

**PSNA Position: Nominating Committee**

Catherine Stiller PhD, RN, CNE

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Assistant Professor of Nursing

Years at Employing Agency: 4



**Education:**

- Case Western Reserve University, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, in Cleveland, Ohio receiving my PhD in Nursing in 2006.
- Edinboro University of Pennsylvania to receive a MSN in 1992 with a focus on nursing education.
- Edinboro Univeristy to receive a BSN in 1985.

**Previous Employment (last two positions)**

- From August 2016 to present - I have served as an Assistant Professor at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and teach in the RN to BSN, MSN, and DNP programs (MSN and DNP Program are in consortium with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.)
- Prior to that I served as Director of the Associate of Science in Nursing Program Mercyhurst University, The North East Campus, in North East, Pennsylvania.

Have you ever held a position in the American Nurses Association (ANA) or the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA)?     No

Please list any activities with other professional associations.

- Have held positions as President, Leadership Succession Chairperson, and Counselor in Sigma Theta Tau International, Nu Theta Chapter.
- Served on ABNS working on promoting certifications in nursing.
- Member of American Nurses Association, National League of Nursing, American Holistic Nurses Association, and Nurses of Pennsylvania. .
- Chair of multiple MSN and DNP Research Projects.
- Appointed on Presidential Commissions for the Status of Women and Presidential Commission for Sustainability by Clarion University President.

- Have held numerous university positions in past 30 years to help Pennsylvania nursing students and new graduates.
- I have achieved certification as a nurse educator from the NLN.

**Why do you feel that you are the best candidate for this office?**

In serving as Leadership Succession Chairperson in Sigma Theta Tau I became experienced in understanding that every position has a length of service and is necessary to provide the leadership that the organization needed for smooth operations. I would create a slate of candidates, hold elections, and announce those who were elected into office. I would also find candidates who would be best for running for these offices and encourage them to run. I was successful and kept all members active in our chapter. As Sigma Theta Tau International, Nu Theta President I had additional responsibility to report this new information regarding leadership within the organization and to stimulate member interest to name a few of my responsibilities. I would consider it an honor to assist at this level in PSNA and want to be actively involved and give back to the nurses of Pennsylvania. I would be willing to serve in any capacity but the need for members of this office seemed greater.

**How do you plan on helping PSNA meet its mission to lead, advocate, educate, and connect with registered nurses across the Commonwealth?**

I would want to help in any way necessary to meet this mission. I am very excited about helping my fellow nurses in Pennsylvania to feel rewarded as professionals in their various positions. I teach nurses online and have regular interactions with nurses both in Pennsylvania and other states. This helps me to have a more expansive view of what is going on in the field for Pennsylvania nurses and how our positions compare to those in other states. I can contribute in this position by helping to keep track of who is serving and for how long. I have great skill in interacting online as I have been teaching and organizing online courses for 17 years now. This has required me to adapt to various online resources such as Zoom, web meeting platforms, and others. It is important to be organized in tracking these leadership positions and to fill them when needed. I will respond immediately to any concerns or questions regarding these leadership positions. I will educate the constituency on the function of each of the leadership positions and their requirements. I will be creative in my approach in connecting with nurses online to reach all members of the Commonwealth. I would also very much like to be actively involved in all "in person" events once the COVID Crisis is over.