

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

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019  
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm EST  
Place: conference call

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

Absent: none

Guests: Chief Strategy Officer, M. McCorkle, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, M. Galioto

Recorder(s): Barbara Holmes Gobel

**I. Call to Order**

L. Fennimore called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm EST.

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

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

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

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

**V. Conflict of Interest**

None noted

**VI. Need for an executive session**

No need for an executive session

**VII. E-mail Vote** – The February meeting minutes were approved via email vote on Monday, March 25, 2019.

## VII. **Reports**

1. 201 Publishing Awards – L. Brown
2. NAPBC report – E. Fischer-Carlidge

## VIII. **Strategic Roadmap Update**

M. McCorkle provided an update on the ONS Strategic Roadmap project. The kick-off meeting was held in Pittsburgh in February 2019 focusing on the project background and logistics. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh which will focus on trends and designing alternate futures for the nursing community.

## IX. **Request for endorsement of AACN CCTM Core Curriculum 2<sup>nd</sup> edition**

A. Ireland moved to endorse the AACN CCTM Core Curriculum 2<sup>nd</sup> edition with the caveat that the most recent ONS ONN competencies are referenced. The motion was adopted.

## X. **Positions**

1. The ONS Board considered a request from a member regarding the need for a radiation oncology nursing specific position statement given persistent challenges in assuring nursing care was delivered by registered nurses. The Board approved the development of position statement that spoke to the varied roles and subspecialties within oncology nursing. H. Mackey moved to approve the position statement titled: "The Oncology Nursing Specialty" with the edits as outlined. The motion was adopted.

A discussion on the collection of data to support nurse staffing will be held at a future meeting.

2. The ONS Board reviewed the 2018 position statements and requested edits to position statements that could be interpreted as having a narrow focus regarding the oncology nursing specialty, specifically if the position statement seemed to only reflect medical oncology perspectives.

H. Mackey moved to approve the 2019 edits to the Cancer Pain Management position as presented. The motion was adopted. This position statement will reflect the 2019 National Comprehensive Cancer Network reference.

A. Ireland moved to approve the 2019 edits to the Access to Quality Cancer Care position statement as presented. The motion was adopted.

S. Bruce moved to approve the 2019 edits to the Oncology Certification for Nurses position statement as presented. The motion was adopted.

D. Barber moved to approve the 2019 edits to the Palliative Care for People with Cancer position statement with updated references of the newly approved position statements. The motion was adopted.

XI. **Leadership Evaluation results**

The governance committee conducts and oversees the leadership performance evaluation. This evaluation is sent to the ONS Past Presidents, ONF Board of Trustees, Leadership Development Committee, ONCC Board, and the Chapter Leaders annually. This survey was distributed to 262 participants. Of those 262 surveyed, 133 responded. Themes from the comments and summary section include Chapter model-concerns voiced related to size, leadership terms, sustainability for smaller chapters; education to help support certification, and additional “free” CE; and the financial decisions made by the Board of Directors remain unclear. Moving forward, this survey will remain intact with the addition of an identification of leadership role field.

XII. **Review of Board goals**

L. Fennimore reviewed the status of the ONS Board goals for 2018-219. Moving forward, the Board would like to formalize the process by asking board members and external stakeholders to provide input on the progress of their goals.

XIII. **CEO Report**

B. Nevidjon provided an update on Congress. Currently, registration is at 3,546 attendees with the expectation of exceeding the budgeted registration amount of 3,700. Opening has been sponsored by Johnson & Johnson who will deliver a three-minute video montage to participants. Due to the number of satellite symposia requested this year, a new dessert symposia time slot will be implemented. The Chief Innovation Officer position is on hold for the time being.

XIV. **Presidents Report**

L. Fennimore gave an update on the orientation for the incoming Board members.

XIV. **Adjournment**

L. Fennimore adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Holmes Gobel, MS, RN, AOCN®, FAAN  
Secretary, ONS Board of Directors