

**ISNCC General Business Meeting
August 20th, 2008, Singapore
Minutes**



<p>1. CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by Sanchia Aranda at 12:10pm SGT.</p>	
<p>2. WELCOME</p> <p>Sanchia Aranda welcomed the attendees to the biennial ISNCC General Business Meeting.</p>	
<p>3. INTRODUCTION OF THE ISNCC BOARD – CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>Sanchia Aranda introduced all current and new Board of Directors members. The new 2008 Board of Directors includes:</p> <p>President: Sanchia Aranda President-Elect: Greta Cummings Secretary/Treasurer: Patsy Yates</p> <p>Board of Directors</p> <p>Africa and the Middle East Juliet Dreyer (Israel) Petra Fordelmann (Africa)</p> <p>Central and South America Luz Esperanza Ayala de Calvo (Colombia)</p> <p>Europe Carol Tishelman (Sweden)</p> <p>Far East and Australasia Tish Lancaster (Australia) Kazuko Onishi (Japan)</p> <p>North America Esther Green (Canada) Catherine Glennon (USA)</p>	
<p>4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2006 BUSINESS MEETING</p> <p>Minutes from the 2006 Business Meeting approved.</p>	
<p>5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT</p> <p>Sanchia Aranda presented the President’s Report. Copies of this report were included in the General Business Meeting handouts.</p>	

<p>6. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT</p> <p>Candy Cooley presented the Secretary/Treasurer Report. Copies of this report were included in the General Business Meeting handouts. All financial figures for 2007/2008 included in the report. Hard copies of draft audit for 2007/2008 available via Candy Cooley.</p> <p>Candy Cooley identified the following issues in the report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 14th ICCN income paid into the Society account in February 2008 therefore Society cash flow positive 2. 15th ICCN will generate less net income than expected, therefore differences will be covered by the 14th ICCN funds 	
<p>7. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGES</p> <p>Sanchia Aranda explained that the Society is proposing changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. The previous Constitution had regional representation and rigid requirements. Goals for Constitution changes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to increase flexibility 2. become more member-driven 3. improve member communication. <p>Major changes to the Constitution include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. development of a Board of Director structure 2. Board of Director representation 3. full voting members <p>Sanchia Aranda outlined that all Constitution suggestions will be considered and the final Constitution will be sent to Member Societies for official vote previous to final decision.</p> <p><u>Development of Representational Structure</u> Goal is to develop a Member Council with full voting rights. Full voting members would elect an individual to represent their country on the Member Council. This individual would be expected to meet biennially at the Member Council meeting and act as a point of contact communication for their individual Societies. This will enhance the formal contributions of individual ISNCC Society members.</p> <p><u>Board of Director Structure</u> New Board of Directors structure proposed to have 3 Executive Committee members (President, President-Elect or Past President, and Secretary/Treasurer) and 6 Board members. The 6 Board members would be nominated and elected by the entire Member Council based on specific skills and portfolios, rather than regional representation. The goal of this change is to improve representation in the Society from numerous countries.</p> <p><u>Full Voting Members</u></p>	

<p>Proposed changes allow for all members with the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. formally recognized cancer Society 2. members across individual country or region 3. comparable objectives and goals <p>This will help to prevent anomalies such as the European Oncology Nursing Society (regional representation) and United Kingdom Oncology Nursing Society (countries with more than a single representative nursing Society).</p> <p><u>Questions and/or Comments</u></p> <p>A representative from Taiwan stated support for the Member Council changes and is looking forward to increased participation.</p> <p>A representative from Zimbabwe stated support for the Member Council and requested clarification regarding Board positions. Sanchia Aranda explained that all full members will be able to nominate and vote for all Board of Directors members.</p> <p>A representative from United Kingdom Oncology Nursing Society stated support for the new full member criteria and suggested this will increase membership.</p> <p>Sanchia Aranda suggested that this change will allow full members to drive Society business and agenda items and she is looking forward to the increased participation.</p>	
<p>8. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>a. Proposed Changes to Membership Fees</p> <p>ISNCC has removed all membership fees for low resource countries and reduced those for high resource countries. The goal of these changes has been to enhance cancer nursing in all parts of the world. The purpose of reducing high resource membership fees is to increase participation in the Society via in-kind support.</p> <p>b. Twinning Program</p> <p>Virginia Gumley explained that the new Twinning Program will replace the current Adopt-a-Society Program. This change will improve partnerships, relationships and the program overall. This program will have no financial obligations – only exchange of knowledge and in-kind information. Twinning will be a 2-way partnership between all levels of membership (ie: individual, society, institution, etc.) for differing reasons (ie: area of interest, language connection, geographic location, etc.). The process will be formalized shortly, posted on the website and communicated via newsflash.</p>	
<p>9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2010</p>	

<p>The location of the 2010 meeting is currently unknown but will be communicated within the next few months. Increased consideration will be given to the choosing of this location as a result of recent changes in the industry and other strategic requirements.</p>	
<p>5. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Sanchia Aranda adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm SGT.</p>	