

NP SIG MEETING  
ONS APN CONFERENCE  
11/10/06

- I. Welcome: Wendy Vogel opened the meeting to a little over 100 people and gave a welcome.
  
- II. Exciting News!  
The NP SIG won the SIG Excellence Award!! We will receive refreshments and private room and \$3000. We will be presented with a certificate by ONS president Georgia Decker at the Chapter President/SIG Coordinator Recognition Reception at Congress. There will also be a banner posted on our virtual community (<http://nursepractition.vc.ons.org/>) . Check it out!! The NP SIG will be spotlighted in an article in the SIGnal as well.
  
- III. Update on NP SIG projects:
  - A. NP Brochure: Cathy Franklin and Mary Pat Lynch have revised our Oncology NP brochure (see samples)! This is available for sale at the bookstore now. You can purchase these for your practice and there is a place to personalize these with your business cards.
  
  - B. So you Wanna Be an Oncology Nurse Practitioner: Barbara Biedrzycki, Heather Greene, Joyce Marrs, and Kathy Sharp are the authors of this new booklet that will be published by ONS Publishing Division. Wendy Vogel will be serving as the editor. This should be available by this time next year.
  
  - C. Idea about partnering with our ONS Journals: One of our members, Valarie Pompey, had the suggestion of working with one or both of our journals to allow us to have a featured spot where we can reach out to more APNs. We would love to have other input into this idea. One thing that that the journals are attempting to do is notify the SIG when an article is published that directly ties to a SIG. Wendy Vogel will be meeting with Rose Mary Carroll Johnson, editor of ONS to talk to her some ideas that you have about this. Please email Wendy at [wvogel@charter.net](mailto:wvogel@charter.net).
  
- IV. Charitable Giving by the NP SIG:  
This year we have chosen the American Red Cross and APNs who are overseas serving our country. We collected international phone cards for this cause. Many were not able to purchase the phone cards prior to the meeting, so over \$400 in donations were collected. A representative from the Red Cross was present and Candace Schiffer presented her with this gift. Thanks to all of you for your generosity. We have planned to make this a regular event at the APN conference, choosing a charity from the city that we are meeting in. Our official Congress meeting will, of course, focus on giving to the ONS Foundation.

- V. Quality Improvement Update:  
You should have received by email, a QI and Needs Assessment survey, about the NP SIG. I encourage you fill this out as soon as possible and return to ONS. The results will be put together and the SIG leaders will review this and assess what changes need to be made in our SIG. This is done each year. One of the questions from last year was: “What are the top 2 issues your SIG should address in 2005?” Besides the usual salary survey request (!), there was a request for a “study guide” for the AOCNP exam. I am happy to report that one is now “in the works”. Barbara Gobel, Shirley Triest-Robertson and Wendy Vogel are editing this review book. Many of our own NP SIG members are authoring chapters in this book. We hope to this published in 2008.  
Many of our members felt that communication with SIG members could be improved. As a result of this, you have seen more communiqués from the SIG coordinator this year. I hope that when you receive yet another email communiqué from me (Wendy), you will see that we are indeed trying to meet that need.
- VI. Workgroups
- A. Meeting Planners for Congress: We would love to have more help with this fun workgroup. We will actually have a great budget, from the SIG excellence award to work with this year!! We want to give a great BIG thank you to Candace Schiffer, Barb Biedrzycki, and Jean Rosiak for putting together (out of their own pockets) our decorations, door prizes, and passion stars for our APN conference meeting!
  - B. Mentorship: We need mentors!!! Please sign up online (<http://nursepractitioner.vc.ons.org/>) to be a mentor. You can talk to this committee’s chairperson, Kathy Sharp ([mulekat@charter.net](mailto:mulekat@charter.net)) for more information.
  - C. Education: We need to submit topics for the next APN conference online at <http://onsopcontent.ons.org/meetings/topicssubmission/> by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please cc Wendy Vogel ([wvogel@charter.net](mailto:wvogel@charter.net)) on topics that you submit. IOL topics are also due on this date and again, please let Wendy know if you submit a topic for the SIG.
  - D. Strategic Plan: This was updated last in January of 05. We are due to update this again by 6/1/07. Cathy Franklin has volunteered to head this workgroup. We need more members and we will work by email or phone to update this in time to vote on changes at Congress. Please contact Wendy ([wvogel@charter.net](mailto:wvogel@charter.net)) if you are interested in working on the strategic plan.
  - E. Nominating Committee: We need to nominate our SIG members for one of the 2007 ONCC Awards, the AOCN of the Year. This is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. There are also numerous foundation awards that we would love to see an NP SIG member receive! Just a few include the Connie Henke Yarbro Excellence in Cancer Mentorship Award, the Nurse Leader Career Development Award and there are others. You can get more information from the ONS booth or online at <http://www.ons.org/awards/index.shtml>.

Please cc Wendy Vogel ([wvogel@charter.net](mailto:wvogel@charter.net)) about your nomination so that can be included in our annual SIG report.

VII. ONS National Elections

ONS elections will be held from January 3 – February 14. PLEASE VOTE. You can go online at <http://www.ons.org/membership/election/candidates.shtml> and view the candidates and read about them. As you know, leadership should reflect the majority views. So select your candidates carefully. Write-in candidates may also be considered.

VIII. ONStat: **We need each and every NP SIG member** to be a part of ONStat.

This is a great opportunity to keep abreast of what is happening in Washington regarding oncology care and to make your voice heard in Washington. **Right now**, take a couple minutes, click on the following link and join: <http://www.ons.org/lac/onstat.shtml> .

IX. DNP

This continues to be a hot topic for most APNs. The NP SIG has tried to keep you updated on this issue. Online, on our virtual community, there is now an updated reference list on the DNP (<http://nursepractition.vc.ons.org/page/26617/index.v3page>). You can also obtain a synopsis of the literature online. ONS, in response to our membership, has just sent a letter to the AACN expressing our concerns about the AACN position statement. This will be posted on our virtual community ([http://nursepractition.vc.ons.org/file\\_depot/0-10000000/0-10000/3375/folder/14791/aacnletter.doc](http://nursepractition.vc.ons.org/file_depot/0-10000000/0-10000/3375/folder/14791/aacnletter.doc)). ONS has also developed a fact sheet on the DNP that you will want to read:

<http://www.ons.org/clinical/professional/QualityCancer/documents/dnpfacts.pdf>.

A big thank you is certainly in order to our Board for this communication. We will eagerly await the response from the AACN. As ONS, specifically the Board, continues to examine this issue, it is VITAL that you, the APN member express your views to the Board. Your SIG leadership certainly will continue to do so, but the Board needs to believe that the leadership represents the views of the majority. Please submit any ideas, suggestions, thoughts, etc to the Board. You can find the email addresses for the Board Members on the ONS website (<http://www.ons.org/membership/guide.shtml>) .

One question that has come up is “Should the NP SIG have a workgroup that addresses this issue and communicates with the Board of ONS?” At this meeting at the APN conference, members were given the following questions to discuss as well as ideas about the way ONS could assist its APN membership in working toward UNIFYING solutions. As you are aware, much of this will need to come at the state level and each of us needs to examine our own state’s definition of advanced practice nursing. Only 20% of our NP SIG membership (according to the most recent NP SIG demographics) are members of ANA. It may be that the

majority of our membership is not getting critical information about advanced practice nursing from any national or state professional organization. Please take a moment and thoughtfully review the questions presented below. We are seeking creative, unifying ideas and need your input. You may email the SIG coordinator at [wvogel@charter.net](mailto:wvogel@charter.net), and cc to the ONS Board. At this critical time, it is also vitally important to consider the AMA Scope of Practice initiative ensure that advanced practice nursing is unified in our opposition to this.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What implications does the DNP as entry level into APN practice have for advanced practice oncology care?

What implications does this (above) have for your personal practice?

How do you think this will impact oncology care in regard to present and future healthcare shortages (nursing, physicians, nursing faculty)?

What can ONS do to better inform our APN members about this issue (or any other issue critical to APNs)?

What can ONS do to assist APN membership in dialoging, brainstorming, and problem solving regarding this issue? (ie: discussion meetings at national conferences, chat room, discussion board, web chat, special speakers at meetings, etc)

What do you see that a workgroup of the NP SIG would do in regard to this issue? (ie function, roles, communication, work with CNS group, etc)

How do you see ONS's role in this issue?

How would you like to see ONS address this issue?

How would you like to see our SIG address this issue?

How do you think the AMA resolution to examine educational preparation of APNs in order to "protect" the public will affect the AACN proposal regarding the DNP?

Are these two issues equally important to oncology APNs? Why or why not?

What is the role of the ONS NP SIG in this issue?

How can your SIG better represent you in this issue?