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Oncology Nursing Society of Greater Kansas City

2016 Board Member Candidates

President Elect

Jennifer Arthur (ONS Member for 8 years)

Experience: “I have worked on the oncology inpatient unit for 2 years and as a clinical nurse coordinator for 5 years. Then I transitioned to Cerner Corporation, where I currently work as an Oncology Clinical Consultant. I am a consultant that collaborates with clients across the nation and international implementing the oncology electronic medical record. I am an Adjunct Instructor. I hold my OCN.”

Education: BSN, MSN (Organizational Leadership)

Thoughts about the chapter: “I would like the chapter to continue to stay involved with the oncology community and add value to the overall oncology community. I would do this by encouraging less involved members to become more involved. It would also be very important to concentrate on all the metro cancer centers in the area to have them involved and participating in our local chapter. Working at an IT company, I am also interested in improving the use of technology for communication and participation.”

Secretary

Joann Adams (ONS Member for 16 years)

Experience: “I have worked in various roles during my oncology nursing career to include: general medical oncology office/triage nurse; chemotherapy administration nurse; clinical nurse coordinator for Gyn Onc specialist and Melanoma/Sarcoma specialist; nurse navigator for lung cancer and thoracic surgery. I also have worked briefly as a radiation oncology nurse and research nurse.”

Education: BSN

Thoughts about the chapter: “I would like to see the chapter more involved in the community (cancer awareness, screening events/providing information, etc). Would also like to see the GKC area’s new oncology nurses get involved in the chapter. Of course, the question is how do we reach out and get them excited about belonging to the chapter. Challenging goals, but worth it!”

Thoughts about the position: “For the secretary position, I think my personal characteristics of being timely, dependable and accurate would serve me well. Thank you for considering me for the GKCCONS board’s secretary position.”
**Director At Large (2 Openings)**

**Diann Godbey (ONS Member for 3 years)**

Experience: My experience includes 34 years specializing in the care of cancer patients. I am presently working as a Nurse Educator for pharmaceutical hematology. Previously I was a clinician in an Outpatient Orthopedic Clinic. I was hired to support the practice of their orthopedic oncologist. In the past year I worked with hospice as their first Patient Care Liaison. This position was part nursing and part marketing. I was responsible for CE presentations to the hospitals I am supporting both to staff and patients. Prior to hospice I coordinated and navigated for a Cyberknife Center. That position opened my horizons to Radiation Oncology and Stereotactic Surgery. This is an area I had very little exposure to and feel it has rounded out my knowledge of oncology care. The previous 9 years were spent as the Clinical Nurse Coordinator in a practice that specialized in the care and treatment of breast cancer patients in an ambulatory setting both during treatment and in survivorship. In addition I have had experience with hospice and palliative care and I have worked both inpatient and outpatient facilities. I have continued working in a hospital-based infusion center to keep my “hands-on” nursing skills proficient. I am presently working on my Master’s degree in Nursing Education.”

Education: ADN; BSN; MSN (Education)

Thoughts about the chapter: “As I have not been a local member for a long period I need to observe and learn its most recent past. Learn from other what works and what doesn’t. But as someone who is fairly new to the chapter I hope I can bring a fresh view. I love communing with nurses that I have known for years an learning from them and hope I can bring something to the table for them. Continuing Education is so important for nurses as oncology care changes so frequently it is hard to keep up to date.”

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**Michaela Logan (ONS member for 9 years)**

Experience: “13 years of experience in Inpatient Oncology – bedside nursing, charge RN, and Nurse Manager. Volunteer with the American Cancer Society. ONS Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Instructor 2006-2013. Current OCN. Served on the board as the chair of the nominating committee from 2012-2013.”

Education: BSN, OCN

Thoughts about the chapter: “I believe the KC Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society allows nurses the opportunity to network and support one another in our oncology nursing profession. I would love to see more involvement from nurses newer to oncology. I believe their needs differ from the needs of more experienced oncology nurses and I would love to foster collaboration or mentoring with new chapter members and experienced staff.”
Membership Chair

Nicole Pasley (ONS Member for 3 years) – (Co-Chair with Julie Withers)

Experience: “I have been working in oncology for 7.5 years. I started on an inpatient unit and have been working in an outpatient infusion room for four years. I received my certification in chemotherapy and biotherapy in 2008 and became OCN certified in 2013.”

Education: ADN, BSN

Thoughts about the chapter: “I would like to see the younger nurses be more involved. Better advertisement for ONS would help immensely. I had never heard of ONS until I sat my OCN and even then what I knew was minimal.”

Julie Withers (ONS Member for 3 years) – (Co-Chair with Nicole Pasley)

Experience: “I have been an oncology nurse for 5 years. For the first 1.5 years I worked on an inpatient medical oncology unit. I took care of a vast population of patients. I had the opportunity at that time to become chemotherapy certified and had experience administering chemotherapy. I have worked in an outpatient oncology clinic for 3.5 years working as an infusion nurse. I have had the experience working alongside with providers as well as working as a triage nurse. I have been involved in our hospital shared governance council and am chair of the practice council. I have been certified in chemotherapy and biotherapy for 4.5 years and OCN since December 2013.”

Education: BSN

Thoughts about the chapter: “I would like to see the Kansas City ONS chapter become better known in the oncology community as to what they provide to their members. I would like to see more members involved in education events and making those events at various location making it welcoming to all members.”

Programs

Rebecca Claassen (ONS Member for 2 years)

Experience: “Worked as a float RN (Exam/Treatment/BMT) and clinical nurse coordinator (Breast and Hematology). I currently am in charge of educational programs for the staff I work with. Inpatient oncology at multiple facilities and a hospice case manager and RN.”

Education: BSN; BA

Thoughts about the chapter: “I would like to see more opportunities for oncology nurses to continue learning and growth in their profession.”
Nominating (2 Openings)

Brittany Waller (ONS Member for 5 years)


Education: BSN; MSN in progress

Thoughts about the chapter: “The more members the merrier! I love to see more student and staff nurse participation from as many institutions as possible. With this we will be able to have more community outreach activities!”

Angela Burlingame (ONS member for 1 year)

Experience: “7 years as a floor nurse in oncology. OCN certified for 2 years. Chemo certified. Charge RN.”

Education: ADN, BSN

Thoughts about the chapter: “I think certifications equal better outcomes for patients. Gives patient greater confidence in nursing staff.”