

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES**

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Cancer Genetics Special Interest Group

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2003

Attendees: (See Attached List)

Place: Congress Meeting – Denver CO

Colorado Convention Center – Room 208C, Tables 5-6

Begin

Adjourn

5:15 PM (MT)

6:45 PM (MT)

Recorder: Judie Much

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Introductions	A. Masny introduced all of the officers present. Members introduced themselves.
Historian Needed	A. Masny announced the need for a new historian for the SIG as M. Frazier is unable to continue. D. MacDonald volunteered to be historian for the SIG.
Business:	
Approval of 2002 Minutes	Minutes of the last SIG networking meeting were approved as published in the CAG SIG newsletter. The motion was seconded.
Mission Statement	Mission statement and goals for the SIG were reviewed.
Goal 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Goal #1 is to achieve quality in cancer genetic care.2. A. Masny suggested as a way to help achieve that goal that at the next ONS Congress, we have an expert present at an evening meeting. For example, this year at Congress the NP SIG sponsored an evening meeting with an expert on NP billing. Funding suggestions included Myriad Genetics, Astra Zeneca, etc. C. Alexander from Genomic Health felt that she might be able to supply a speaker re: new genomic technology.3. A number of educational opportunities were discussed as a method of maintaining quality<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) ONS Genetics Short Courseb) NCI funded courses<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) City of Hope2) FCCCc) Myriad course
	ISONG credentialing is another way to assure quality.

TOPIC

DISCUSSION

Business: (cont.)

Goal 1 (cont.)

NSGC is interested in doing some joint projects

1. A vote was taken and the membership agreed that this avenue should be pursued.
2. Some members described feeling there was “competition” between genetic counselors and nurses practicing cancer genetic counseling.
3. As we work more with NSGC (many of us are already members) both groups will have a better appreciation of the unique aspects of each groups skill set and will see this as being complementary as opposed to competitive.

Goal 2

Goal #2 is to ensure the nurses role in cancer genetic care

1. ONS position statements have been updated
2. IOL was provided last year and is scheduled for this year.
3. Cancer nurses will need to know about
 - a) microarray technology (tumor profiles) which may provide important prognostic indicators showing who will and will not need chemo
 - b) risk profiles will be important in other arenas as there will be other genes, which put more of the population at risk (example “metabolism genes” which would influence who individuals metabolize drugs). These genes would have more importance in sporadic disease.
4. Topic submission for 2004 Congress “A test for all seasons”
 - a) Highlight basics of genetics and do into the newer applications of the technology
 - b) Also will involve the Ethics SIG, which will help look into ELSI issues of the new technology
5. J. Much discussed a proposed SIG project which would query the ONS membership to determine type of institution, and who provides genetic information in the institution and what educational preparation they have had.

TOPIC

DISCUSSION

Goal 2 (cont.)

6. Volunteers to work with J. Much included K. Roesser, R. Donohue, A. Strauss Tranin and A. Masny.
7. M. Weiner is working on a Genetics Bib for ONS CPON and asked for volunteers to share references.

Goal 3

- Goal #3 to enhance CAG SIG and ONS viability.
1. A. Masny asked if the group would like to have conference calls on evidence-based cancer genetics. The group agreed.
 2. Use virtual community to the fullest
 - a) Use for emails?
 - b) Should we survey the membership of the SIG to see if they are interested in sharing of email addresses?
 - c) C. Parker, RN: lilstoneycreek@hotmail.com with a degree in writing and editing, has worked with Listserves and search engines.
 3. Liaison with ISONG and NSGC
 - a) What kind of projects can we do with NSGC?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. (MT).

List of attendees at Cancer Genetics SIG Planning/Networking Meeting at Congress 2003

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