



Final Minutes – EONS GENERAL MEETING 2019

Date: Friday 27 September 09.00-10.30

Location: Room Paris- Hotel Fira Congress

MINUTES FINAL

Present:

Lena Sharp (LS)	President
Andreas Charalambous (ACh)	President-Elect
Daniel Kelly (DK)	Past-President
Cristina Lacerda (CL)	Board Treasurer
Theresa Wiseman (TW)	Board Secretary
Johan de Munter (JdM)	Board member (Communication)
Patrick Crombez (PC)	Board member (Advocacy)
Wendy Oldenmenger (WO)	Board member (Research)
Rebecca Verity (RV)	Board member (Education)
Sara Parreira (SP)	Young Cancer Nurse (Observer)
Emma Woodford (EW)	EONS COO
Rudi Briké (RB)	Coordination and Membership Manager
Eleonora Varntoumian (EV)	Working Groups Manager
Iveta Nohavova (IN)	Projects and International Relations Manager

Also:

Representatives of the National Oncology Nursing Societies, Associated members, individual members and members of the EONS National Oncology Nursing Societies.

Item 1 Welcome

LS welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and introduced the members of the EONS Executive Board and the EONS staff.

Item 2 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The members approved, and the President signed, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 19 October 2018 in Munich Germany.

Item 3 Approval of the Executive Board Election result:

LS presented the participants with an overview of the two election processes related to the election of a President-Elect/ 2 Board members (1st round) and the election of the additional EONS Board member (2nd round). She reminded the participants that clear processes had been developed and agreed by the EONS Board in advance and that these have been forwarded to the EONS full membership and published on the EONS website.

The voting members unanimously accepted the voting results for both rounds. Johan de Munter was therefore confirmed as the new EONS President-Elect while Gabi Knötgen, Amanda Drury and Virpi Sulosaari were confirmed as the new Executive Board members.

Item 4 Presidential hand-over ceremony

LS made use of the opportunity to look back on the many activities and achievements during her presidency period. She stressed the importance of the good teamwork with the EONS Board members and Presidents, the EONS staff and the national oncology nursing societies in achieving a stronger voice for the oncology nursing community and improved benefits for the membership. She expressed her special thanks to her own employer and team for allowing her to act as EONS President. She then officially handed over the EONS Presidency to Andreas Charalambous who thanked Lena Sharp for her important contribution to EONS as EONS President.

Item 5 Welcome New Board & thank departing Board

The newly elected Board members Johan de Munter (EONS President-Elect), Gaby Knötgen, Amanda Drury and Virpi Sulosaari (Board members) were welcomed by the membership. A special goodbye was expressed by Daniel Kelly as leaving Board member (Past-President), with thanks to the EONS Board, National Societies and the sponsors. He also provided special thanks to Emma Woodford for her important input as EONS COO. He concluded by saying that EONS as an organisation is making a difference in the life of the patient and that EONS has become a well-respected organisation.

Item 6 EONS Operations Update:

-Financial report April 2017-March 2018

EW provided the participants with the audited accounts from April 2017-March 2018 which show a total income of 865,665€ and balance carried forward to 2018-2019 is 366,725€.

-Accounts April 2018-March 2019 (awaiting audit)

The accounts show an income of 1,027,312€ from April 2018 to March 2019, including the remaining grant from ECCO. Regarding expenditure, 200,000€ is set aside as reserve, budgeted expenditure is 548,841€ with balance carried forward of 278,471€. She reminded the participants that as of April 2019, EONS has changed from a UK based charity to a Belgian non-profit organisation (ASBL). EW informed the participants that Mrs. Anne Revell joined the EONS team as the new finance manager.

For the period April-December 2019, income will be 600,402 of which 40% is from the remaining ECCO grant. Related to expenditure until July 2019, 357,704€ remains available but EW pointed out that part of this will be spent to cover the EONS12 Congress costs.

EW and CL provided an overview related to the target, ProAssist and CINV projects, highlighting the expenditure and remaining budget, if available.

-Budget forecast to December 2020

Total projected costs would come to 514,402€ with a shortfall of 47,527€.

EW stressed the need to look for additional funding opportunities. Related to this, she referred to a number of meetings that will take place during EONS12 with pharma companies, increasing the ESMO grant and looking for funding from the EU.

Item 7 Activity Update

WG's activity update:

- Communication – Johan de Munter

JdM updated the meeting participants about the current members of the Communication Working group and the main role of this WG. He referred also to the main Communication activities in 2019. He particularly highlighted the Social Media Platforms (Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn) where EONS is steadily increasing its profile and he invited the participants to subscribe to the You Tube Channel. He pointed out that the EONS website will undergo a facelift shortly. It will be more user friendly and easier to access. He also provided an update related to the EONS e newsletter, the EONS online magazine and the referred shortly to the EONS sustainability policy raising awareness about reducing our impact on the environment.

-Advocacy-Patrick Crombez

PC informed the participants that as he is leaving the EONS Board, he will no longer be the chair of the Advocacy WG, but he will continue to be active within the WG.

PC presented the members of the Advocacy Working group. He informed the meeting participants about the Safety and Education TG's that are active within the Advocacy WG and he provided an outline of the activities related to these TG's. He particularly mentioned the activity of the Education TG to explore how the EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework can be "translated" in a Common Training Framework.

- Research – Wendy Oldenmenger

WO presented the members of the Research WG members and she informed the participants that there will be a call for two new members in order to replace Elisabeth Patiraki and Marlies Peeters. She outlined the objectives of the Research WG and provided an overview of activities that are aimed to enhance capacity and provide opportunities for nurses to learn, network and develop research skills. She pointed out that there will be again a PhD Research Workshop organised in 2020 and she invited the participants to inform their colleagues about this opportunity. She stressed the importance of influencing strategic priorities and funding, together with the Advocacy WG, the National Societies and patient organisations.

- Education –Rebecca Verity

RV updated the meeting participants about the Education WG members, and she provided an outline of the main activities. She especially highlighted the target update, the brochure on Clinical Practice Guidance for Nurses: Cancer Therapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting in Adults and the Prostate Cancer app. Five ESO-EONS e-learning sessions are planned but there is need for new speakers, experts and topics and she welcomed any input from the meeting participants. She reminded the meeting participants that the deadline to apply for the 2020 Masterclass is 1st December 2019. RV indicated also that an important objective of the Education WG will be to provide a point of reference and a network of expertise to those who develop and deliver education and career development opportunities for cancer nurses across Europe.

Item 8 Close of the meeting

ACh closed the 2019 General meeting and informed the participants that the date and venue for the 2020 General Meeting will be communicated in due time. He invited the attendees present to join the Advisory Council meeting, taking place from 10.30 to 11.30 in the same meeting room.

Signed:

Date:

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