

## ONS CAMPAIGN POLICY

The Oncology Nursing Society has developed a campaign policy allowing candidates equal access to ONS members regarding their candidacy within the formal ONS structure. An informed electorate is critical to our continued success in selection of our leaders while maintaining integrity of the electoral process. A fair and ethical environment is critical to the equal support of all candidates and encouragement of member voting, in keeping with our Core Values. The candidate is responsible for personal compliance with the approved Campaign Policy.

Following formal notification in writing from the Leadership Development Committee, the candidates may verbalize their interest in the position for which they have been slated with their peers and consistent with the following activities:

### PERMITTED:

- A. Candidate information will be placed on the official ballot, which will include the candidate's position statement and response to selected questions.
- B. Candidate information will be published in the *ONS Connect* and on the ONS Website.
- C. A personal message from the candidate to the ONS membership will be distributed by ONS, if received by the deadline as stated in the slating notification letter.
- D. Chapters and Communities may recognize an individual as being slated, as long as all candidates are presented in exactly the same manner.
- E. Chapters are encouraged to host a meeting emphasizing voting responsibilities without campaigning for individual members.

### NOT PERMITTED:

- A. Active solicitation of votes by candidates (including but not limited to posting flyers, asking for votes, distribution of buttons, pens, direct mailings, electronic and social media, such as emailing, texting, Facebook, Twitter, etc.).
- B. Solicitation or acceptance of funds for the purpose of campaigning.
- C. Acceptance or solicitation of corporate or institutional sponsorship for campaigning.
- D. Campaigning by other individuals on behalf of the candidate with the candidate's knowledge. Votes may not be solicited for any one candidate.

Campaign guidelines will be publicized at the time that candidates are announced.

The ONS Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove a candidate from the ballot or void a candidate's election as a result of violation of the above campaign guidelines.

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