

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 24, 2007  
**PLACE:** Las Vegas, Nevada, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Tradewinds B  
**TIME:** 5 :15 PM (PT) – 6 :30 PM (PT)  
**RECORDER:** Mary Fraser

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

**I. Welcome & SIG Leadership Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Loud who introduced coordinator-elect, Lisa Aiello-Laws and Millie Arnold, new newsletter editor. Received a lot of positive feedback on recent newsletter issue. Coordinator wants to see mutual benefits – of members helping SIG and SIG/ONS helping members.

**II. Nominating Committee – Jean Rosiak & Bertie Ford (Board of Directors)**

Attendees were encouraged to vote in future elections. Handouts (“It’s Time to Get Involved” were distributed on getting involved in ONS – many opportunities.

**III. Approval of 2006 CAG SIG Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**IV. State of the SIG**

- A. Currently there are 389 members in the SIG – 1% increase.
- B. Only 50% of ONS members belong to a SIG. 25% of SIG members belong to another SIG.
- C. Three Congress presentations accepted for 2007, 1 poster (7 submitted) and sponsored one full day genetics course at 2006 Institutes of Learning.
- D. Core competencies – ONS involved with NHGRI/NCHPEG initiative to get genetics curriculum included in NCLEX exam.
- E. Open position: Virtual Community Web Administrator

**V. Old Business – Jennifer Loud**

- A. Certification in Cancer Genetics is of interest to group. Need to develop proposal for Board of Directors review. (Refer to ONS position statement for roles delineated by practice level). ISONG APGN (32 nurses have sought it; GCN 8 granted).
- B. Billing Issues – many differences across roles, states (break down by state, lack of codes) e.g. NP billing of genetic risk assessment.

**VI. New Business – Jennifer Loud**

- A. Results of the needs assessment survey and plans to address needs were discussed.
1. Continuing educational opportunities for nurses at all levels of practice; looking to members for assistance in developing concept for Institutes of Learning and Congress 2008.
  2. Improved communication within the SIG
  3. Provide opportunities to advance professionally
  4. Magnet opportunities
- B. Virtual Community Administrator position open. Membership logon with monitoring.

**VII. Review of Strategic Plan**

Will circulate communication on Virtual Community.

**VIII. Congress and Institutes of Learning Topic Submission Ideas**

Working group?

**IX. Interest in Working Groups on Specific Topics**

Looking for volunteers for

1. Virtual Community
2. Nomination Group
3. Newsletter Contributors
4. Education Workgroup

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by coordinator.

**Attendees List for CAG SIG Meeting**

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