



## ***Final Minutes – EONS GENERAL MEETING***

***Date:*** Tuesday 16 February 2021 17.30-18.30 PM CET

***Location:*** online meeting

### MINUTES FINAL

#### **Present:**

Johan de Munter (JdM)	President
Lena Sharp (LS)	Past-President (Advocacy)
Theresa Wiseman (TW)	Board member (Board Secretary)
Andreas Charalambous (ACh)	Board member, (Communication)
Virpi Sulosaari (VS)	Board member, (Education)
Wendy Oldenmenger (WO)	Board member, Treasurer
Amanda Drury (AD)	Board member (Research)
Merel van Klinken (MvK)	Board member (YCN)
Wendy McInally (WMc)	Board member
Matt Fowler (MF)	Board member
Emma Woodford (EW)	EONS COO
Rudi Briké (RB)	Coordination and Membership Manager

#### ***Also:***

17 representatives of the National Oncology Nursing Societies and 26 EONS individual members.

#### **Item 1 Welcome**

JdM welcomed the participants to the General Meeting. JdM presented the draft agenda of the meeting.

#### **Item 2 Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The members approved, and the President signed the minutes of the previous online General Meeting held on Saturday 19 September.

#### **Item 3 A word from ECO President-Elect Andreas Charalambous**

JdM introduced ACh as the newly elected President-Elect of the European Cancer Organisation (ECO). JdM congratulated ACh for his nomination and pointed out that EONS is proud to have a cancer nurse as President-Elect and President of one of the leading cancer organisations in Europe. ACh stressed that his nomination will also benefit EONS and that he is fully aware of the importance of this opportunity to have a nurse leading such an important cancer organisation. He stressed that he would continue to provide his support as EONS Board member in helping EONS to reach the mission and goals of the Society. ACh highlighted the fact despite the challenges of his Presidency, EONS has managed to do a lot, thanks to the input and cooperation from the EONS leadership, the EONS team, and EONS membership.

He referred to the difficult circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic in which EONS had to adapt in order to provide continuing support to our members and went on to outline the different activities and projects that have been realized or are in process. He stressed the importance of the good teamwork with the EONS Presidents, Board members, the EONS staff,

the EONS WG's the EONS membership and the sponsors. ACh then officially handed over the EONS Presidency to JdM.

**Item 4 Hand over EONS Presidency**

JdM thanked ACh for his important contribution to EONS as EONS President and provided a short outline of his aims during his presidency period considering the challenges we are facing. He stressed the need for EONS to continue the efforts to bring the best support for our cancer nursing community and to build on a great society for all cancer nurses across Europe.

**Item 5 Presentation of the election results**

JdM informed the meeting participants about the results of the recent EONS Board elections. Virpi Sulosaari has been elected as EONS President-Elect. Merel van Klinken and Wendy McNally were both elected as EONS Board members. JdM congratulated the President-Elect and the newly elected Board members. A warm thank you was also given to Gianluca Catania for offering his expertise by acting as a candidate. JdM welcomed and encouraged the EONS membership to put forward their nomination in case other positions would become available in the future, especially in the Working Groups and projects.

JdM invited the meeting participants to approve the election result via the Mentimeter App. Results are available under item 8.

**Item 6 Proposed update of the EONS Statutes**

All EONS members received the proposed update of the Statutes in advance of the meeting by email. EW explained how the recent changes in the EONS board and managing the early stepping down of ACh from the EONS Presidency had raised the need for a little flexibility in the Society's Statutes to allow for occasional flexibility in Presidential terms in cases where Presidents remove themselves from post. With this small change in the Statutes, the EONS Board will be allowed to adjust the Presidency terms as required if an elected President steps down or is required to give up their post for the reasons outlined in the Statutes.

EW invited the meeting participants to approve the proposed change in the Statutes by voting on the Mentimeter App. Results are available under item 8.

**Item 7 Update on EONS activities, ongoing projects, and collaboration**

JdM presented an update related to EONS activities and ongoing projects and acknowledged the important role of all the EONS Working Groups in developing the different activities and projects.

*-Advanced Breast Cancer Webinar, Monday 22 February*

JdM reminded the meeting participants that it is still possible to register for the Advanced Breast Cancer Webinar that will take place on Monday 22 February. The Webinar will also be recorded and available online.

*-European Cancer Nursing Day, Tuesday 18 May*

The theme of the 2021 European Cancer Nursing Day will be prevention and everyone is invited to book the date in their calendar. JdM also invited the National Oncology Nursing Societies to promote this event with their members.

*-ESO-EONS Masterclass in Oncology Nursing, 7-11 July 2021, Tallinn, Estonia*

The 2020 ESO-EONS Masterclass was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and it is now scheduled to take place as a life event in Tallinn, Estonia, from 7 to 11 July 2021. JdM stressed the importance of this event as it allows for our cancer nurses to come together and create networks. He encouraged everyone to apply for this event in case of interest as EONS will also organise a Masterclass in 2022.

*-Safety & Occupational webinars*

JdM provided an outline of the 4 Safety & Occupational Safety webinars, each with a specific safety theme. Registration is now open for the first webinar taking place on 26 April with the topic “*Handling Cancer drugs during pregnancy and breast feeding*”.

A short film was included in the presentation which highlights the importance of why European Health Policy makers should take actions to increase occupational safety for cancer nurses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztyzCQT9Ki4&t=1s>

*-EONS General meeting & Advisory Council meeting, Friday 17 September 2021*

JdM informed the participants that the EONS General meeting/Advisory Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 17 September.

*-EONS14-ESMO 21, 17-21 September 2021*

JdM invited the participants to join the EONS14 Congress. ESMO will be confirming soon if the Congress will take place as an online only or a hybrid event. EW pointed out that even if this is a hybrid event this will only relate to the speakers and participants will only be attending online. More information will be available shortly on the EONS website.

**Item 8 Voting results**

*Election results:* 15 Society delegates submitted their vote with unanimous yes to accepting the results. 20 individual member delegates submitted their vote with unanimous yes to accepting the results.

The election results are herewith accepted.

*Update of statutes:* 25 individual member delegates submitted their vote with 24 yes, one abstention. 13 Society delegates submitted their vote with unanimous yes.

In the EONS Statutes it states that amendments to the constitution and the byelaws must be agreed by at least 75% of the members present and voting at the General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Consequently, the update of the statutes is herewith accepted.

**Item 9 Close of the meeting**

JdM closed the 16 February 2021 General meeting thanking all the participants for attending and for providing their input.

Signed:

Date:

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