ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONFERENCE CALL
APPROVED MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Time: 6:00-8:00 EDT

Attendees: President, Laura Fennimore; Secretary, Heather Mackey; Treasurer, Kristin Ferguson; Directors-at-Large, Marty Polovich, Nancy Houlihan, Anne Ireland, Julie Painter, Susan Bruce, Maggie Smith; Chief Executive Officer, Brenda Nevidjon

Absent: none

Guests: Chief Experience Officer, L. Brown; Director of Learning and Development; K. Loutzenhiser

Recorder(s): Heather Mackey

I. Call to Order
L. Fennimore called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm EDT.

II. Assignment of To-Do List and Timekeeper
A. Ireland has been assigned to capture the to-do list and K. Ferguson 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
There was no request for an executive session

VII. E-mail Vote – The April meeting minutes were approved via email vote on Monday, May 20, 2019.
**VIII. Educational Integrity policy update**

H. Mackey moved to approve the revised educational integrity policy as submitted. The motion was adopted. The revised policy will be available to the membership.

**IX. Congress**

The ONS Board reviewed data collected from the 2019 Congress in Anaheim, CA. Overall, the conference was successful with 3,977 attendees which impacts care provided to patients and their loved ones. Board sponsored sessions were discussed for 2020 in San Antonio, TX. Topics included a joint session with the Leadership Development Committee on Leadership, Future of Nursing, and scope of practice. Additional discussion will be held during the June meeting to flesh out the topics and identify session leads.

The ONS Board discussed ways to increase attendance at the ONS Business meeting in 2020. Ideas included offering a light dessert, emphasizing and advertising that the meeting is open to all members and making the environment more inviting. Additional dialogue was held on the possibility of incorporating round table discussions into the 2020 Congress in lieu of the best practice exchange.

**X. Ernst and Young Update**

Last summer, ONS engaged with EY to understand the value of specific components of our intellectual property (IP); focused on a few select areas, but also asked that they help us identify gaps in the clinical domain where the ONS capabilities and reputation might also be beneficial for patients and the oncology nursing community. The work remains ongoing.

**XI. Presidents report**

L. Fennimore provided an update on the Leadership Think Tank scheduled to take place at the National Office July 22-23rd.

**XII. Associations Now article on Board Diversity and Inclusion**

The ONS Board of Directors discussed an article on Diversity and Inclusion from Associations Now.
XIII. **ONS Voice Assignments**
Moving forward, consensus was that the ONS staff will begin to write the ONS Voice articles on behalf of the ONS Board beginning with the next issue.

XIV. **Future Board meetings/assignments**
L. Fennimore went over the June meeting dates with the ONS Board members. Arrival will be Wednesday, June 12th, with the Board meeting all day Thursday, June 13th and Friday, June 14th and departing on Saturday, June 15th at noon.
A. Ireland, J. Painter, S. Bruce and M. Smith will attend Chapter Leadership Weekend July 19th-21st.
N. Houlihan, A. Ireland, H. Mackey and M. Polovich will attend ONS Hill Days Sunday, September 22nd through Tuesday, September 24th.
The ONS Board was asked to hold Tuesday, October 15th as a potential conference call date from 6-8 pm EDT.
N. Houlihan and K. Ferguson will attend the National Cancer Policy Forum workshop October 28th and 29th in Washington, DC.

XIV. **Adjournment**
L. Fennimore adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Thompson Mackey, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN®
Secretary, ONS Board of Directors