



## **EONS President**

### **The Role in Summary**

The EONS President is the presiding officer of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS). The President is a Member of the Executive Board. The role has a two year term of office.

The role of President follows on from the role of President-Elect. The President must have served a minimum of one successful year as President-Elect of the Society. After serving the two-year term as President, the President takes on the role of Past-President for the following two years.

Once a person has been elected to the position of President-Elect, neither the Advisory Council nor the Executive Board can alter the succession of that person to the Presidency unless he/she vacates office during her/his term as President-Elect or grounds arise for deposing him/her from that position.

### **Board Member skills**

The 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 relevant oncology nursing issues, at a national, European or 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 President is required to:

- attend, participate and lead all governance meetings of the Society as well as any other activities deemed necessary for good governance,
- work closely with the Past President and President-Elect in order to assist with the delivery of the work of the Society,
- ensure that a proper and adequate record of decision-making is maintained for future reference and external annual audit, as well as authenticate, when necessary, all acts, orders and proceedings,

- lead the review of the mission, vision, and values documents of the Society as well as the strategic planning and priority-setting processes,
- act as the spokesperson for, and representative of, the Society at external engagements, developing strong strategic relationships with key stakeholders,
- ensure that strong society organisational processes and structures are in place so that EONS administration and management foundations represent good or best practice,
- engage in EONS advocacy work, collaborating with stakeholders to develop EONS positions on significant issues,
- act as a mentor for the President-Elect,
- serve as chair of the Nursing Track for the EMCC congress and as chair of the EONS Convention committee,
- participate in the annual performance appraisal of the Society's Executive Director.

### **Arrangements for the Disbursement of Employer's Costs / Expenses**

Applicants for the post should have sought and received assurance from their employer(s) that they will be able to dedicate the requisite amount of time to the post before putting themselves forward for election. In recognition of this, EONS will reimburse the President's employer(s), or the President him/herself if self employed, with a grant sum of €20k to cover the entire 2 year period. This sum usually provides for a minimum of one day per week of work release from regular duties to enable the President to deliver his/her EONS work. Travel, accommodation and reasonable expenses incurred in respect of the role will also be refunded to the post-holder where appropriate.