

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY
NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, April 28, 2005
PLACE: Orland Florida, Orange County Convention Center, Room 225A
TIME: 5:15 PM (ET) – 6:30 PM (ET)
RECORDER: Diane Cope

ATTENDEES: (List of attendees attached)

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order and introductions of NP SIG Leadership made by Wendy Vogel, Coordinator-Elect, NP SIG.

II. Announcements

Celebration of 15th Anniversary of NP SIG. NP SIG awarded a certificate honoring this milestone at the ONS SIG and Chapter Reception (4/27/05). W. Vogel accepted this award in D. Cope's absence. W. Vogel gave a \$20 donation to the ONS Foundation honoring the NP SIG member who had been in the SIG the longest.

III. Approval of 2004 NP SIG Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve and seconded. Unanimous approval.

IV. Workgroup Overviews and Reports:

W. Vogel gave an overview of each workgroup.

A. NP SIG Webpage

B. Cahill has been the website editor and W. Vogel complimented the wonderful job she has been doing. W. Vogel invited members to go online to view the page and resources that are available.

B. Newsletter

B. Biedrzycki, V. Rudd and D. Heim current editors. Would like to add persons who are interested in being the editor or who would like to contribute articles to the newsletter. This is an excellent way to be published! It is required each SIG publish three newsletters per year.

C. Legislative

W. Vogel is chair of this group. This group is responsible for the webpage information on legislation and reimbursement. The group also monitors legislative activity and work with ONSTAT to inform the SIG membership of issues in legislature of interest to oncology nurse practitioners. W. Vogel discussed a new law that states Medicare will only pay for physical therapists to treat lymphedema. This could potentially affect some nurse practitioner's practices. We will work with the Lymphedema Management SIG in rectifying this matter. Members were encouraged to join ONSTAT and complete the orange cards to be taken to Washington after Congress.

D. Archives/Scrapbook/Poster

B. Biedrzycki chair this workgroup. She has solely been responsible for maintenance of the scrapbook and poster over the past few years. Looking for additional workgroup volunteers. Members were reminded to go visit the poster session and see the NP poster and scrapbook.

V. New Workgroups Needed

- A. Mentoring – discussed the past successful record of the NP SIG Mentoring Program. The SIG can either use the existing mentoring program of the NP SIG or use ONS's newly developed mentoring program. A. Stengel, Membership/Leadership Director, gave a brief description of the program. ONS's mentoring program may be able to personalize to meet the needs of the NP membership. W. Vogel encouraged people who are interested in being mentors or being mentored to sign up. M. Singer and H. James, two NP SIG members, shared their experiences with the NP SIG past mentoring program.
- B. Nominating – This workgroup needs to immediately identify person(s) for the coordinator-elect position. Deadline for submission of SIG Candidate Applications is July 15, 2005. This workgroup would also identify and submit nominations for various awards offered by ONS Foundation. Also keep track of the awards/honors recipients to recognize at Annual SIG meeting and in the newsletter. This group may also want to see sponsorship for a yearly award for a worthy oncology NP.
- C. Education – This group would identify and submit topics for Congress, Institutes of Learning (IOL) and NP seminar held in conjunction with IOL. Congress 2006 topic submissions are due June 7, 2005 and can be submitted online. The group would ensure that NPs are represented on the planning committees for each national meeting, by completing special project application for such. W. Vogel circulated a sign up sheet for manning NP SIG table and for needed room monitors at NP seminar/IOL
- D. Meeting Planning – The group would be responsible for planning Congress meeting (i.e. food, drinks, décor, room space, door prizes, sponsorship of meeting, advertisement, etc.). Would also like to plan a “meeting” or hospitality suite or some NP event at IOL/NP seminar.
- E. Membership – work to increase the SIG membership, make membership more desirable. The group would also work with the meeting planning workgroup to recruit new NPs to the SIG and to ONS.
- F. Special Projects – these would be workgroups that would form and be open as long as needed. In the past, the NP SIG has written an NP brochure (we may need to update?), formed the mentorship program. We would invite ideas for special projects.

VI. NP SIG QI and Needs Assessment

W. Vogel said the report was available for review by any SIG member.

VII. AANP Leadership Fellowship

D. Heim represented NP SIG and ONS at this yearly meeting in March in Washington, DC. She discussed with her state legislators issues MMA changes in reimbursement for outpatient chemotherapy. Thanks to Debbie for this representation

VIII. AOCNP Exam

C. Miller-Murphy, ONCC Executive Directory, was present as a guest speaker to give an update on the AOCNP exam for oncology NPs. She discussed how this test came about, eligibility to sit for the exam, and pass rates for the test. The group was reminded that this was a basic entrance level exam for the oncology NP who had been in practice about a year.

IX. SIG Excellence Award

W. Vogel reported that there will be a new award next year for the SIG that has excelled in promoting the mission and actualizing the strategic plan of ONS. More information on this award will be available after Congress.

X. NP SIG-Sponsored Educational Events at Congress

W. Vogel reported that there was a Pre-Congress session on the Management of medical problems in the oncology patient: cardiopulmonary complications and an Instructional Session: Cancer: The Myths and Urban Legends.

XI. Challenge from Radiation SIG

The Radiation SIG has challenged all other SIGs to beat them in raising monies for the ONS Foundation. Deadline is 5/1/05 to raise \$30,000 that will be matched by various pharmaceutical companies up to \$230,000. W. Vogel donated \$50 at this meeting and encouraged others to do the same. "Bucks" for the ONS Foundation wall and pins were available at the meeting. Thanks to L. Baker who assisted in collecting monies at the meeting.

XII. Issues/Needs of Membership

- A. Communication: need for discussion forum. Availability of list serve was discussed and will be reviewed.
- B. Some members are not receiving the newsletters. You may go online and check your membership status at www.ons.org then click on membership, then membership directory. Long in using your ONS user name and password. Then check your preferences. The first five boxes must not be checked to receive the newsletter via email.

XIII. Adjournment

Due to time restraints, the meeting was adjourned. W. Vogel will send out a communiqué after Congress with the link to the minutes, as well as other information that was not covered. Attendees were encouraged to network – take 5 business cards out and exchange with 5 people the didn't know. W. Vogel thanks Novartis Pharmaceuticals and J. Herron and the Zometa brand team for their sponsorship of the meeting.

Attendees List for NP SIG Meeting

SIG Members

Lorna Baker	JoAnn Flounders	Marilyn Kelly	Barbara Rogers
Barbara Biedrzycki	Elizabeth Galante	Tara Lacey	Jean Rosiak *
Elizabeth Burghen	Karen Gilbert *	Nancy Leahy	Tara Roy *
Jennifer Cannon	Elizabeth Hamlin *	Julie Lutz *	Dana Russell
Mary Ellen Caughran	Diane Hendrickson	Kelly Mack	Candace Schiffer
Diane Cope	Helen James	Joyce Marrs	Marybeth Singer
Lynn Ellis	Marciona Jose	Christine McGrade	Faith Strunk
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* Interested in being in a work group