



EONS Past President

The Role in Summary

The EONS Past President is a Member of the Executive Board. The role has a two year term of office. After serving a minimum of one successful year term as President, the post holder becomes the Past President.

Each of the three presidential roles usually has a two year term of office, making a six year commitment in total. Since it is possible for the role of President-Elect to last just one year, in such an instance the total commitment to the presidential roles becomes five years. The Past President can serve as a Senior Advisor for the Executive Board for a maximum of one year if needed after the acceptance of the full Executive Board.

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

Board Member skills

The President-Elect 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 cancer nursing issues, at a national, European and global 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-Elect is required to:

- attend and participate fully in all governance meetings of the Society as well as any other activities deemed necessary for good governance,

- keep abreast of all EONS activities and actively engage in activities,
- monitor and guide the ECND activities as a co-chair of the ECND task group
- work closely with the President and President Elect in order to assist with the delivery of the work of the Society,
- perform any duties nominated by the President and other duties as determined by the Executive Board,
- act as role model for EONS members by upholding the shared vision, mission and values of EONS and demonstrate an ability to communicate these effectively,
- serve as co-chair or a member of the EONS yearly Scientific Congress Committee,
- act as one of the key spokespersons for, and representative of, the Society at external engagements, developing strong strategic relationships with key stakeholders,
- acts as an ambassador and supports the Chief Operating Officer in EONS and fundraising opportunities,
- acts as a EONS liaison for the Cancer Nursing Fund,
- protect EONS intellectual property.

Arrangements for the Reimbursement of Expenses

As required by the law governing Belgian non-profit organisations, the posts of Past-president and President-Elect are not remunerated (i.e. are not paid), but as with all Executive Board members, the cost of travel, accommodation and reasonable ‘out-of-pocket’ expenses incurred as a direct consequence of their role as Executive Board members will be refunded on receipt of a properly completed expenses form within 3 months.