ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY
ETHICS (ETH) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2008
PLACE: Philadelphia, PA, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 303-AB
TIME: 4:30 PM (EST) – 6 PM (EST)
RECORHER: Rebecca Kopke

ATTENDEES: (List of attendees attached)

I. Welcome/Introductions
Attendees were welcomed and introductions were made: Andrea Hansen, coordinator and Laura Beamer, coordinator-elect. L. Beamer is the newsletter editor and has been involved with the SIG many years. She is not here due to a poster presentation.

II. Approval of 2007 ETH SIG Meeting Minutes
Minutes were approved with one revision.

III. Nominating Committee – Eric Cohen
16.6 % members voted in this past election and SIG have a 20% voting rate. Leadership volunteer opportunities handouts were distributed and attendees were encouraged to contact any Nominating Committee member or visit the ONS website to answer any questions they may have re: running for office (SIG or national level).

IV. Ongoing Projects
- Posted a joint newsletter with other SIGs, would like to continue this process
- Would like to create a regional expert directory - need to identify interests in ETH SIG
- Working to improve the virtual community for communication, looking for assistance from members who are internet savvy – J. Shinsky is available for training/questions.
- Communication within the SIG is an issue, again looking to maximize communication using the Virtual Community.
- Pain Management (PAI) SIG looking for member qualifications (?) they are also developing a regional directory
- SIG Council also looking into identifying experts within the SIGs membership
- We are in need of a newsletter editor, position description handed out and also included in past newsletter.
- Need an archivist – helps to keep the history of the SIG. Looking for someone to take pictures and maintain the history of the SIG. Many SIG’s do this virtually and we hope to add this feature to the virtual community.
- Ethics SIG Need Assessment Survey — 11% response rate. Results show communication within SIG is a challenge and again we identified that we need to use the Virtual Community more.
V. Topic Submissions
- Ethical Issues – treatment limitations, medical/legal issues, allocate resources, region training opportunities, Schwartz Rounds, ethical dilemmas with ethical diversity case studies
- Would like the members to use the Discussion section of the Virtual Community to suggest topics. Posting a message will go to ETH SIG members who have subscribed to the Virtual Community
- Moral Distress in Nursing – dying patient, patient in severe pain, literature directly related to end of life care, nurse forced to do something ethically inappropriate. With Magnet status there is a need to understand ethic issues and the role of ethics. Moral distress is a type of helplessness because there is no resolution.
- Cancer Vaccines for this Congress was a co-sponsored event with the Prevention/ Early Detection SIG hope to continue this collaboration with other SIGs
- Ethics made easy: How to work through an ethical dilemma – ethical decisions process
- Ethical issues related to chemotherapy drugs
- Professional Autonomy
- Pregnancy and the cancer patient
- Develop nurse friendly ethical atmosphere to ONS
  If anyone is interested in submitting a topic e-mail A. Hansen or L. Beamer. Guidelines for PowerPoint’s, etc. are on the ONS website.

VI. Education Plan for ETH SIG
- Develop nurse friendly ethical environment
- Oncology membership on ethics committee within facility
- Collaboration with other SIGs

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m. (EST)

Attendees List for ETH SIG Meeting

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**Guest**
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* Interested in being in a work group