

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY  
CANCER GENETICS (CAG) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 28, 2005  
**PLACE:** Orlando Florida, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Salon 9  
**TIME:** 5:15 PM (ET) – 6:30 PM (ET)  
**RECORDER:** Cathy Belt

**ATTENDEES:** (List of attendees attached)

**I. Introductions**

Judy Much introduced new coordinator-elect, Jennifer Loud. Attendees introduced themselves and area of practice.

Award Recipients: Two SIG members were acknowledged for ONS awards: 1) Agnes Masny – Mary Nowotny Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education and 2) Marilyn Kile – Editor of CAG SIG newsletter, ONS Foundation Practice Change Research Grant. Cancer genetics guests from NSGC were welcomed to the meeting.

**II. Approval of 2004 CAG SIG Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**III. Power of Partnership Pre-Congress Session – A. Masny**

1. Key objective – expand collaboration with other disciplines. Emphasize benefit of multi-disciplinary collaboration on cancer practice counseling.
2. Overview of program (Evidence Based Practice changes, likely to be seen on the horizon R/T cancer genetics testing, risk identification and practice. NSGC planning similar partnership focus program at their fall 2005 programs.
3. Attendance was low – recommendation to resubmit as Congress topic for 2006. General consensus that low attendance probably due to Pre-Congress additional expense for attendees.
4. Audio problems during speaker was disrupting – J. Much spoke with Laura Fennimore who will investigate whether that portion of the program can be re-worded for the audiotape sales.
5. Communicate via newsletter if program will be available via CD Rom or ONS CAG SIG virtual community.

#### IV. Topics for Congress 2006

1. Setting Up Genetics Risk Assessment Program In a Community – suggestion already submitted to J. Much.
2. Insurance Discrimination Fears R/T Genetic Testing for Increase Risk
  - NSGC statement used affecting to reassure patients
  - Submit topic “Barriers To Genetic Testing” – E. Comeras will submit
  - SACGHS – A. Masny sits on Genetics Discrimination Act sub-group. Senate recently held open hearings on fear of discrimination. Emphasize role of nurses to advocates and legislation.
3. A. Masny will resubmit “Power in Partnership” a Congress session for 2006.
4. Case Studies in Genetic Risk Assessment – full session on case presentation and incorporate multi-disciplinary team.

#### V. Partnering With Other Groups – K. Stanley

Members can access the ONS web site to identify formal and informal alliance lists.

*Formal alliance* between organizations carries extensive responsibilities (i.e. ANA, ACS – Board sends individual ONS representative). Process oriented alliance as opposed to outcome alliance.

*Informal alliances* more collaborative,

objective or strategically focused for specific results benefiting patients/professionals.

*Joint membership* – no prior relationship with an organization that is comprised of non-nursing members. This would be precedent setting and needs consideration. Joint membership with ISONG is possible, joint membership with NSGC needs consideration. The SIG should draft a proposal.

1. Draft proposal regarding joint membership- writing the goals, developing the objectives and desired outcomes. C. Bellcross fact sheet for NSGC – Board member re: organization. A. Stengel would assist in evaluating joint membership.
2. D. MacDonald presented suggestions from ISONG President K. Calzone who was unable to attend because of illness.
  - a. K. Calzone “Multi-disciplinary cancer genetics SIG” suggestion: 1) would need to define who would “own” this, how would this work, what would it look like; 2) NSGC Cancer SIG is more diverse in membership and find this group helpful – suggest Virtual or web based SIG. J. Much requested volunteers to explore this area SIG.
3. Would ONS offer CE’s for genetic curriculum or attend Congress? ONS would be willing to do the documentation if NSGC could waive the fee for the CE certificates. C. Bellcross will look into this.
4. Would like multi-organizational project topic including NSGC, ASCO, ISONG and ONS with multi-disciplinary focus. Full day conference to fully include all perspectives. Need proposal and budget. This would need to get to ONS board by end of summer. Perhaps IOL would be a better venue.
  - a. ONS Congress schedule typically doesn’t have a great deal of genetics related topics to attract those cancer nurses focused primarily on genetics. Topic submissions have been declined in the past. K. Stanley suggested SIG resubmit genetic topics. Suggestion to resubmit as “back to back” sessions. Fall IOL might be more appropriate venue due to “track” format.

b. Suggestion to seek Komen grant for funding this project.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendees List for CAG SIG Meeting**

**SIG Members**

Florence Basford  
Laura Beamer \*  
Cecilia Bellcross  
Catherine Belt  
Ilene Comeras \*  
Ruth Foelber  
Lindsay Gaido  
Nancy Hane

Ann Jones \*  
Shari Kretzschmer  
Jennifer Loud  
Deborah MacDonald  
Agnes Masny \*  
Judie Much  
Renee Muellenbach \*

**Not SIG Members**

Ionie Murillo-Lane

**Not ONS Member**

Rasha Ahmad  
Linda Al-Manfalouit  
Khaled Alwardat  
Kristin Augustine  
Jill Baran  
Terri Bogar  
Terry Cerlite  
Karen Charles \*

\* Interested in being in a work group