

WIN Standing Committees

Bylaws Committee – inactive
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Development Committee
Membership Committee
Nominating Committee – by election
Past Presidents' Council
Program Committee
Research Committee
Student Engagement Committee

Ad Hoc Committees

Accessibility Committee
Awards Committee
Governance Committee
Voda Award Committee
Local Planning Committee
Silent Auction Committee
Western Academy of Nurses Program Committee
Western Academy of Nurses Selection Committee

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Current Members:

No Chair
Marife Aczon-Armstrong, HI
Marjorie Attis-Josias, OR
Nuhad Dumit, Lebanon
Timian Godfrey, AZ
Consuelo Grant, OR
Razel Milo, CA
Austin Nation, CA
Cynthia Sanchez, CA
Krista Scorsone, CO
Shu-Yi (Emily) Wang, CO
Board Liaison: Lauren Clark, CA

Recommendations for New Committee Members:

Victoria Keeton, PhD, MS, RN, CPNP-PC, CNS

Assistant Professor
Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis

I have been a WIN member for 6 years (including the Latino research SIG) and am interested in serving and contributing to the organization's work in supporting nursing science and scholarship across the career lifespan (from student to retiree!). I am an academic researcher with two decades of experience as a clinician and educator and can represent various perspectives that resonate with our membership. I have experience in leadership in local professional organizations including Sigma Theta Tau International and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, which has included organizing continuing education events and meeting planning. Above all I am enthusiastic, dedicated, and a great collaborator and would be honored to be part of a WIN committee.

Siri Gurunam Khalsa, PHD, MSN, RN, CNE

Assistant Professor
New Mexico Highlands University

I have served on the WIN DEI committee a couple of years ago before moving to the Student Engagement committee. I currently serve on the NMHU DEI committee.

Patrick Luna, MSN, RN, CEN

Senior Instructor of Clinical Teaching
University of Colorado College of Nursing

I would like to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to facilitate the growth of WIN through intentional inclusion. I wish to support the efforts that are visible in WIN today and create pathways to market nursing science as a viable career for staff nurses. Currently, I serve on the Executive Committee for the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) as Secretary. I am also the faculty advisor for the DEI student organization at the CU College of Nursing. My research focus is supporting the transition of community college transfer students to four-year universities through innovative advising methods, community building, and cultural belonging.

Benissa Salem, PhD, RN, MSN, PHN, CNL

Associate Adjunct Instructor

UCLA School of Nursing

As a community-engaged, nurse scientist, and academician, I have a commitment, passion, and drive to reduce health disparities among people experiencing homelessness and underserved communities. I utilize mixed methods approaches and community-based participatory research principles (CBPR) to develop, implement, and evaluate interventions with people experiencing homelessness. I have previously completed a National Institute of Nursing Research T32 health disparities pre-and-post doctoral fellowship and hold a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies with a minor in News, Media, and Society from the University of Southern California, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science from UCLA. I have experience teaching, mentoring (research, teaching), and guest lecturing across Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD programs, and am actively involved in professional scholarship and community-based research.
(Also indicated interest in Research Committee)

Membership Committee

Current members:

No Chair

Stacy Al-Saleh, AZ

Patty Barfield, OR

Mary Ellen Dellefield, CA

Lisa Jaurigue, AZ

Bret Lyman, UT

Mary Nies, ID

Alice Tse, HI

Board Liaison: Patti Daly, AZ

Recommendations for New Committee Members:

No Volunteers

Program Committee

Current Members:

Kristin Lutz, AK, Chair
Alycia Bristol, UT
Andra Davis, OR
Catherine De Leon, CA
Cara Gallegos, ID
Perry Gee, UT
Abigail Gómez-Morales, AZ
Martha Grubaugh, CO
Seiko Izumi, OR
AJ Jadalla, CA
Ryoko Kausler, ID
Hannah Kim, CA
Mary Koithan, WA
Cherry Leung, CA
Lauri Linder, UT
Jessica Rainbow, AZ
Krista Scorsone, CO
Ruth Taylor-Piliae, AZ
Doria Thiele, OR
Alice Tse, HI
Teresa Ward, WA
Kristi Westphaln, CA
Fang Yu, AZ
Shumenghui Zhai, WA
Board Liaison: Annette Nasr, CA
Board Liaison: Joanne Noone, OR
Board Liaison: Andrea Wallace, UT

Recommendations for New Committee Members:

Annette Carley, DNP, RN, NNP-BC, PPCNP-BC

Professor
UCSF School of Nursing

The upcoming conference will be in my work location, and I would like to participate actively in this. I have past experience with planning for national meetings and facilitating sessions during the conference itself. I teach/co-lead a DNP program and have an extensive background in quality improvement as well as substantial online teaching experience.

Areas of expertise: Maternal-child health equity; biomarkers of stress; obesity and metabolic health

Teresa Rangel, PhD, MSN, RN, CNL

Assistant Professor
Eastern Washington University

I have organized several conferences in my prior role as nurse scientist at Providence. These ranged from an hour-long in-person poster presentation at a local hospital during nurse's week to a day-long, virtual conference at both a divisional level (24 hospitals across 5 states) and a system-wide level (52 hospitals across 7 states). As the lead planner, I organized all aspects of conference planning, from creating an abstract submission portal in REDCAP, to creating and promoting a call for abstracts flyer to eligible staff, to organizing a double-blind peer review process with a minimum of two reviewers per abstract, to organizing/finalizing the agenda, creating the registration process in both Healthstream and CME tracker, and partnering with IT to set up the virtual conference as well as create speaker practice sessions prior to the live conference. I also created and presented report outs of the conference statistics to pertinent stakeholders, including upper-level nursing management in the hospital system.

Areas of expertise: My research focus is on optimizing pain management for individuals with chronic pain and on improving holistic wellbeing for healthcare providers.
(Also indicated interest in Research Committee)

Jennifer Stephens, MA, PhD, OCN, CCNE

Assistant Professor
University of Wyoming

I have been in nursing for 25 years and have a vast amount of experience in both academic and clinical practice. I have been on the Executive of several organizations including currently serving as the Secretary for the Wyoming Nurses Association. I am very interested in being more involved with WIN beyond just being the University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing liaison.

Areas of expertise: rural oncology, nursing research, nursing education, rural health

Research Committee

Current Members:

Jenny Firkins, OR, Chair

Hollie Caldwell, OR

Yuqing Guo, CA

Teri Hernandez, CO

Linda Kim, CA

Sally Moyce, MT

Lindsey Tarasenko, CO

Allison Webel, WA

Board Liaison: Andrea Wallace, UT

Recommendations for New Committee Members:

Need to recruit 1-2 new members.

Development Committee

Current Members:

Kyla Woodward, WA, Chair

Cheryl Armstrong, UT

Ginny Pepper, CO

Kathleen Thimsen, NV

Board Liaison: Heather Coats, CO

Recommendations for New Committee Members:

No volunteers

Student Engagement Committee

Current Members:

No Chair

Darcy Copeland, CO

Amanda Keddington, UT

Sara Nugent, NM

Kelsey Pascoe, WA

Recommendations for New Committee Members:

No volunteers