



FSOSW BOARD MEETING NOMINATIONS REPORT

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Title: Nominations Chair

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- **Board Positions Up for Elections and Special Awards in 2015**
 1. Secretary
 2. Membership Director
 3. FSOSW Oncology Social Worker of the Year
 4. ACS Leader in Oncology Social Work

- **Timeline for Election:**
 1. Call for Nominations changed to August 7, 2015 to August 31, 2015
 2. Voting will begin September 7, 2015 through October 7, 2015 to allow for notifications and preparations for presentation at the annual conference
 3. Need to select special awards at least two – four weeks before the conference to allow for presentation of awards at the annual conference

- **Current Issues and Challenges:**
 1. While the call for nominations for Board positions and special awards has been sent out to membership, we as board members and regional coordinators need to reach out to members personally to encourage them to nominate and subsequently vote for these positions.
 2. Our membership is currently low and in the past the percentage of members who nominate and vote in elections has been likewise in the lower percentile.
 3. Increasing our communication platforms to reach out to oncology social workers in all arenas of practice and engage them in being involved within their organization.

- **Goals, Recommendations and Plans for Future Development**
 1. Elect a Secretary and Membership Director for the 2016 – 2017 Board of Directors
 2. Select an Oncology Social Worker of the Year and ACS Leader in Oncology Social Work
 3. Develop an online nominating and electing process for our open positions of the Board of Directors in the future
 4. Develop an online process for nominating the FSOSW Social Worker of the Year
 5. Work with the American Cancer Society in developing an online process for the selection of the ACS Leader in Oncology Social Work Awardee
 6. Revisiting the structure of the Nominating Committee in order to engage members not currently involved within our organization. This can lead to leadership development to become the Chair of the committee then subsequently other board roles.

Respectfully submitted,

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