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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Becky Collins RN, BSN, OCN, CHPN

President's Thoughts:

In reviewing past article submissions, subjects have been about how oncology nurses are awesome and how to care for yourself as a caregiver. With all the possible changes and challenges facing the medical field recently, I wanted to reflect on another topic that could apply at this time.

STRESS. There I said it. We've all felt it. Professionally and/or personally. If you have **never, ever** been under *any kind of stress*, then please don't feel the need to read the rest of this article submission. Also, stop lying* (see footnote). Studies show that all people have felt stress of some kind at some point in their lives. Some people see stress as something not to discuss because it may make them seem weak. There are people that never appear stressed and others have stress incorporated into their DNA. So, how does this play into our professional life? Let's take a minute and look into stress and nursing.

1. Do people see nursing as a stressful profession?

- Well, according to CareerCast and Forbes....No, the overall perception is that nurses do not have one of the top 10 most stressful careers. How can we **not** be on a list that includes 'Event Planner' as #5 in most stressful? Keep in mind that Nurses are still ranked number 1 or 2 in the 'most trusted' profession. So, maybe it's because we make all that we do, look amazingly easy and effortless. I've seen a nurse colleague complete a Code Blue on a patient in room 12, only to be called into room 10 by another patient who is irate because his ice melted in his water container. Yet, both instances were handled with wonderful professional skill. Nursing may not be ranked as highly stressful, but it is. If the public isn't aware of all the stress....it's because nurses are professionals. We have a stressful profession, and so we handle stress as professionals we are.

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2. Stress is everywhere. There's nothing we can do about it.

- Yes, stress is everywhere. So what can you do? Best answer is to figure out where the stress is coming from and then plan on how to approach it. Ask yourself where the stress is originating and then figure out if *you* need to adapt or if *it* can be adapted. For instance: if the stress is due to comments made on social media....limit your social media for goodness sake. In this case the '*it*' can be adapted in order to decrease the cause of the stress. Another Example: If you're stressed because of changes at work....figure out why and if you should work to adapt to the changes, or find a way to productively express your concerns about the changes. In this example it's the "*you*" that may need to adapt. You're never powerless to stress. Stress is a reaction, and your reaction is one thing that you can attempt to control.

3. No one understands the stress of being an oncology nurse.

- It can feel like that someday. Even the most introverted person needs some understanding and validation. Find your bliss. Your inspiration. Find the person that will listen to you without judgement. Family and friends are great to talk to, but sometimes don't really 'get it'. I will tell you that no one understands a nurse like a fellow nurse does. It should always be a given that nurses should be there for each other. Looking around and can't find that 'fellow nurse'? Come to a chapter meeting. Reach out to nurses from other specialties. Join an ONS member community. Talk to retired nurses in your field. Take time to listen to a 'new' nurse and remember back to the days when you were a new grad. Don't feel like you're in this alone. If you are feeling stress, I can guarantee you that someone else either is going through, been through, or anticipating the same thing.

So, these are some quick suggestions about STRESS. Could I be sharing this with you because there's stress in my life too? Sure. Stress is part of being human and being a nurse, and I happen to be in both categories! Here's to stress-free days but if not....Here's to knowing there are ways to get through them as well.

If you have any suggestions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (937)603-1448 or via email at rcollins@hospiceofdayton.org.

FUTURE MEETINGS

February 16, 2017

"Stronger Together: Partnering with your Patients to Support Them During Therapy.
Managing Treatment for Women with HR+/HER2-Metastatic Breast Cancer"

Location: Fleming's

Registration/Networking begins at 5:30pm

Dinner/Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan Lawary no later than 12 noon on Monday, February 13, 2017

March 16, 2017

“Update on Treating and Managing Glioblastoma Patients”

Location: TBA

Registration/Networking begins at 5:30pm

Dinner/Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan Lawary no later than 12 noon on Monday, March 13, 2017

April 20, 2017

“Head and Neck Cancer”

Location: Bravo at the Dayton Mall

Registration/Networking begins at 5:30pm

Dinner/Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan Lawary no later than 12 noon on Monday, April 17, 2017

May 18, 2017

Our Annual Love Your Chapter Program

Topic: to be announced

Location: NCR Country Club

Registration/Networking begins at 5:30pm

Dinner/Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan Lawary no later than 12 noon on Monday, May 15, 2017

WCO-ONS members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contact Mary Murphy at 937-256-4490 ext. 4417 Go green as efforts are made to carpool to the event with other members



PALLIATIVE CARE COURSE IN OMAN

SUSIE NEWTON, RN, MS, AOCN, AOCNS



Pictured above is Susie (2nd from left) with her ONS colleagues and nursing leaders from Muscat, Oman.

Some people choose to vacation in the Bahamas, and it sounds fabulous. But for the past 6 years, I've spent much of my vacation time teaching nurses in the Middle East. In November of 2016, I was honored to be able to return to Muscat, Oman to teach a fabulous group of nurses. This was my 6th time visiting the country and the students have come a long way in implementing palliative care in their country. We focused on leadership and research with this course. Very little nursing research is done in Oman, and it was wonderful to see their interest and enthusiasm. Each participant left with a research proposal that they will pursue, either with a group or as individuals.

I will return again this March to teach again. We are working to help the Omani nurses be self-sufficient and will be teaching a train the trainer course to credential the leaders (pictured above) as facilitators for all future courses. Stay tuned!



Pictured above is the group photo from the course. Over 125 nurses participated.

WCO CHAPTER MENTORS

SUBMITTED BY: KAREN AGNOR, RN, BSN

The duties of our WCO mentors (formally known as our liaisons) include promoting excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care and reaching out to those nurses who may be interested in joining both the national and local chapter of the organization. Our mentors help to disseminate information relative to the organization, programs, educational opportunities and activities throughout the world of oncology. They serve as resource nurses for oncology nursing issues and practice standards and also encourage oncology nurses to attain professional certification.

Our mentors have a very important role within our chapter structure. They serve our current members, as well as perspective members, and act as a communication extension of the chapter board, our newsletter and web site. We certainly appreciate their efforts and do hope you will recognize the role that they play within your work site.

Another reminder to all members - ONS now welcomes all student nurses pursuing a BSN to access a free ONS membership, including free chapter membership while they are in school. They may attend one free chapter program and then attend others for a \$10 fee. Quite an opportunity for a student and an excellent way to expose these students to the world of oncology!

Thank you all for all that you do each day, serving patients, families and health care colleagues. The 2017 ONS theme - "FEARLESS COMMITMENT - ENDLESS COMPASSION" certainly applies to every one of you as you serve so many and touch so many lives!

SAFETY CORNER

SUBMITTED BY: ELENA MIKALASKAS, RN, MS, OCN, AOCNS

In January our safety topic was ensuring healthcare worker safety when handling hazardous drugs. The topic was mentioned at the educational offering and an article with our professional society's position statement was available for members.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, hazardous drugs are chemicals that demonstrate one or more of the following: carcinogenicity, teratogenicity, reproductive toxicity, organ toxicity, genotoxicity, or structural and toxicity profile of new drugs that mimic existing drugs determined to be hazardous (NIOSH, 2016, p.3).

As healthcare workers we are potentially exposed to hazardous drugs during drug preparation, administration, disposal and when handling a patient's excreta. Professional societies have joined together to create the following position statement.

"It is the position of the Oncology Nursing Society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the Hematology/Oncology pharmacy Association that

- Organizations in which hazardous drugs (HDs) are present will establish evidence-based policies and procedures for safe handling that comply with regulatory requirements.
- Organizations in which HDs are prepared and administered will provide and maintain primary engineering controls and evaluate the use of supplemental engineering controls, such as closed-system transfer devices to reduce worker exposure.
- Organizations in which HDs are present will ensure that appropriate personal protective equipment is available to all staff to minimize exposure.
- Organizations in which HDs are present will provide education and training specific to each worker's role for staff who potentially are exposed. Education, training, and competency evaluation will include the risks of exposure, including the reproductive and developmental effects, the recommended precautions for specific handling activities, safe handling of contaminated patient excreta, proper disposal of contaminated waste, and how to handle acute exposure.
- Organizations in which HDs are present will protect the right of staff who are trying to conceive, pregnant, or breast feeding to engage in alternative duty that does not require HD handling.
- Organizations in which HDs are present will ensure that patients who receive these drugs and their caregivers receive education about safe handling to minimize unintended exposure.
- Organizations will ensure that HD waste is disposed of according to regulatory guidelines and in a manner that protects staff and the environment.
- Our professional societies will continue to explore evidence-based strategies for mitigation of risk associated with handling HDs and share recommendations with our respective members.

Approved by the Oncology Nursing Society Board of Directors, January 2015. Reviewed January 2016. Reviewed by the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association and the American Society of Clinical Oncology Board of Directors, April 2016.”

Downloaded 1/9/17 www.ons.org/advocacy-policy/position/practice/hazardous-drugs



WHY CHAPTER MEETINGS?

WCO-ONS MEMBERS VOICE OPINIONS ON WHAT INSPIRES THEM

Dear Members and Possible Members,

This is a new addition to our chapter newsletter. It's where our members will be asked their opinion about our chapter. This is a way to show what benefits there are in membership. It will also allow others to know what to expect from joining our chapter. Please be on the look-out for questions like those below to be asked during meetings. Don't be surprised if your answers show up in our newsletter! Looking forward to having members speak to what WCO ONS Chapter membership means to them! I included a quote to get things started. Can't wait to hear what you have to say!

OVERHEARD at our last meeting:

"I came to get more information on the educational topic." –Retired nurse and guest of one of our members.

POLITICAL UPDATES

BY MARY MURPHY, RN, MS, AOCN, ACPN
WCO POLITICAL ADVOCACY CHAIRPERSON
HPNA STATE AMBASSADOR



Happy 2017!

We now have a new president and a new legislation about to unfold. I serve as the State Ambassador for the Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (HPNA) for the state of Ohio and was on a recent conference call with all national ambassadors related to the president's state of the union address and its potential impact on health care which includes both oncology and end of life care. The discussion was intense and concerning related to what will happen to ACA (Affordable Care Act). There are many individuals who have a different take on how this will affect all of us nurses and physicians, but most of all our patients and families. The verdict is not out and very unclear!

I would urge you to become informed so that you can be an advocate and a support to everyone in the health care system. Please read, listen, and have a voice on any upcoming bill that affects our current health care system and our practice. I will keep you updated as I am informed from my recourses. You have two excellent recourses who are in Washington and support us. One is Alec Stone, ONS Health Policy Director, and Chad Riley, Director of Membership, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, both serve as our voice in health care!

Here are some of the latest updates:

From HPNA's Legislative Firm, Bryan Cave, LLP, January 2017:

“GOP did a dry-run in the last Congress, passing a reconciliation bill that killed key parts of Obamacare, including the individual mandate, insurance subsidies for consumers and the Medicaid expansion; for good measure, it also defunded Planned Parenthood for a year. President Barack Obama vetoed the legislation but that won't be an issue this year with Donald Trump in the White House.

But the budget and accompanying reconciliation language is a sure thing to clear the Senate, and the House is expected to quickly follow suit, passing it as early as Friday. The budget doesn't become law, but it's the only way to set reconciliation — in other words, Obamacare repeal — in motion.”

“Lawmakers actually have to write the bill to repeal Obamacare. The budget currently instructs several committees to draft legislation to gut the health law by Jan. 27. But a handful of Senate Republicans are pushing to delay the deadline until March 3 to give the GOP more time to come up with a replacement.

Rank-and-file Republicans in the House and Senate are growing increasingly fearful that repealing the health law without having a replacement ready would be disastrous. Nearly 30 million Americans would lose health insurance by 2019, the Urban Institute estimates. Chaos could descend on health insurance companies and hospitals, with the hit to the \$3 trillion health system potentially undermining the broader U.S. economy.

The big question after that is when, exactly, Republicans will reveal their own plan to remake the nation's health care system. The answer is anyone's guess, and it means the fight could drag out for weeks, months or years.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan have promised a smooth transition out of Obamacare, by passing repeal but delaying when it would take effect for two years or more. But that's easier said than done, and some Republicans — including President-elect Donald Trump — say Republicans need to come up with a replacement pronto.”

From Alec Stone, ONS Health Policy Director, ONS Articles of Interest, January 27, 2017:

Trump Executive Order Scales Back Parts of Obamacare

From NYTimes.com: In his first executive order, President Trump on Friday directed government agencies to scale back as many aspects of the Affordable Care Act as possible, moving within hours of being sworn in to fulfill his pledge to eviscerate Barack Obama's signature health care law. The one-page order, which Mr. Trump signed in a hastily arranged Oval Office ceremony shortly before departing for the inaugural balls, gave no specifics about which aspects of the law it was targeting. But its broad language gave federal agencies wide latitude to change, delay or waive provisions of the law that they deemed overly costly for

insurers, drug makers, doctors, patients or states, suggesting that it could have wide-ranging impact, and essentially allowing the dismantling of the law to begin even before Congress moves to repeal it.

ONS Analysis: Although this is largely a ceremonial action, it does have some teeth. Although the repeal of Obamacare, otherwise known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA), has not happened yet, Congress has already begun the administrative work to take the first steps toward a bill that will abolish the ACA. However, the GOP has shared no detailed replacement legislation at this time. Trump's executive order is geared to the regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over the implementation—and interpretation—of federal laws like the ACA. A direct order from the president requires the agencies to follow from the top down. It will take some months before this is fully seen, and ONS will continue to monitor the situation.

From Chad Reilly, HPNA Legislative Roundup, January 2017:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Release "Opioid Misuse Strategy 2016"

In response to the increase in opioid misuse across the United States, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have released a report summarizing their strategies to combat the epidemic. The report highlights programs CMS is currently implementing, as well as those it hopes to execute under the new administration. While this report is expansive, it is quick to note that it does not incorporate its vision for the treatment of cancer and hospice patients.

New Issue Brief Guides Advance Care Planning Conversations

In January 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a final rule reimbursing physicians and other providers for discussing advanced care planning with patients and their families. However, studies show that nearly two-thirds of physicians feel inadequately trained to engage in end-of-life counseling. A new issue brief from National Quality Partners (NQP) helps healthcare providers better navigate these conversations through the lens of six key preferences of high-quality, person-centered advanced illness care.

NQP's Advanced Illness Care Action Team—which includes more than 25 patient advocates, physicians, hospital systems, and other stakeholders from the public and private sectors—identified purpose and connection, physical comfort, emotional and psychological well-being, family and caregiver support, financial security, and peaceful death and dying as key preferences of individuals with advanced illness. By placing individuals at the center as the guiding North Star of all healthcare decisions, this initiative calls on the nation to transform advanced illness care and to engage patients, families, and caregivers as true partners in care planning.

Download the issue brief now to explore these key preferences in depth, along with snapshots of organizations that have embraced one or more of these preferences. Register for NQP's March 15 webinar to delve into case studies demonstrating how physicians, nursing homes, and home health agencies can integrate these preferences into existing quality efforts.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUBMITTED BY: JOYCE RUSSO, RN, OCN

ONS Foundation has many awards available and the application process is relatively simple. The table below shows some of the awards available. Click on the title to get more information.

If you need assistance with your application, please contact me at joyce.russo@us.af.mil or jrusso3@woh.rr.com or call me at work M-F 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM at (937)-257-1404.

Career Development and Education Awards

Award	Purpose	Deadline
Cancer Public Education Project Grant	To support projects that enhance the public's knowledge and awareness of cancer prevention, detection and treatment.	6/15/2017
Josh Gottheil BMT Transplant Career Development Awards	To support registered nurse working in bone marrow transplantation by providing financial assistance to attend a continuing education program(s) that will further the nurses' professional goals as they related to transplant nursing.	6/15/2017
End-of-Life Care Nursing Career Development Award	To support continuing educational activities for a registered nurse dedicated to caring for patients and their families during the final stages of life. This award cannot be used for tuition in an academic program, to attend the ONS Congress or certification.	6/15/2017
Pearl Moore Career Development Awards	To support staff nurses by providing financial assistance to attend continuing education program (s) that will further their professional goals. This award cannot be used for tuition in an academic program.	6/15/2017
Clinical Project Funding for Advanced Practice Nurses	To provide support for a clinical project to be conducted by an advanced practice oncology nurse.	6/15/2017
APN and DNP Student Scholarship	To support the work of MSN or DNP students on their capstone projects or thesis in oncology.	6/15/2017

Later this spring, Excellence Awards will open for nominations. The application deadline for these award has historically been September 30th. More info will be posted as it becomes available, so keep in mind those excellent nurses you work with who are so deserving of special recognition and be ready to nominate!

Keep an eye out for upcoming scholarships and awards available on the ONS website by clicking on www.ons.org. More information can be found at: <http://onsfoundation.org/apply/ed>
Scholarships are also available to you by completing a **simple** application process online.

WEST CENTRAL OHIO - ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY ALICE JORDAN MENTORSHIP AWARD

The Alice Jordan Mentorship Award was established in 2010 by the West Central Ohio Oncology Nursing Society (WCO-ONS) in memory of our colleague, Alice Jordan. Alice was a long time member of the West Central Ohio Chapter and was active in our chapter until her death in November 2007. From 1974-2005, Alice was an RN in women's health nursing and gynecologic oncology at Miami Valley Hospital. She advocated for excellent patient care by educating and mentoring numerous oncology nurses throughout her career.

Scholarship

The recipient of this award will receive a \$250 scholarship to apply toward an activity that supports the oncology nurse's practice as a mentor/educator. This may include, but is not limited to, areas such as certification, registration for an educational activity, or reimbursement for national dues.

Selection Criteria

The Alice Jordan Mentorship Award will be granted by a competitive selection process. **All applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered:**

1. The Applicant must be a member of WCO-ONS and be a registered nurse in the field of cancer nursing.
2. The Applicant must use the award for an activity that supports the oncology nurse's clinical practice as a mentor or educator.
3. The Applicant must submit a brief summary of the activity for an article in the WCO-ONS newsletter, the Central Line, during the year awarded.
4. The Nominator must submit the completed award application and nomination form.
Nominator must include all items at the time of submission.

Selection and Review Committee

The Scholarship Committee, appointed by the WCO-ONS, will review all applications and will use a grant scoring record. Names and other identifying information will be removed prior to the selection process. All decisions will be final.

Application Information

Application forms and information for submitting the application will be available by contacting a member of the WCO-ONS Board, or by request by contacting Joyce Russo, WCO Scholarship Chair. The application may also be accessed online by visiting the Chapter's Virtual Community at wcoho.vc.ons.org

Submission of Completed Application:

Deadline to submit applications is April 30, 2017. Applications will be accepted electronically, typed or neatly written by the deadline. Completed applications will be submitted to:

Joyce Russo
WCO ONS Scholarship Chair
via fax at (937) 656-1615
or via email at jrusso3@woh.rr.com

WHAT'S IN A BOARD MEMBER?

SUBMITTED BY: BECKY COLLINS, RN, BSN, OCN, CHPN

What's in a board member?

Always wanted to know what your WCO-ONS board members do? Well, wait no more! These are some of the duties for each member. We have a great time and would love having members attend our meetings. Please see the back of the newsletter for upcoming meeting dates.

President

- 1- Direct the activities of the chapter subject to control of the Board of Directors
- 2- If not elected by the membership, appoint required committee chairs, with board approval
- 3- Coordinate the development of chapter goals, strategic plan, objectives, and budget with the board and committee chairs
- 4- Monitor the implementation of the chapter goals, strategic plan, objectives, and budget
- 5- Advise the general membership and the board of progress toward the chapter goals, strategic plan and objectives, healthcare issues and trends, and information from the national Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
- 6- Schedule, formulate the agenda for each meeting
- 7- Coordinate the completion, review, and submission of the Annual Report according to procedures established by the national ONS
- 8- Mentor and prepare President-elect
- 9- Assure that the records of the chapter are maintained according to procedures established by the national ONS
- 10- Serve as a liaison between the general chapter membership, board, and national ONS
- 11- Represent the chapter at meetings of the national ONS and other healthcare groups as approved by the national ONS
- 12- Perform other responsibilities designated by the board or national ONS
- 13- Outreach Ohio liaison – ensure member attends meeting
- 14- Maintain official chapter records according to procedures established by the national ONS. Including but are not limited to the following
 - a. Chapter charter
 - b. Chapter standing rules
 - c. Annual reports
- 15- Notify all members of Board of meeting dates, times, and locations

President-elect

- 1- Learn the role of the President
- 2- Assume the role of the President in the following situations:
 - a. Absence of the President,
 - b. Inability of the President to act,
 - c. Resignation of the President, and/or
 - d. Expiration of the President's term
- 3- Consult with the President throughout term of office to provide for continuity and smooth transition of chapter leadership

- 4- Maintain chapter records associated with the office of President-elect according to procedures established by the Board or national ONS
- 5- Perform other responsibilities designated by the Board or national ONS

Immediate Past President

- 1- Mentor President and President-elect
- 2- Assume the role of the President if President-elect is unable to set in
- 3- Perform other responsibilities designated by the Board or national ONS

Secretary

- 1- Provide for continuity of chapter proceedings through recordkeeping of all official activities of the chapter
- 2- Maintain official chapter records associated with the office of Secretary according to procedures established by the national ONS. Records should include but are not limited to the following
 - a. Chapter charter
 - b. Chapter standing rules
 - c. Annual reports
 - d. Minutes of all meetings of the Board and general member meetings
- 3- Record minutes for all meetings of the Board and general membership
- 4- Distribute minutes of the Board and general member meetings as requested
- 5- Maintain a current roster of committee members and Board
- 6- Perform other responsibilities designated by the Board or national ONS

Treasurer

- 1- Develop an annual chapter budget, based on the review of the budget from the previous year and the goals and objectives of the chapter as approved by the Board (Refer to Chapter Treasurer's handbook)
- 2- Supervise the financial transactions of the chapter
- 3- Maintain all chapter financial records associated with the office of Treasurer in compliance with the policies and procedures established by the chapter Board and national ONS
- 4- Maintain systematic and accurate records of all chapter revenues and expenditures
- 5- Maintain all official chapter financial reports according to the procedures established by the national ONS
- 6- Prepare Annual Treasurer's Reports for the chapter President to sign and submit to ONS National by designated deadlines
- 7- Prepare a Treasurer's Report for presentation at each meeting of the Board and general membership meetings
- 8- Perform other responsibilities designated by the Board or the National ONS

Membership

- 1- Appointed by the Board to coordinate with National ONS regarding current chapter members via the list provided by ONS.
- 2- Coordinate with the Liaison coordinator to actively recruit new members for the chapter

ONS Mentor Coordinator

- 1- Appointed by the Board to coordinate with site liaisons throughout the area to ensure that chapter information is dispersed in the facilities and offices for existing members and perspective new members
- 2- Request that site liaisons report any accomplishments or honors of WCO members so as to recognize these accomplishments in the newsletter or at chapter program

Programs

- 1- Identify educational needs of the chapter membership
- 2- Provide programs that meet the identified educational needs of the chapter membership and that are consistent with the mission and Strategic Plan of ONS
- 3- Develop, distribute, and analyze the results of an educational needs assessment instrument to determine the educational needs and interests of chapter members
- 4- Develop an annual plan for meeting the educational needs of the chapter membership to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Date, time, and location for all programs
 - b. Program topic, format, and presenters/coordinators
 - c. Educational objectives
 - d. Required audiovisual equipment

- e. Evaluation plan
 - f. Continuing education credits (optional)
 - g. Promotion and advertising strategies
 - h. Annual budget for programs
- 5- Maintain a listing of chapter member and guest attendees at each educational offering

Nominations

- 1- Conduct an annual chapter election by email ballot insuring that each member has one vote ballot
- 2- Encourage chapter members to vote in chapter and national ONS elections
- 3- Help Establish qualification criteria for candidates for chapter offices in collaboration with the Board
- 4- Develop a plan for conducting an annual chapter election that includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Notification of the chapter membership offices to be filled
 - b. Length of term of office
 - c. Qualifications
 - d. Time commitment for each office
 - e. Deadlines for each phase of the election process
 - f. Solicitation of candidates
 - g. Production, distribution, and receipt of ballots
 - h. Counting the ballots
- 5- Distribute candidate information packets to all members who request materials.
 - a. Job description and responsibilities of each office
 - b. Length of term of office
 - c. Qualifications
 - d. Time commitment for each office
 - e. Request for candidate biographical information
 - f. Request for candidate statement of purpose
- 6- Review all materials submitted for each candidate for office
- 7- Work with Board members to prepare a slate of candidates to be submitted to the Board for approval
- 8- Produce a ballot that includes candidate biographical information, statement of purpose, instructions for voting, and deadline for return of the ballot
- 9- Email the ballot to all members who are current members of the national ONS and the chapter to verify that each member only has one vote
- 10- Receive and verify that ballots are complete and received by the published deadline for return
- 11- Assist the board and Tally the votes for each candidate
- 12- Communicate the election results to the Board, the candidates, and the general chapter membership
- 13- Help Implement strategies to encourage members to vote in chapter and national ONS elections

Community Outreach

- 1- Reaches out to community to assist/participate in education or charitable issues while increasing the visibility of oncology nurses in the community.

Historian/Archives

- 1- Compiles and stores historical information related to our local chapter and national ONS.
- 2- Organizes the information in a scrapbook to preserve data/memories.

Scholarships/Awards

- 1- Forward information from national ONS to chapter members.
- 2- Responsibilities include, but not limited to, announcing and reviewing applications for awards and scholarships, i.e. Excellence in Oncology, Pearl Moore, Chapter Awards
- 3- Facilitate the completion of applications before the appropriate deadlines

Legislative Advocacy

- 1- Works to help ensure patient access to quality, comprehensive cancer care by maintaining a communicative network with national, state, and local officials to advocate for issues of concern within the cancer care community.
- 2- Stays abreast of legislative issues related to the cancer care experience and reviews ONS political advocacy site for updates
- 3- Member of ACS CAN (Cancer Action Network)

- 4- Informs the chapter membership of Action Alerts from national ONS, and national and local issues of concerns through reports to the general membership meetings and newsletter

Program Collaboration/Registration

- 1- Submits CE accreditations to national ONS and prepares flyers for programs submitted
- 2- Assists with greeting and welcoming guests at programs and assures guests are signed-in
- 3- Assists with distribution of handouts and CEU's at programs and assures that evaluations are collected

Member-at-Large

- 1- Assist Board as directed and where needed

Newsletter

- 1- Compiles ideas and important oncology/chapter related information
- 2- Organizes and distributes the chapter newsletter by compiling ideas and important updates oncology/chapter related information
- 3- Reminds and encourages others to submit information for the newsletter
- 4- Newsletter is written for and about our members
- 5- Newsletter to include educational articles, clinical tips and kudos from the editor and multiple contributors

Virtual Community Administrator

- 1- Update and keep site current for members

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28TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE KALEIDOSCOPE OF ONCOLOGY CARE

Columbus Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society (CCONS) is having their 28th annual Spring Conference Kaleidoscope of Oncology **Kaleidoscope of Oncology Care** at Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, Ohio 43240. For registration and information, go to at <http://columbus.vc.ons.org/1889612> . Registration closes on March 22, 2017.

Kaleidoscope of Oncology Care is designed to showcase a multidisciplinary palette of oncology education and networking for all levels of nurses and health care providers that care for oncology patients. This year's fantastic speakers and professional presentations will provide you with increased knowledge and spirit to do what you do best for all oncology patients. In addition, the conference includes brunch on Thursday and breakfast and lunch on Friday as well as opportunities to win ONS Congress registrations, ONS memberships, and CCONS conference registration.



2017 CONGRESS

The 42nd Annual Congress is May 4 – 7, 2017 in Denver, Colorado

For those looking ahead to 2018, the 43rd Annual Congress will be held in Washington, DC from May 17 – 20, 2018.

EDUCATION AND SUPPORT HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE NURSING ASSOCIATION CINCINNATI TRI-STATE CHAPTER

Registration information will be posted on Facebook 2-4 weeks before each program.
“Like” us on Facebook: Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association, Cincinnati Tri-State Chapter
For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact ctc.hpna@gmail.com.

Most meetings are located in the Plaza A Conference Room at the West Chester Hospital 6:00p –
Registration, networking, dinner 6:30p – Business meeting 7:00p - Program

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a membership nationally recognized organization created to establish a network and support for nurses working in the specialty of palliative nursing across the lifetime continuum. It provides resources and support for advance practice nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing assistants and administrators who care for individuals with serious or life-threatening illnesses.

The Cincinnati Tri-State Chapter meets bimonthly at the West Chester Hospital, West Chester, Ohio 45069. The contact person is Debbie Heidrich (debbie.heidrich@gmail.com).

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Please consider joining the local tri-state chapter; the presentations are excellent and the opportunity to network is always beneficial.

WCO-ONS 2017 BOARD MEETING DATES:

Members are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend!

WHEN:

March 9, 2017
May 11, 2017
July 15, 2017 - retreat
September 14, 2017
November 9, 2017

WHERE: Hospice of Dayton

Meetings are on Thursday evenings unless otherwise specified. Complimentary dinner is served at 5:30pm. The meeting begins at 6:00pm following dinner. Please contact Mary Murphy at 937-256-9507 ext. 4417 to make reservations for the meal.



Log on to our WCO-ONS website at

www.wcoho.vc.ons.org/

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