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AOSW Announces New Officers and Board Members for 2018

Oakbrook Terrace, IL — The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) announced the election of four members to its 2018 Board of Directors following an election by the organization's membership.

President-Elect Eucharia Borden, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, is a dedicated advocate for diverse, chronically ill patient populations – mental illness, HIV/AIDS and cancer – within inpatient and outpatient settings. She received her MSW from Temple University and her commitment to the field has been recognized by national and local organizations and grant funded. Within AOSW, she served on numerous committees and most recently on the Board of Directors as Membership Director. Eucharia is a speaker and change-agent and relentlessly pursues patient empowerment.

Membership Director Kerry Cox Irish, LCSW, OSW-C, has worked in oncology and hospice-care settings since 1995. With a master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia, she is also an ordained interfaith/interspiritual minister. Kerry holds advanced certifications in oncology social work and interactive guided imagery, and has presented at local and national conferences. A longtime member of AOSW, she served on multiple committees, the Board of Directors, and as Chair of the AOSW 2012 Annual Conference Committee.

Research Director Sophia Smith, PhD, MSW, has been an active member of the AOSW Research Committee and research editor of the *AOSW Navigator* newsletter. A member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Survivorship Guidelines Panel and the American Society of Clinical Oncology Survivorship Committee, she also serves as a senior scientist member of the Duke Oncology Nursing Center of Excellence. An associate professor and social work researcher at the Duke School of Nursing, Sophia focuses on improving the quality of cancer care.

Director-at-Large Meredith Cammarata, LCSW-R, is a senior clinical social worker at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. With a master's of social work degree from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, she has also completed post-master's education in palliative care and end-of-life, cognitive behavior therapy for cancer patients, hypnosis and social work leadership. Meredith served on numerous AOSW committees and was Chair of the AOSW 2017 Annual Conference Committee. She is the recipient of the 2016 AOSW Clinical Social Worker of the Year Award.

"The AOSW Board is delighted to announce that elections for the 2018-2020 terms are now complete," stated AOSW Past President, Alison Mayer Sachs, MSW, OSW-C. "We thank all of our candidates for their commitment to AOSW leadership and appreciate the input of our members. We look forward to welcoming our incoming board members to their roles. The AOSW board will continue to serve our members in support of best care for patients and families."

The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) is the world's largest professional organization entirely dedicated advancing excellence in the psychosocial care of people with cancer, their families and caregivers.