will not be funded. Include hourly rate for personnel. Typing costs must be those directly related to the research. Typing of thesis or dissertation will not be funded.</i></p> <p>Consultants (limit to \$25/hour)</p>	
Research Assistants	
Secretarial Staff	
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):	
SUPPLIES ( <i>Include only when not provided by institution</i> )	
EQUIPMENT	
COMPUTER COSTS ( <i>Include only when not provided by institution</i> )	
OTHER EXPENSES ( <i>Travel for Data Collection only</i> )	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**JUSTIFICATION** (Justify all expenditures in the space below):

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- \* Iota Sigma does not fund indirect costs, nor costs related to completing an education program (e.g., tuition). Budget should be a complete project budget specifying how the \$750 award will be allocated.

## **PROPOSAL NARRATIVE (3-5 pages, double spaced, APA Format)**

1. Complete the attached cover sheet and submit it with your proposal.
2. Purpose/Aims of Study: Clearly state what the study is intended to accomplish and/or what research questions are to be answered and/or what hypothesis(es) is (are) to be tested.
3. Significance of the Study: What is the potential contribution of your study to nursing?
4. Research Design and Methods: Identify the research design.
  1. Subjects: Describe the target population and characteristics of the subjects. Include number of subjects, the rationale for sample size, the sampling frame and the sampling procedure.
  2. Instruments: Reports the specific characteristics of the instruments, including the psychometric properties (reliability and validity). Address how the tool will be used. Include the measure in the Appendix.
  3. Procedures: Describe clearly the procedures for data collection. Specify what kinds of data you expect to obtain. Provide study protocol if interventions are involved.
  4. Data Analysis: Describe the means by which the data will be analyzed and/or interpreted.
  5. Time-Frame: Provide a 12-month schedule that details the timing of the main steps of the study.
5. Human Subjects or Animal Use: Include a copy of the IRB approval of the sites where data collection will take place and a copy of the consent form in the appendix.
6. References: List the references cited in the proposal using APA format.
7. Appendices (include only if applicable):
  1. Letters of support from thesis/dissertation advisor, co-investigator(s), and consultant(s)
  2. Resume or CV of principal investigator.
  3. IRB approval form (if human subjects or animal use involved).
  4. Consent form
  5. Copy of paper/pencil instrument, interview format or other instruments, scoring instructions and documentation of copyright permission when appropriate.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF THE FINAL REPORT FOR FUNDED PROJECTS**

Final narrative and financial reports are due 90 days following completion of the funded project. The final report should consist of a 200 word abstract which summarizes project aims, study findings and recommendations. A report reflecting actual expenditures should be attached.

Please send a copy of the completed report to:

Marilyn Klakovich, Research Committee Chair  
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## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25, 2008	4th Annual School of Nursing Research Day and Iota Sigma Annual Meeting (and March Board Meeting)
April 14, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library
April 18, 2008	Iota Sigma Spring Induction & 20th Anniversary Celebration: 5:00 pm in Upper Turner Campus Center, Azusa Pacific University
May 12, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library
June 9, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library: Officer and Board Transition Meeting
July 9-12, 2008	19th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice, Singapore
September 8, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Location TBD
September 25-27, 2008	STTI Leadership Academy
October 13 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Location TBD