The Rewards of Serving – Talking Points for your Employer

In the current healthcare climate, where the day-to-day demands of caregiving are intensified by budget cuts, ONS volunteers may find it difficult to participate in ONS activities that take them away from the workplace. If your employer has concerns about your participation in ONS, perhaps it would be helpful to point out the following benefits of volunteerism in a national association:

- Builds professional skills such as enhanced leadership, communication, and teamwork. This development benefits your institution.
- Builds your knowledge base about healthcare issues, cancer issues, and cancer nursing to contribute to a higher level of practice.
- Provides opportunities to meet and influence legislators and policy.
- Provides exposure to other oncology nurses in a wide variety of settings, gives you a broader perspective on the trends and changes in the oncology nursing specialty and healthcare systems. This may help your institution meet future healthcare challenges.
- Gives your employer nationwide visibility and increased credibility within your community.
- Supports commitment to the professional association and assists the oncology nursing specialty in its development.
- Stipend will be provided to employer for President during term to cover time away from work for ONS business.

If elected as an ONS Board member, your employer will also receive more tangible benefits. They include:

- 20% off ONCC certification exam fees paid by employers
- 20% off publications purchased as institutional resources
- 10% discount on ONS memberships paid by employers

If appointed as an ONS Leadership Development Committee member, your employer will receive the following benefits:

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- 20% off publications purchased as institutional resources
- 10% discount on ONS memberships paid by employers