

**WESTERN INSTITUTE OF NURSING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Monday, January 13, 2025
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Pacific

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM Pacific by WIN President, Lauren Clark.
Attendees:	Lauren Clark, Heather Coats, Patti Daly, AJ Jadalla, Paula Meek, Annette Nasr
Staff:	Bo Perry, Kelly McGrath
Guest:	Vernetta Walker, Vernetta Walker & Associates Consulting, Inc.

Agenda Topic:	Consent Agenda
	Agenda items on the Consent Agenda, including Minutes from the September 12-13, 2024 meeting, were approved as circulated.

Agenda Topic:	Report of the President
	Dr. Clark reported that the Regional Society Presidents have identified PhD/DNP collaboration as a priority for the societies in the upcoming year. The Presidents discussed sponsoring a preconference workshop that would address this topic and travel to the various regional conferences in 2026. More information will be shared in the months ahead.

Agenda Topic:	WIN Emeriti Nominations
MOTION:	<p>The Board reviewed the 2025 emeriti nominations.</p> <p>Dr. Meek moved to approve nominations for Dr. Margaret Heitkemper, Dr. Kathryn Lee, and Dr. Charlene Winters. Dr. Jadalla seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Coats recommended the Board review the emeriti nomination criteria in 2025. This topic will be included on a future agenda.</p>

Agenda Topic:	WIN Practice Award Proposal
	<p>Dr. Nasr and Dr. Jadalla presented a proposal for a WIN practice award. The Board discussed: 1) Eliminating the Nurse Scientist or Director of Nursing Research title requirement; 2) Expanding eligibility to include nurses who are conducting research in clinical practice/clinical-based research; 3) Including outstanding practice change/outcome in practice among the criteria; 4) Including leadership and mentorship of clinically-based nurses and how this has lead to practice change among the criteria; 5) Identifying a committee other than the Research Committee to review the nominations.</p> <p>Dr. Nasr and Dr. Jadalla will revise the proposal to present at a future meeting.</p>

Agenda Topic:	Bylaws – Recommended Revisions
	Bo presented select recommended revisions to the Bylaws from the Bylaws task force and Membership Committee. The Board discussed eliminating the following membership types: New Graduate Membership, Organizational Affiliate Membership, and Associate Membership.

	<p>The Board considered the recommendation to revise Individual Membership from: <i>A registered nurse who supports the mission of WIN</i> to: <i>A registered nurse or individual from an affiliated discipline who supports the mission of WIN.</i></p> <p>After discussion, the Board requested WIN survey the other regional societies and CANS regarding their individual memberships to inform a potential recommendation to the Membership Assembly.</p> <p>Revisions to the Bylaws was tabled to a future meeting.</p>
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Agenda Topic:	2025 Membership Assembly Agenda
	The Board reviewed and approved the Membership Assembly agenda as distributed.

Agenda Topic:	Board Self-Assessment Survey
	<p>Vernetta Walker presented an overview of the results of the Board self-assessment survey. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda-setting • How is the WIN Board tracking progress and defining success? • Establishing a Governance Committee and reviewing WIN committee structure • What is the highest and best use of the Board? • What is the most important conversation the Board should be having?

Next Meeting:	April 8, 2025 – Davenport Grand Hotel – Spokane, WA
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Adjournment:	The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM Pacific.
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