

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES**

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Cancer Genetics Special Interest Group

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2004

Place: Congress Meeting – Anaheim, CA

Anaheim Convention Center – Room 304

Begin

5:15 PM (PT)

Adjourn

6:45 PM (PT)

Attendees: (See Attached List)

Recorder: Judie Much

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Welcome	Agnes Masny welcomed the group to the CAG SIG meeting. This is Agnes's last meeting as coordinator of the SIG.
Introductions	Participants introduced themselves and discussed how their practice relates to cancer genetics. During introductions, the following people shared information for the good of the group: Sharon Olson announced that there are a number of undergraduate genetics courses on line, including University of Indiana, University of Pennsylvania. Deborah MacDonald volunteered an article for the newsletter on how to keep current on genetic information. Fellowships in Genetics are available at City of Hope. Pat Gambol has developed manuals for education regarding hereditary cancers that she is willing to share.
Introduction of SIG Officers and Praise for the Work of the Newsletter Editor and Co-Editors	Judith Much introduced herself as the incoming coordinator. Marilyn Kile introduced herself as the newsletter editor. The entire group congratulated Marilyn, Pat Kelly and Pat Herman on their hard work on the newsletter!
Activities at Congress	Agnes reminded the membership that there were still some seats available at the educational lecture tomorrow night about cancer genomics and patient decision-making.

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Congress 2005	Judie asked for volunteers to serve on a working committee to help plan Congress activities for next year. Suggestions from the group included a Wine and Cheese Networking meeting, a networking breakfast, roundtable discussions or instructional session on using the Virtual Community. Researchers suggested a roundtable discussion on their ongoing research. Others suggested a sharing of materials used in their clinics with the possibility of publication through ONS. Volunteers to help Judi plan for Congress included Deb MacDonald, Colleen McGuire and Julie Griffie.
Approval of 2003 Minutes	Minutes of the last SIG meeting were approved as published.
New CD form OES	Agnes reported that from Paula Reiger's ONS President's grant, a group (of which she was a part) created a new CD (which will also be available online entitled "Genetics in Nursing").
Discussion of Future of the SIG and Possible Collaborations with other Genetic Professional Groups	Agnes and Judie voiced concerns that some experienced members might be leaving the ONS SIG and not coming to Congress because of lack of strength of genetic information presented at Congress. Many members are also members in ISONG, NSGC, and ASCO. All of the groups compete for quality programs as well as strength in membership represented at their annual meetings. Recently Agnes and Judie participated in a phone conference with the President of NSGC as well as their Cancer SIG coordinator and coordinator-elect. NSGC's strategic plan reflects the need to partner with other professionals. NSGC is very interested in joint educational presentations, which might benefit both groups. In light of this, Agnes and Judie suggested a possible topic submission for Congress next year, which could be repeated at the NSGC meeting.

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Discussion of Future of the SIG and Possible Collaborations with other Genetic Professional Groups (cont.)	Additionally, ISONG is developing its own Cancer SIG. Judie and Agnes had a conference call with Paula Reiger re: loss of experiences members and receptivity of National to partnering with other groups. ONS National already has an informal relationship with ISONG and has agreed to allow a similar relationship with NSGC. Judie has appointed Agnes to be the liaison between NSGC and ONS CAG SIG. Agnes pointed out that collaboration could be as broad as with NSGC, ISONG, and ASCO joint educational programs. Discussion ensued re: a possible joint list serve with ISONG. In the past ONS has not wanted to do a listserv because of the administrative problems it creates. However, Judie reminded the group that on the Virtual Community, if one signs on the website, one can post questions on the website (CAG) and a virtual discussion can ensue.
Suggestions to Ensure Experienced Members	Mentoring, both of a clinical nature, as well as a mentoring group for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- research- billing information- increased use of Virtual Community- increased communication through communiqué mechanism- time for actually discussion re: difficult cases, billing issues, etc.
Strategic Plan	Agnes/Judie will include goals of collaboration in the new strategic plan.
Pre-Congress Topic Suggestions for 2005	Agnes will put together the collaborative program with NSGC entitled, "The Power of Partnership". Included in the session will be mini-sessions on "the mind=body partnership", "gene-gene partnerships", "partnering in communities", and finally "professional partnerships".
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. (PT).

List of attendees at Cancer Genetics SIG Planning/Networking Meeting at Congress 2004

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