



Draft Minutes – EONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Date: Monday 19 June 2023 18.00-20.00 PM CET

Location: online meeting

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Johan de Munter (JdM)	President
Virpi Sulosaari (VS)	President-Elect
Matt Fowler (MF)	Board member (Board Secretary/Communication)
Wendy Oldenmenger (WO)	Board member, Treasurer
Nikolina Dodlek (ND)	Board member YCN
Richard Kelly (RGK)	EONS COO
Rudi Briké (RB)	Coordination and Membership Manager

Also:

Sixteen representatives of the National Oncology Nursing Societies and twelve 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

JdM welcomed the participants to the General Assembly. Apologies were received from Andreas Charalambous (ACh), EONS Board member, Amanda Drury (AD), EONS Board member Research WG, Wendy McInally, (WMc), EONS Board member Education WG) and Merel van Klinken (MvK), EONS Board member Advocacy. JdM presented an overview of 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 Monday 13 June 2022.

Item 3 Presentation of the 2022 Audited Accounts

WO expressed her thanks to Irena Rollo, EONS Project Officer and Richard G. Kelly, EONS COO for their input and support related to collating the information for the 2022 Audit.

RGK informed the participants that the 2022 Finances have been audited. RGK provided an overview of the Finances in brief and the 2022 Sources of income, indicating that most of the income is coming from Projects and EONS 15 Symposia support.

RK provided an outline of the budget spent against actual spending in 2022 showing an increase in running costs.

JdM invited the meeting participants to approve the 2022 Audited Accounts via the Mentimeter App.

Results are available under item 8.

Item 4 Update of the EONS Strategy

VS provided the participants with the background and update process related to the EONS Strategy 2024-2028. VS highlighted the EONS values, vision and mission as well as the different strategic priorities linked with the Strategy update. VS pointed out that the updated Strategy is almost finalised, but it will be proofread for finalising.

Item 5 Presentation of the 2023 EONS election results

JdM informed the meeting participants that because of the voting related to the EONS Board elections, Helena Ullgren (HU) has been elected as President-Elect and Gülcan Bağçivan (GB) as EONS Board member. JdM welcomed them to the EONS Board and expressed his thanks to all the candidates that have put forward their candidacy for the elections.

JdM invited the meeting participants to approve the 2023 election results via the Mentimeter App.

Item 6 Granting discharge of EONS Presidents and Board members

JdM invited the meeting participants to agree with the discharge of the EONS Presidents and Board members via the Mentimeter App.

Part 2 – News from EONS

Item 7 WG chairs presentations

Communication

MF informed the meeting participants that he will hand over the co-chairing of the CWG in June to ND as he will now take over the role of EONS Treasurer from WO. Four new members joined the CWG. MF provided an overview of ongoing activities, and he pointed out that the CWG TOR has been updated. MF expressed his thanks to Mary Tanay, Michaela Popelkova and Constantina Clockoni for their input in the different activities related to the CWG. He highlighted the role of the CWG related to the PrEvCan, the membership survey and the Cancer Calendar.

Advocacy

HU as co-chair of the Advocacy WG presented the Advocacy WG on behalf of MvK. HU informed the meeting participants about the current membership of the WG and the main activities such as the EONS Accreditation, the EONS Advocacy toolkit, the EONS Cancer Nursing index and PrEvCan. HU pointed out that the four Safety webinars can still be accessed. HU pointed out that the EONS Workplace accreditation is now available on the EONS website, and she provided an outline of what the Workplace Accreditation and the Advocacy toolkit is providing.

Research

GB presented the Research WG on behalf of AD as the new Research WG Co-chair. She provided thanks to the leaving Research WG chair Grigorios Kotronoulas and Nikolaos Efstathiou for their important input and collaboration. GB provided an overview of the main WG objectives, and she invited the participants to participate in the EONS Cancer Nursing Research Priorities Study.

Education

RGK, on behalf of WMc as ED.WG chair informed the participants about the current Education initiatives. The ESO-EONS Masterclass is scheduled to take place in October 2023 and applications are now being evaluated. RGK also outlined the upcoming activities such as the EONS16 Congress, the ABC Global fellowships, and the TITAN update.

Early Career Cancer Nurses (ECN)

ND provided an overview of the current activities within the ECN, such as the ECN Blog with an input each month from one of the ECN representatives and which is currently in line with the PrEvCan and the Nightingale Challenge Webinar series. Michaela Popelkova (MP), ECN Co-chair informed the participants about the Twitter chat that will take place in July, and she pointed out that there will be fourth Nightingale webinar series with two webinars scheduled in Autumn 2023 after the EONS16 Congress. MP pointed out that the previous YCN network will now become the Early Career Cancer nurses, to include not only the young cancer nurses, but also those that are in their early career. There will also be the YECCN Ambassadors Network acting as the wider group of early career nurses with two representatives from each country.

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

Item 8 Voting results

2022 Audited Accounts:

The Society delegates and individual members present submitted their vote and as a result the Audited Accounts were accepted.

EONS 2023 Elections:

The Society delegates and individual members present submitted their vote and as a result the 2023 election results were accepted. JdM welcomed HU as President-Elect and GB as Board member.

Discharge of EONS Board

The Society delegates and individual members present submitted their vote and as a result the discharge of the EONS Board was accepted.

Item 9 Welcome to the incoming President Virpi Sulosaari and thank you to the leaving President and EONS Board members

JdM welcomed the incoming President VS and expressed his thanks to leaving Board members WO and ACh. VS expressed her thanks to JdM and the EONS Board and confirmed her commitment to lead EONS and to continue the good cooperation with the Board and the new President-Elect. VS expressed her thanks to leaving President JdM for offering his expertise and commitment in the role of EONS President and now as EONS Past-President. JdM pointed out that he is handing over the President role with a feeling of gratitude over the past years with the many challenges and successes. JdM stressed the important role of EONS in helping the cancer nursing community in Europe and he expressed his thanks to everyone involved in EONS.

Item 10 2023 Highlights

JdM provided an overview of the major events in 2023, highlighting the ECND 2023 event, the ESO-EONS Masterclass, Milan, Italy. He referred also to the important support from the Cancer Nursing Fund in creating opportunities for cancer nurses. JdM invited all participants to join the EONS 16 Congress, 21-23 October, Madrid, Spain.

Item 11 Close of the meeting

JdM closed the 19 June 2023 General Assembly, thanking all the participants for attending and for providing their input. VS added to this her thanks to the EONS Team for their support and input.

Signed:

Date:

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