

**WESTERN INSTITUTE OF NURSING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM Pacific

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| 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, Carlie Felion, AJ Jadalla, Paula Meek, Annette Nasr, Joanne Noone, Austin Nation |
| Staff: | Bo Perry, Kelly McGrath |
| Guest: | Vernetta Walker, Vernetta Walker & Associates Consulting, Inc. |

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| Agenda Topic: | Consent Agenda |
| | Agenda items on the Consent Agenda, including Minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2025, were approved as circulated. |

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| Agenda Topic: | Report of the President |
| | <p>Dr. Clark welcomed Board members to Spokane and facilitated a Board development activity.</p> <p>Dr. Clark reviewed WIN's goals and listed accomplishments and areas for growth for each:</p> <p>Goal 1: Structure opportunities to advance health equity in the West <i>Accomplished:</i> Preconference session advancing health equity, incorporation of abstracts of distinction, NCEMNA panel, working with Vernetta Walker to enhance governance <i>Areas for Growth:</i> Incorporation of quarterly president's message, leadership academy, practice award, mid-year WIN meeting (virtual)</p> <p>Goal 2: Advance health by connecting, unifying, and supporting researchers, clinicians, and educators <i>Accomplished:</i> Stabilizing membership, conference participation, finances; formation of ad-hoc accessibility committee, quarterly meetings with ENRS, MNRS, SNRS; making the conference more sustainable/eco-friendly <i>Areas for Growth:</i> Amplify CANS, AAN, AACN, FNINR calls to sustain nursing research</p> <p>Goal 3: Build capacity for nursing scholarship in research, practice, and education <i>Accomplished:</i> Contracted with Vision Capital Management to manage WIN's investment portfolio <i>Areas for Growth:</i> Leadership Academy, Practice Award</p> <p>Dr. Meek volunteered to chair an ad-hoc task force to draft recommendations for the Board for a Leadership Academy. Dr. Jadalla and Dr. Perry Gee will serve on the task force.</p> |

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| Agenda Topic: | Report of the Treasurer |
| | Dr. Daly presented a four-year review of bank/investment balances (assets) as of April 1 for both WIN and NEXus. WIN's overall assets as of April 1, 2025 (\$1,237,637) were \$117,784 greater than on April 1, 2024. The NEXus overall |

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| | <p>assets as of April 1, 2025 (\$276,192) were \$5,805 less than on April 1, 2024. NEXus enrollments were down across all semesters in the academic year, and Ohio State University withdrew from the project in Summer 2024.</p> <p>WIN contracted with Vision Capital Management (VCM) in February to manage the investment accounts for both WIN and NEXus. Representatives from VCM will be meeting with the NEXus officers in early May to review the NEXus investment policy. A meeting to review WIN's investment policy will be scheduled for the summer.</p> |
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| Agenda Topic: | Report of Director |
| | Bo reported that the Research Committee received only two applications for the 2025 Marty Lentz dissertation grant and that the committee elected to not award the grant this year. NLN received one application for the 2025 WIN/NLN grant, and the application is being reviewed this month. |

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| Agenda Topic: | <i>Nursing Research Update</i> |
| | <p>Currently, all WIN members, except for Retired Members, receive a printed copy of the Nursing Research journal. This is listed as a benefit of WIN membership. \$24 of WIN members' annual membership dues goes towards the Nursing Research subscription (no financial gain for WIN), although WIN receives an annual sponsorship from Wolters Kluwer/Nursing Research in the amount of \$2,000. In September, the Board voted to offer the Nursing Research journal in digital format only. In January, a link to the digital journal was posted on the Member Compass (members only) section of the WIN website. When members log in to the website (Member Compass), they see a link to the journal. This has not yet been announced, but it is visible to all current members. Members will continue to receive a printed copy of the journal through the end of 2025. Beginning in 2026, Wolters Kluwer will reduce the subscription rate for our members from \$24 to \$16, for digital journal access only. But Wolters Kluwer will also eliminate their annual WIN sponsorship of \$2,000. Once we move to digital only, we may not be able to restrict Retired Members from accessing the journal. In this case, \$16 of Retired Members' annual membership dues will also go towards a journal subscription. The Board is scheduled to review annual membership dues in early 2026 (a review is required every three years). Hearing no concerns from the Board, WIN will alert Wolters Kluwer that we accept the new rate and conditions and will move to a digital journal only in January 2026.</p> |

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| Agenda Topic: | Vernetta Walker, Consultant |
| | <p>Vernetta Walker conducted a series of exercises related to committee structure and Board composition.</p> <p>The Board discussed how to make its meetings more meaningful and ideas included: incorporation of a Governance Committee, limiting conference discussion, submitting finance questions to the Treasurer in advance, more frequent Board meetings. The Board discussed opportunities for mentoring and networking within the Board and conducting town halls for open positions on the Board.</p> |
| Next Meeting: | Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 9 AM to 12 PM Pacific |
| Adjournment: | The meeting was adjourned at 12 PM Pacific. |