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Oncology Nursing Society Announces 2010–2011 Board of Directors

SAN DIEGO, CA – May 15, 2010 – The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) announced its 2010–2011 Board of Directors at its 35th Annual Congress in San Diego, CA.

Carlton Brown, PhD, RN, AOCN[®], assumed the presidency after serving one year as president-elect. He is an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Delaware in Newark. He has been an ONS member for more than 17 years and brings a wealth of valuable experience to the role.

Officers include newly-elected secretary **Julie Eggert, RN, PhD, GNP-C, AOCN[®]**, associate professor and doctoral program coordinator at Clemson University and Cancer Risk Screening Program at Bon Secours-St. Francis Eastside in Greenville, both in South Carolina. **Laura Fennimore, RN, MSN**, director of clinical programs for Medicaid, special needs plans, and children's insurance plan at UPMC Health Plan, in Pittsburgh, PA, will continue to serve as the Society's treasurer.

Newly-elected ONS directors-at-large are **Margaret Barton-Burke, PhD, RN**, Mary Ann Lee Endowed Professor of Oncology Nursing at the University of Missouri in St. Louis and **Mary Pat Johnston, RN, MS, AOCN[®]**, oncology clinical nurse specialist at ProHealth Care at the Regional Cancer Center in Waukesha, WI. Joining the Board is **Emma Dann, RN, MS, OCN[®], NE-BC**, senior clinical nurse liaison with Amgen, Inc., in Scarborough, ME.

ONS directors-at-large continuing their terms are **Susan Schneider, PhD, RN, AOCN[®], FAAN**, associate professor and director of oncology nursing specialty in the School of Nursing at Duke University in Durham, NC, **Virginia Martin, RN, MSN, AOCN[®]**, clinical director of ambulatory care services at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA, and **Michele Gaguski, MSN, RN, AOCN[®], CHPN, APN-C**, oncology clinical nurse specialist at Ocean Medical Center in Brick, NJ.

"This board of directors represents an excellent mix of oncology nurses with a diverse background in clinical practice settings, research, and academia," said Brown. "Our imminent challenge will be to help prepare and position our profession for the new changes associated with healthcare reform."

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ONS is a professional organization of more than 36,000 registered nurses and other healthcare professionals committed to excellence in oncology nursing and to leading the transformation of cancer care by initiating and actively supporting educational, legislative, and public-awareness efforts to improve the care of people with cancer. ONS provides nurses and healthcare professionals with access to the highest quality educational programs, cancer-care resources, research opportunities, and networks for peer support. Learn more at www.ons.org.

Celebrating 35 years of supporting oncology nursing's future.