



EONS Past-President

The Role in Summary

The Past-President is a Member of the Executive Board. The role has a two year term of office. The role of Past President follows on from the role of President. After serving the two-year term as President, the President takes on the role of Past-President for the following two years.

Board Member skills

The Past President must possess all of the essential qualifications required of all EONS Executive Board members and must also:

1. demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of policy, practice and other issues confronting oncology nursing at a national, European and international level,
2. have a proven track record in clinical practice, nursing management or leadership, nursing research, nursing education or healthcare policy,
3. be reliable, fair, have personal integrity, decisiveness and ability to work on their own initiative,
4. have good team working skills e.g. being able to motivate and inspire others and work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders,
5. be able to communicate at public events on behalf of the society,
6. be prepared to invest their time, energy and enthusiasm to commit wholeheartedly to the role.

Responsibilities of the Role

In addition to the core Executive Board Member responsibilities, the Past President is required to:

- attend and participate fully in all meetings of the Society as well as any other meetings deemed necessary for the good conduct and governance,
- keep abreast of all EONS activities and actively engage in activities,
- work closely with the President and President-Elect in order to assist with the delivery of the work of the Society,
- perform any duties nominated by the President and other duties as determined by the Executive Board,
- act as role model for EONS members by upholding the shared vision, mission and values of EONS and demonstrate an ability to communicate these effectively,
- serve as co-chair or a member of the Nursing Track for the EMCC congress and EONS Convention committee,
- act as one of the key spokespersons for, and representative of, the Society at external engagements, developing strong strategic relationships with key stakeholders.

Arrangements for the Reimbursement of Expenses

In order to comply with the requirements of United Kingdom Charity Law, the posts of Past-president and President-Elect are not remunerated (i.e. are not paid), but as with all Executive Board members, the cost of travel, accommodation and reasonable 'out-of-pocket' expenses incurred as a direct consequence of their role as Executive Board members will be refunded on receipt of a properly completed expenses form.