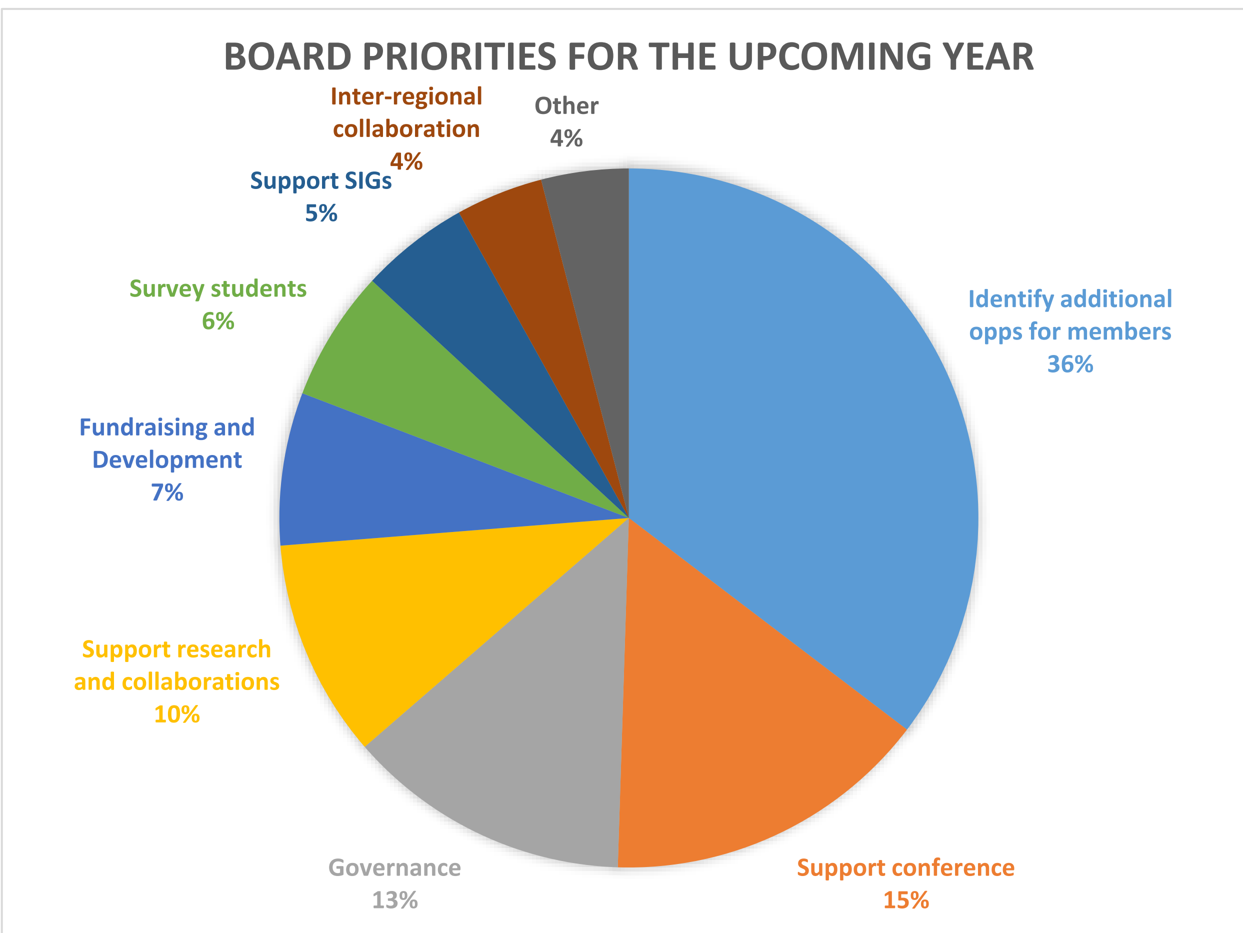
WESTERN INSTITUTE OF NURSING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific
Hilton San Francisco Union Square

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM Pacific by WIN President, Lauren Clark.
Attendees:	Lauren Clark, Heather Coats, Patti Daly, Kimberly Kassab, Razel Milo, Annette Nasr, Austin Nation, Joanne Noone, Andrea Wallace
Staff:	Bo Perry, Kelly McGrath, Anne Boerner

Agenda Topic:	**Approval of Minutes & Consent Agenda**
MOTION:	Dr. Nation moved to approve the Minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2026. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion, and the Minutes were approved as circulated.
MOTION:	Dr. Coats moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Nasr seconded the motion, and the Consent Agenda was approved as circulated.

Agenda Topic:	**Aspirational Topic and Discussion**
	Dr. Clark asked each Board member to identify priorities for the Board in the year ahead. See chart below for collective responses.



Agenda Topic:	**Report of the President**
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Agenda Topic:	**Report of the Treasurer**
	Dr. Daly presented a five-year review of bank/investment balances (assets) as of April 1 for both WIN and NEXus. WIN's overall assets as of April 1, 2026 ($1,492,929) were $255,292 greater than on April 1, 2025. The NEXus overall assets as of April 1, 2026 ($296,060) were $19,868 greater than on April 1, 2025.

Agenda Topic:	**Report of the NEXus Project Director**
	Anne Boerner reported that declining membership and enrollments have forced NEXus to explore new opportunities for expanding enrollments including expanding to Master's course offerings, faculty discounts, and investing additional funds in membership recruitment. NEXus has exhibited or presented at six conferences in academic year 25-26. To cover operating expenses, it is likely that NEXus will need to draw from its investment account in late summer 2026. Both the NEXus Executive Committee and the WIN Board will vote on the NEXus lead organization in summer 2026. This vote is required every five years.

Agenda Topic:	**Report of the Director**
	Bo shared the following updates: • As of the meeting, anticipated conference attendance is 916. • 504 posters are scheduled for presentation at the conference (283 WIN peer-reviewed/221 R&IE). • Conference sponsorships total $72,500. • AV will cost appx. $93,000. The conference program was adjusted to reduce AV costs—no breakout sessions are held on Friday, April 9. • As of the meeting, the 60x60 endowment fund campaign has raised $19,704. • A 60th anniversary task force will be created for the 2027 conference. An initial meeting will be scheduled for late spring. • WIN SIGs will be invited to host webinars in the 26-27 academic year. A master calendar will be created in late August of 2026.

Agenda Topic:	**WIN Communications Plan**
	Discussion surrounded three points: 1) Issuing WIN position/policy statements, 2) Sharing opportunities from other organizations/regional societies, 3) Sharing study recruitment announcements. The Board agreed that WIN may continue to share position/policy statements from leading organizations (ANA, AACN, Sigma) on a case-by-case basis. With the exception of the other regional societies, the Board did not support sharing opportunities from other organizations, although there may be exceptions. The Board agreed not to share study recruitment announcements. The Board will continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Agenda Topic:	**Board Position Descriptions**

	Rather than spending time reviewing the drafts of the position descriptions, Dr. Clark offered to collate the descriptions and then share them with the Board for review and comment.

Agenda Topic:	**Future Conferencing**
	The Board discussed potential locations for the 2029 conference. Given WIN's rotation, the Board agreed that southern California would be the preference for 2029. Bo will ask WIN's third-party planner, Conference Direct, to submit an RFP to SoCal destinations. Proposals will be shared with the Board at the next meeting.

Agenda Topic:	**Board Meeting Schedule for FY26-27**
	Tuesday, August 4, 2026 – 8 AM to 11 AM Pacific – Webex Friday, September 11, 2026 – 8 AM to 5 PM Pacific – Bellevue, WA Thursday, January 14, 2027 – 10 AM to 1 PM Pacific – Webex Tuesday, April 6, 2027 – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific – Bellevue, WA An additional meeting(s) will be scheduled as needed.

Agenda Topic:	**Other**
	Other topics discussed included: SIG fairs/SIG walks, offering SIG booths for recruitment; offering a listerv, forum, or discussion boards via the member portal; establishing a policy committee or creating a Governor of Policy position on the Board; providing a FAQ related to conference costs.

Next Meeting:	Tuesday, August 4, 2026 – 8 AM to 11 AM Pacific – Webex

Adjourn:	The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM Pacific.