



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NURSES IN CANCER CARE CONSTITUTION

Article I. Establishment

The Society is established and will be known as the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (hereinafter sometimes referred to as 'the Society').

Article II. Objects and Powers

1. The objects of the Society shall be:
 - a. Improving the health and well-being of people at risk for or living with cancer. Through its strategic coalitions and partnerships, the Society influences and participates in setting directions for cancer nursing, health policy and cancer control initiatives that are intended to improve the health and well-being of people around the world.
 - b. Enhancing nursing in improving cancer care. The Society leads a global community of cancer nursing practice to share, discuss and debate strategies and innovations that advance clinical practice, education, research and management.
 - c. Developing nursing leadership in cancer care delivery. The Society supports the development of current and emerging cancer nursing leaders globally.
2. To achieve the Objects, the Society will use its power to:
 - a. Enable communication with, between and among cancer nurses internationally through a variety of means, engaging them actively in the work of cancer nursing
 - b. Take action to ensure that policy makers, decision makers and international organizations understand and value the knowledge, skills and experience that cancer nurses bring to the cancer system
 - c. Collaborate with international organizations (including but not limited to: International Union against Cancer, UICC; World Health Organization, WHO; International Council of Nurses, ICN; Pan American Health Organization, PAHO; United Nations, UN) to enhance the role that cancer nurses have in reducing the burden of cancer, meeting the needs of cancer patients and their families; and speaking out on issues to advocate for improvements in the care experience.
 - d. Enhance the development of cancer nurses and nursing leaders in cancer through a variety of means, including but not limited to publications, conferences, scholarships

Article III. Membership

The Society shall establish categories of membership in keeping with its objects and powers.

The rights and obligations of various categories of membership shall be set forth in the by-laws.

Article IVa. Executive Committee and Board of Directors (Trustees)

1. The Society shall be governed by a Board of Directors (Trustees) including an Executive Committee made up of the Executive Officers. The Board of Directors will be comprised of 9 individuals:

- § The Executive Officers (3)
- § 6 Board Members elected to portfolios of responsibility established by the Board of Directors

2. The Executive Officers of the Society are:

- § President
- § Past President (for first two years of presidential term)
- § President-Elect (for second two years of presidential term)
- § Secretary/Treasurer

3. The election and duties of the President, Past President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Directors shall be as set forth in the bylaws and in position descriptions established for each position.

Article IVb. Member Council

Full members of the Society will constitute the Member Council. Full members will be cancer nursing societies as defined in the bylaws. The functions of the Member Council will be set forth in the Society's by-laws and will include but not be limited to:

- § Nomination and election of the Board of Directors
- § Nomination and election of Executive Officers

Article V. Committees

The Board shall appoint standing or ad hoc committees as shall be deemed necessary to further the objects of the Society and shall determine their terms of reference, powers, duration and composition.

Article VI. Meetings

1. The Society shall organise meetings in accordance with its objects and powers and in furtherance of its stated objects. These meetings shall include but not be limited to:

- § An annual board meeting
- § A biennial business meeting
- § A biennial member council meeting
- § A biennial international conference on cancer nursing

2. The bylaws of the Society will set out the requirements for any duly constituted meetings of the Society.

3. Extraordinary meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the majority vote of the Directors.

Article VII. Language

The official language of the Society shall be English.

Article VIII. Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by the Board or by petition of a full member and submitted in writing at least 2 months prior to the biennial meeting.

1. A two-thirds majority of full (voting) members present will determine the fate of the amendment provided that no alteration shall be made to Article II (1) Objects, Article XI Dissolution, or this Article, until the approval in writing of the Charity Commission or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained, and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a charity in law.

Article IX. Finance.

1. All monies raised in the name of the Society shall be held in an account under the name of the Society or any wholly owned subsidiary company in a bank account(s) approved by the Board.
2. The financial management of the Society shall be set forth in its by-laws.

Article X. Indemnity

Every trustee, director or other officer or auditor of the Society shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Society against any liability incurred by him in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the Court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Society.

Article XI. Dissolution

If the Board of Trustees decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Charity it shall call a meeting of all members of the Charity, of which not less than 60 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Board of Directors shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the charity as the members of the charity may determine or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement, for the final accounting period of the Charity must be sent to the Charity Commission.

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