

Benefits of SIG Leadership

- Recognition as a leader in a national/international oncology nursing organization
- Recognition in:
 - SIG Newsletters
 - SIG Virtual Community
 - ONS Online
 - ONS Leadership Update Newsletter
 - SIG Poster/Scrapbook at Congress
- Letter of appreciation to employer
- Develop leadership skills/Attend SIG Leadership Workshop
- Opportunity to make professional contact nationwide
- Speaking opportunities
- Opportunity to mentor future SIG leaders and nurses with your subspecialty
- Facilitate networking and communication with SIG membership
- Develop and lead all facets of SIG operation, including newsletter production and maintenance of individual virtual community page
- Opportunity to give input on various ONS products, services and processes (publications, position statements, etc.)

Monetary Benefits

- 50% off new publications
- Travel, 2 nights per diem/hotel & meals at July SIG Leadership Workshop
- Earn ONC-PRO points for Volunteer Service

The Rewards of Serving

In the current healthcare climate, where the day-to-day demands of caregiving are intensified by budget cuts, ONS volunteers may find it difficult to participate in ONS activities that take them away from the workplace. If your employer has concerns about your participation in ONS, perhaps it would be helpful to point out the following benefits of volunteerism in a national association:

- Builds professional skills to benefit your institution, such as enhanced leadership, communication, and teamwork.
- Builds your knowledge base about healthcare issues, cancer issues, and cancer nursing to contribute to a higher level of practice.
- Provides opportunities to meet and influence legislators and policy.
- Provides exposure to other oncology nurses in a wide variety of settings to provide a broader perspective on the trends and changes in the oncology nursing specialty and healthcare systems. This may help your institution meet future healthcare challenges.
- Gives your employer nationwide visibility and increased credibility within your community.
- Supports commitment to the professional association and develops the oncology nursing specialty.