

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APPROVED MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm EST

Place: conference call

Attendees: President, Laura Fennimore; Treasurer, Eva Gallagher; Directors-at-Large, Julie Painter, Heather Mackey, Diane Barber, Anne Ireland, Susan Bruce, Maggie Smith; Chief Executive Officer, Brenda Nevidjon

Absent: Barb Gobel

Guests: Chief Strategy Officer, M. McCorkle

Recorder(s): Heather Mackey

I. **Call to Order**

L. Fennimore called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm EST.

II. **Assignment of To-Do List and Timekeeper**

E. Gallagher has been assigned to capture the to-do list and S. Bruce will be the timekeeper.

III. **Approval of Agenda including consent agenda and timeframes**

A. Ireland moved to approve the agenda including the consent agenda and timeframes as submitted. The motion was adopted.

V. **Conflict of Interest**

E. Gallagher and M. Smith declared a potential conflict of interest related to the 340 B discussion.

VI. **Need for an executive session**

No need for an executive session

VII. **E-mail Vote** – The May 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Business meeting minutes and May 20<sup>th</sup> ONS Board meeting minutes were approved via email vote on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

VII. **Reports**

1. AAACN CCTM Invitational Summit
2. ONS Response to HHS RFI

VIII. **CEO Update**

B. Nevidjon gave a report on the activities of the CEO in the last quarter. ONS has been working with ASCO and HOPA on safe handling guidelines with a goal of establishing standards jointly endorsed by all 3 organizations. The organizations have reached an impasse on the language used in a few of the USP Chapter <800> requirements. A. Ireland moved to allow the ONS staff working on this initiative to withdraw from the coalition if compromises couldn't be reached that maximize safety for oncology nurses. The motion was adopted.

The Nurses on Boards Coalition has requested to be more visible within member organization national meetings. Staff will discuss potential ways to incorporate this request at the 2019 Congress.

The Oncology Nursing Society received an invitation from NACNS to participate on a validation panel for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the CNS statement July 18<sup>th</sup> in Virginia. Due to the conflict with leadership weekend, C. Backler, a staff Oncology Clinical Specialist, will attend on behalf of ONS.

IX. **340 B Drug Pricing Program**

Both the Trump Administration and Congress are increasing their focus and efforts on the 340B drug discount program. The President included 340B reforms in his Drug Reform Blueprint and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Request for Information (RFI), and both the House and Senate health committees continue to hold hearings on the program. ONS has been asked by two coalitions, on opposite sides of the issue, to take a position and sign their respective letters to Congress and HHS. To date, ONS has attended briefings by both sides but not actively signed on to officially join these coalitions or support their letters, as doing so with one would alienate ONS from others.

E. Gallagher moved to approve the proposed ONS policy statement on 340B Program reform and continue to communicate to both sides and

Congress, the ONS principles supporting patients and access to affordable cancer medications and oncology services. The motion was adopted. The Board will receive further information on the 340 B program during their July meeting.

X. **ONS Foundation Dashboard**

The ONS Board reviewed the financial dashboard for the ONS Foundation. This dashboard is used to guide the activities of the ONS Foundation Board of Trustees. The ONS Board would like to review this information more frequently and has requested this information be available for review during their face to face meetings moving forward.

XI. **2019 Congress Topic ideas**

The ONS Board discussed topics for the Board sponsored sessions at the 2019 Congress in Anaheim, CA. Potential topics include entrepreneurs in oncology, leadership (including potential joint session with the Leadership Development Committee), and health policy/advocacy engagement. L. Fennimore will begin additional dialogue on the ONS Board Community site to flush out topics and potential speakers and have the list defined by Leadership weekend.

XII. **ONS Board goals**

J. Painter moved to approve the ONS Board goals for 2018-2019 as presented. The motion was adopted. The consensus of the Board is to have the review of the goals completed by March annually to review what was accomplished and what may need to carry over to the incoming Board.

XIII. **Annual Business Meeting Discussion**

The ONS Board discussed the desire to transition the Annual Business meeting to a less formal and engaging experience for ONS members. The ONS President would highlight achievements during opening, which would reach the highest number of attendees. Staff will discuss the Annual Business meeting becoming a ticketed session while avoiding major Congress sessions. The Business meeting will continue to be live streamed

through a social media platform to allow those physically not in attendance the opportunity to participate.

XIV. **Adjournment**

S. Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm EST.