



EONS President Elect

The Role in Summary

The EONS President Elect is a Member of the Board. The role has a two year term of office. Only in exceptional condition is the term extended or terminated according to the EONS by-laws. After serving a minimum of one successful year term as President Elect, the post holder becomes the President and, after another two year successful term, 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.

Once a person has been elected to the position of President Elect, neither the Advisory Council nor the EONS Board can alter the succession of that person to the Presidency unless he/she vacates office during his/her term as President Elect 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 Board members and must also:

1. demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of policy, practice and other issues relevant to 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 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 Working Group and Young Cancer Nurses network activities

- work closely with the President and Past-President 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,
- handing over the Lifetime Achievement award and the ReCan award in the yearly EONS Scientific Congress
- act as one of the key spokespersons for, and representative of, the Society at external engagements, developing strong strategic relationships with key stakeholders,
- fulfil the responsibilities of the President if the President is unable to represent the Society for whatever reason other than vacating the office,
- preside or fill the vacancy for the remaining term of office if the office of President should become vacant between elections.
- 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 Board members, the cost of travel, accommodation and reasonable ‘out-of-pocket’ expenses incurred as a direct consequence of their role as Board members will be refunded on receipt of a properly completed expenses form within 3 months.