



EUROPEAN ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

Board Elections 2026

Phase	Timing / Duration	Process Description & Rules
Call for Nominations Launched	January 19 th 2026	<p>Full Members are invited by email to submit nominations to the EONS Secretariat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination form available via email and EONS website • Each nominee must have at least two endorsements • Nominee and proposer must both be EONS members (National Society or Individual), proof of membership to be provided for nominee via online form. In case Individual member is nominating person, proof of membership must be provided • Proposers must confirm availability of the nominee before submission • Fully completed nominations only are accepted • Nominations must be completed at the online form available here; https://forms.gle/s82scUvhhC5XiRfY7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic signatures are accepted
Close of Nominations	4 weeks after the call is opened before February 16 th 2026 12:00 CET (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN case no candidates who meet the eligibility criteria, call will be extended • Late or incomplete nominations will not be accepted

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Eligibility Review & Candidate Evaluation	1 week, February 23 rd 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations Committee reviews all nominations • Eligibility, role-specific requirements, and completeness are verified • Committee evaluates candidates in line with the EONS By-Laws
Recommendation of Candidates	Following evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations Committee confirms the final list of eligible candidates • Recommendations are submitted to the Board for progression to election
Announcement of Nominees & Voting Opens	After Committee recommendation, March 2 nd 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final list of nominees circulated to full membership via email and EONS website • Voting officially opens • Voting rights defined by the EONS Constitution
Voting Period	4 weeks from opening, March 31st 2026 of voting before 12:00 CET (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual members: one vote each • National Societies: votes allocated as per Constitution • Membership fees for the relevant year must be fully paid for votes to be valid • National Society Presidents are responsible for internal vote allocation
Close of Voting & Counting of Votes	4 weeks after opening of voting, March 31st 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Votes counted and results collated by the Secretariat • No response from a country is considered an abstention
Announcement of Results	After vote counting/at least 15 days prior General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat announces results to nominees, EONS Board, and membership
Approval of Results	At the General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results will be ratified at the Online General Meeting • Once ratified, Board Members take up their terms of office

EONS Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

Core Roles and Responsibilities of All Board Members

1. All EONS Board Members must:
 - Act in compliance with the law governing Belgian non-profit organizations.
 - Uphold EONS's mission, vision, and values.
 - Contribute to strategic planning, financial oversight, and policy development.
 - Attend and actively participate in governance meetings.
 - Represent EONS in external engagements.
 - Protect EONS's intellectual property and ensure confidentiality.
 - Collaborate with the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to uphold strong governance practices.

Specialist Responsibilities of the President-Elect

In addition to the Core Responsibilities for All Board Members, the President-Elect Role encompasses responsibility for:

- Preparation for Presidency
 1. Work closely with the President and Past-President to gain insights into the role of President and ensure a smooth leadership transition.
 2. Serve as a mentor and guide to the Working Groups supporting their development and activities.
- Support for Society Leadership
 3. Assist the President in delivering the Society's objectives and perform duties delegated by the President or Board.
 4. Assume the responsibilities of the President in their absence or if the office of President becomes vacant.
- Representation and Advocacy
 5. Act as a spokesperson for the Society at external engagements, fostering strong relationships with stakeholders.
 6. Collaborate in advocacy efforts, representing EONS positions on significant issues.
- Strategic and Organizational Engagement
 7. Actively engage in all Society activities, staying informed and contributing to initiatives that support EONS's mission.
 8. Serve as co-chair or member of the Scientific Congress Committee, helping to shape the annual event.
- Event and Award Leadership
 9. Present Awards at the annual EONS Scientific Congress.
- 10. Leadership Continuity and Safeguarding
- 11. Protect and uphold the Society's intellectual property and ensure its appropriate use.

Specialist Responsibilities of the Board Treasurer

In addition to the Core Responsibilities for All Board Members, the Board Treasurer Role encompasses responsibility for:

- Financial Oversight and Management
 - Oversee the Society's financial planning, budgeting, and reporting processes.
 - Ensure proper banking, bookkeeping, and record-keeping practices are maintained in collaboration with the COO and bookkeeper.
- Governance Support
 - Present the financial status of the Society at governance meetings, providing clarity on the Society's financial position and key financial metrics.
 - Work with the COO and bookkeeper to coordinate the annual audit and ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
- Policy Development and Implementation
 - Develop and recommend financial policies to enhance efficiency, transparency, and sustainability.
 - Collaborate with the COO and to ensure effective financial processes are in place.
- Strategic Financial Guidance
 - Make recommendations to the Board on strategies to meet budgetary targets and improve financial resilience.
 - Provide financial insights and guidance to the Working Groups to ensure project proposals and activities align with the Society's financial goals.
- Fundraising and Resource Development
 - Support the Society's funding and fundraising efforts, identifying opportunities for resource development and financial growth.

Specialist Responsibilities of the Board Secretary

In addition to the Core Responsibilities for All Board Members, the Board Secretary Role encompasses responsibility for:

- Meeting Documentation and Management
 - Collaborate with the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Secretariat to proofread and finalize Board meeting minutes and ensure their timely submission for approval.
 - Ensure the timely preparation and distribution of meeting agendas, supporting documents, and minutes in collaboration with the EONS Secretariat.
- Communication Support
 - Provide updates from the Board for inclusion in the EONS newsletter and other official communications.
- Documentation Oversight
 - Maintain best practices for managing official documentation, including legal and financial records, in partnership with the COO and other staff.
- Special Assignments
 - Perform special assignments as needed, such as drafting articles, reports, or researching topics of organizational importance.
- Language and Process Expertise
 - Apply advanced English language skills and expertise in best practices for meeting management to enhance the Society's governance processes.

Specialist Responsibilities of the Member-at-Large for Advocacy

In addition to the Core Responsibilities for All Board Member, the Member-at-Large for Advocacy role encompasses responsibility for:

- Governance and Oversight
 - Provide strategic oversight and guidance on advocacy initiatives through their membership of the Advocacy Working Group, ensuring alignment with EONS's mission and governance standards.
 - Represent the Board in the Advocacy Working Group, ensuring its objectives support the Society's broader strategic goals.
- Policy and Stakeholder Engagement
 - Advise on strategies to influence oncology-related policies and legislation at the European level.
 - Foster relationships with stakeholders to advance advocacy priorities, including education, career development, and workplace safety for cancer nurses.
- Advocacy Resources and Guidance
 - Oversee the development and dissemination of advocacy tools, training programs, and campaigns to empower EONS members.
 - Provide expertise to integrate advocacy perspectives across EONS initiatives, including research and education.
- Awareness and Impact
 - Guide efforts to raise awareness of cancer nursing's role in patient care, prevention, and policy.
 - Support data-driven advocacy through oversight of key initiatives like the Cancer Nursing Index and related publications.

Specialist Responsibilities of the Member-at-Large for Eastern European Nurses

In addition to the Core Responsibilities for All Board Member, the Member-at-Large for Eastern European Nurses role encompasses responsibility for:

- Governance and Oversight
 - Represent the interests of cancer nurses from Eastern European countries within the Board, ensuring their voices are heard and their challenges addressed.
 - Ensure that initiatives for Eastern European nurses align with the broader mission and strategic goals of EONS.
 - Ensure that EONS programs and initiatives are accessible and relevant to Eastern European nurses, considering language, cultural, and systemic differences.
- Advocacy and Representation
 - Advocate for policies, programs, and resources that address the unique healthcare, workforce, and professional development challenges in Eastern Europe.
 - Work with EONS's Advocacy Working Group to influence national and European policies that benefit cancer nurses and healthcare systems in Eastern Europe.
 - Collaborate with the Education Working Group to assess and address the specific educational needs of Eastern European Cancer nursing, and ensure EONS educational materials, training programs, and leadership opportunities are accessible and adapted to the needs of Eastern European nurses.
 - Collaborate with the Research Working Group to encourage and facilitate research initiatives led by or involving Eastern European cancer nurses.
 - Highlight the contributions and challenges of Eastern European cancer nurses to increase visibility and foster collaboration across Europe.
- Strategic Development
 - Develop initiatives aimed at enhancing the skills, knowledge, and leadership capabilities of cancer nurses in Eastern Europe.
 - Identify and work to reduce disparities in resources, education, and professional opportunities between Eastern European nurses and their counterparts in other regions.
- Community Building and Engagement
 - Foster connections among cancer nurses in Eastern Europe through mentorship programs, regional events, and collaborative initiatives.
 - Promote EONS membership and active engagement among cancer nurses in Eastern Europe, increasing their involvement in working groups, events, and leadership opportunities.

- Create platforms for Eastern European nurses to share best practices, research, and experiences with colleagues across Europe.
- Collaboration and Outreach