



Minutes – EONS GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday 17 June 2024 18.00-20.00 PM CET

Location: online meeting

Present:

Virpi Sulosaari (VS)
Helena Ullgren (HU)
Johan de Munter (JdM)
Matt Fowler (MF)
Richard Kelly (RGK)
Nikolina Dodlek (ND)

President
President-Elect
Past President
Board member Treasurer
EONS COO
Event and Membership Manager

Also:

Fifteen representatives of the National Oncology Nursing Societies and fourteen EONS individual members.

Acronyms:

<i>Working Group</i>	<i>WG</i>
<i>Task Group</i>	<i>TG</i>
<i>European Cancer Nursing Day</i>	<i>ECND</i>

Part 1- EONS business

Item 1 Welcome

VS welcomed the participants to the General Meeting. Apologies were received from Amanda Drury (AD), (Board member, Board Secretary), Gulcan Bagcivan (GB) (EONS Board member Research WG), Wendy McNally (WM) (EONS Board member Education WG) and Merel van Klinken (MvK) (EONS Board member Advocacy WG).

VS presented an overview of the draft agenda of the meeting and explained why the meeting was postponed for 1 week from 10th June to 17th June due to amendments to EONS Constitution and Statutes.

Item 2 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The members approved, and the President signed, the minutes of the previous online General Meeting held on Monday 13th June 2023.

Item 3 Presentation of the 2023 Audited Accounts

RGK in agreement with MF, provided an overview of the Finances in brief and the 2023 sources of income, stressing the fact that most of the income is coming from projects and EONS 16 Symposia support. One significant donation was received from Astra Zeneca to support EONS NURTURE Project running through 2023-2025.

RGK provided an outline of the budget spent against actual spending in 2023, highlighting the fact that across most of the budget lines EONS is overspent.

VS explained to the participants the EU project payments system, meaning that the EU grant final payment is paid only after the project finishes, for example INTERACT EUROPE project finished in November 2023 but the payment for the final part of the EU Grant will only be paid in 2024.

RGK invited the meeting participants to approve the 2023 Audited Accounts, JdM explained to participants the process of voting via the Mentimeter App.

Results are available under item 7.

Item 4 PRESENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO EONS CONSTITUTION

RGK updated participants that proposal on EONS Statutes and By Laws amendments have been made both in English and French and also updated at the EONS website. VS explained the most significant changes:

- Adding EONS 5th Working Group: Early Career Nurses
- Updated Mission statement
- Revising wording of the EONS Board & General Meeting
- Adding Patient Advisory Council
- Chief Executive Director changed to Chief Operating Officer role
- Representation requirement of the Board at meetings 66%
- EONS Board members are prohibited from receiving any remuneration.

JdM invited the meeting participants to approve the amendments to EONS Statutes and By-Laws via the Mentimeter app.

Voting results available under item 7.

Item 5 News from EONS

VS presented changes in the EONS Board. AD elected as Board Secretary. ND stepped down from CWG and ECN Board role. Call for two new Board members will soon be opened.

Item 6

WG chairs presentations

Communication

ND and Carlos Cargaleiro (CC) informed the meeting participants about the new members and pointed out that the call for two new members will soon be opened. They jointly provided a short outline of actions to come such as building a closer working relationship with other WG's about comms projects, an action plan to build a closer relationship with National Oncology Nursing Societies, sharing awareness of the cancer calendar throughout the year, planning creation of podcasts, developing EONS Event Guide Manual as well as renewal of all EONS Manuals.

Advocacy

Grazyna Suchodolska (GS), chair of the Advocacy WG, informed the meeting participants that three new members joined the WG, and that two members will be leaving. GS highlighted the different activities that are in process, such as the Cancer Nursing Index responses being published and announcement of the next update in 2025. The *EONS Workplace Accreditation* pilot is finalized, and eight wards have been accredited in Sweden, Portugal and Belgium. GS informed participants about the Advocacy toolkit and EONS Prevention Plan White Paper collaboration with ESMO.

Research

AD presented the Research WG on behalf of GB and MD, Research WG chairs. AD sent a videorecording that was displayed during the meeting. AD informed the meeting participants about her departure as a WG Co-chair and introduced new Co-Chair MD as well as two new members from January 2024. AD informed about RWG projects (ABC4NURSES, RCC4NURSES & PROMS, Cancer Nursing Research Priorities and Advanced Practice in Cancer Nursing review was published) as well as the RGW task group activities, including the PhD Research Workshop held in Belgium 3rd-5th June with 10 participants, EONS Early Career Development Grant applications that are open till July 31st, EONS Novice Research Dissemination Award - reviewing of shortlisted applicants in progress. AD concluded with RWG future plans on conducting a review of advanced practice roles in survivorship and translating the 3rd round Delphi to address the lack of representation on the current results (most respondents being from Ireland and the UK).

Education

Matthias Hellberg-Naegele (MH), new EWG Co-chair, informed the participants about the current members of the WG and provided an overview of current activities, including an update on their WG objectives. The update of the EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework, ongoing ESO e-sessions collaboration, as well as the call that will be opened for an ESO/EONS Clinical Fellowship – two participants just finalized their clinical fellowship from the call from last year. The 15th ESO/EONS Masterclass application is closed, and applications are being reviewed. EWG is collaborating on the NURTURE project of EONS.

Early Career Nurses (ECN)

(Irati Rodriguez) IR, ECN Chair, updated the meeting participants about the ongoing tasks and activities within the ECN WG and ECN Ambassadors. There are the monthly blog posts, WG had their first face to face meeting in Turku, Finland, during ECND24. ECN Ambassadors network is a different structure than the ECN WG. The Ambassadors Network aims to bring early career nurses together in joint activities throughout Europe and aims to have two member representatives per country and the call remains open until further notice. Dimitris Protogiros (DP) is member of the EONS NURTURE task group. ECN WG aims to have webinars organized in autumn; more information is soon to be disseminated.

VS expressed her thanks to all the EONS WG's members and chairs for their important work and input.

Item 7 Voting results

2023 Audited Accounts:

15 Society delegates and 14 individual members submitted their vote with a unanimous 'yes' to accepting the audited accounts.

The 2023 audited accounts are herewith accepted.

National Society votes on statutes: 14 votes - all accepted.

Individual Members votes on statutes: 14 votes – 13 votes accepted / 1 vote abstained.

National Society votes on audit 2023: 15 votes - all accepted.

Individual Members votes on audit 2023: 14 votes – all accepted.

Granting discharge of EONS presidents and board members

VS invited the participants to vote to release the liability claim with regard to the EONS Board members, changes were accepted unanimously.

VS informed about changes within EONS Team

RB, RGK and HO departing. New Team members Ines Barral (IB) Project Officer, Priya Raya (PR) Communication Officer, ND as Event and Membership Officer and IN as previous team member Projects and International Relations Manager.

Item 8 2023-2024 Highlights

-EONS Strategy 2024 -2028

VS informed about EONS Working Groups – action plan within the Strategy 2024-2028, EONS Board to oversee the actions of EONS in line with the strategy and EONS team to work with the organization objectives.

-EONS16 at ESMO 2023

VS informed the participants about the successful EONS16 Conference and information alongside with the photos available at the EONS website.

-14th ESO-EONS Masterclass, 06-10 October 2023, Seva, Varese, Italy

The ESO-EONS Masterclass 2023 took place in October 2023 in Varese, Italy, Spain, more information is available at the EONS website.

-Cancer Nursing Fund

VS informed the meeting participants about the Cancer Nursing Fund (CNF) as a unique opportunity to support cancer nurses in Europe. Thanks to the CNF, EONS provided support to nurses to register for the EONS16 Congress and the NURTURE project. VS welcomed the participants to provide a donation or look for opportunities for funding as well as CNF grants to EONS17 Congress (10 grants will be offered).

EU4Health Operation grant

VS informed participants about the EU4Health Operational grant. EONS received an operational grant from the EU4Health Programme first time this year. Planned activities aim towards Transforming Cancer Care through Coordination, Education, Innovation, Workforce Development, and Quality Management (EONS QualCanCare).

EONS NURTURE Project

VS informed about the ongoing EONS NURTURE project aimed to build resilience and emotional support in cancer nursing across Europe. Project duration is 18 months, collaborating closely with all EONS WGs. There will be a scoping review, plans to organise a podcast series and workshop that will be held during EONS17. More information will be provided soon.

EONS Leadership Forum24

VS updated about EONS First Leadership Forum organised on 15.5.2024, Turku Finland as a Hybrid event. More information is available at EONS website.

ECND24

VS informed participants ECND24 was held this year in Turku, Finland. All five of EONS WGs had a WG meeting and interesting 2-day programme alongside the National Conference of the Finnish Society. The EU Commissioner for Health and food safety, Stella Kyriakides sent her message to support the event celebration as well as the ESMO, ECO and ESO Presidents who supported the ECND24 by sending their video messages.

Invitations to host ECND25 will be open soon, and information will be disseminated to all National Societies. Please send an invitation letter and estimated budget of event (including the input of the National Society) to eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu by 2.9.2024. The decision will be made at EONS Board meeting on 12th September.

EONS17 & 40-year anniversary celebration

VS and HU informed participants that EONS is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year with the title ‘40 years of European Nursing – Shaping the Future of Healthcare’, and invited all participants to come and join the event during EONS17 between 14th-16th September 2024 in Barcelona, Spain. HU updated that by now approximately 100 registrations have been received.

Item 9 Close of the meeting

JdM and VS closed the 17 June 2024 General Meeting, thanking all the participants for attending and for providing their input and looking forward to seeing each other in

Barcelona at the EONS17 Congress. A group photo was screenshotted at the end of the meeting with all the participants.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'V' followed by a horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

EONS President -Virpi Sulosaari

Date:

The presentations made during the meeting are available on the EONS website.