



RONs

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As many of our active members are interested in becoming a local chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), the September 16 quarterly meeting will debate and then vote on making such a move. The discussion will be led by Program chairperson Mona Epp.

Mary Maxwell, past ONS vice-president, asked us during her presentation at our spring meeting last April, where we as a group wanted to be in three years and in ten years. What are our dreams? The ONS will have 10,000 members in ten years. Do we want to be among them?

There are now 37 chapters of the ONS, with many more being chartered at each annual meeting.

The ONS education committee will be the agency for certification of oncology nurses. As members, we could have some input into that process.

Advantages of membership include:
1) monies available for special project funding (applicants were awarded from \$150 to \$1000 in the past year); and
2) we would retain financial autonomy--each member pays dues (\$38) directly to ONS. It is customary for each chapter to request an additional, nominal fee from each member.

There were at least 15 of us from RONs at the ONS meeting in San Diego in May. We were all convinced we should apply for local chapter status. Our application would be reviewed in January 1984. Come, join us as we move on.

Judy Kornell, President

QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

The following is an abbreviated version of the secretary's minutes of the RONs meeting held April 15, 1983 in Seattle.

President's Report by Judy Kornell: In March the RONs pres. and vice-pres. met with Mr. Luptow of ACS, and requested a grant through their unit committee. Discussion included ACS printing of the '83 Symposium Proceeding and office space at the ACS office. Plans have been initiated for the '84 Symposium and Rosemary Ford will serve as co-chairperson.

Vice-President's Report by Janet Schwarz-Appelbaum: Janet met with the Nurses' Committee of the ACS to discuss the grant RONs was seeking. She was well received and there was no conflict identified with the two groups working together. There was some concern expressed as to how RONs will change if it affiliates with ONS. ACS is not the only source of support available to RONs, and RONs may choose to become the orchestrator of regional activities related to cancer nursing. ACS will support the newsletter and provide office space. Unresolved questions included ACS covering
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NEXT RONs MEETING

Summer Quarterly Meeting
Sept. 16, 1983 7:00PM

Swedish Hospital
747 Summit, Seattle
John Locke Conf. Rm.
2nd Floor, main hospital

Program: Work Sessions
(1) Goals of individual members
(2) How RONs functions as a leader in cancer nursing care
(3) ONS affiliation - membership vote