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Letter from Alpha Chi President:

The arrival of spring creates the prospect of new beginnings. After the winter season with record snowfalls, anticipation builds to start anew. Springtime is also a time for new growth and renewal within Alpha Chi. Participation in chapter activities is key to chapter renewal.

Please take a couple minutes to read the enclosures in this mailing. This year's ballot includes the slate for Vice President, Treasurer, Junior Counselor and Governance and Leadership Succession Committees. Thanks to the Nominating Committee with Deborah Zapolski as Chairperson and to the members for submitting their names for candidacy. An envelope for the ballot has been included in the mailing. Please note that the Governance Committee is a new committee comprising the former Eligibility and Bylaws Committees. Leadership Succession Committee is the former Nominating Committee. These changes were made in accordance with new STTI bylaws. The Chapter Committee Volunteer form lists opportunities for chapter participation and leadership that match a range of interests and talents. Committee membership is an excellent way for new inductees to learn about the chapter and long-time members to reacquaint themselves. The completed form can be returned with your ballot.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming chapter event. The Annual Spring Research Program and Business Meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 5 pm in the Shea Room of Conte Forum on the Boston College campus. Joan Vitello, RN, PhD, FAAN, CNAA will present "Research on Emotional Intelligence in Nursing Leaders". Continuing Education units will be provided. Poster presentations with networking and a light dinner will precede the program. A program announcement is enclosed.

In June I end my first term as chapter president and look forward to continuing as your President through 2005-06. This year has been a significant learning experience for me, made easier by many members' active participation. Thank you to all that have supported me this year, particularly the members of the Executive Committee and committee chairs. My gratitude extends to the many members who have participated in chapter events and committees that kept us moving forward. Best wishes for a joyous spring season.

Sincerely,

Robin Y. Wood