WESTERN INSTITUTE OF NURSING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Pacific
WebEx

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM Pacific by WIN President, Austin Nation.
Attendees:	Heather Coats, Patti Daly, Kimberly Kassab, Razel Milo, Annette Nasr, Austin Nation, Andrea Wallace
Staff:	Bo Perry, Kelly McGrath

Agenda Topic:	**Financial Advisor Update (8:07 – 8:35)**
	Matt Sheets of Vision Capital Management presented the WIN portfolio's overall investment strategy and performance since WIN became a client in late 2025. 2026 Year-to-Date activity and outlook for the fall were discussed. Vision Capital has taken a slightly defensive position twice this year to mitigate risk in market trends stemming from "AI Excitement" during the first half of the year, as well as growth in US Small Cap, and will continue to monitor and adjust as needed.

Agenda Topic:	**Aspirational Topic and Discussion (8:35 – 8:55)**
	Dr. Nation posed the question to the Board "What are we doing, or not doing, as Board member liaisons?" The goal is to implement a two-way exchange between the Board liaisons and the WIN committees to strengthen communication, share the priorities of the Board, and support the momentum of committee work. Feedback from the Board included reports from conversations during the conference, separating the DNP/PhD Scholars group and providing meeting space so that the focus can be distinct for each, and a request from the Associate Deans regarding mentorship from WIN leadership. Dr. Coats suggested standardized reporting from each committee and defining action versus information.

Agenda Topic:	**Approval of Consent Agenda (8:56)**
MOTION:	Dr. Nasr moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included Minutes from the meeting on April 21, 2026; Quarterly Membership Report; and 2026 Conference Evaluations. Dr. Milo seconded the motion, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

Agenda Topic:	**Report of the President (8:56 – 9:34)**
	Dr. Nation highlighted eight priorities for the Board to discuss: 1. A request for 2-3 Board members to volunteer as moderators for the NINR Strategic Planning Listening Session. 2. Reorganization of regional societies post-CANS. A proposal by the regional presidents to create a seat for a position within the Academy's newly redesigned structure, AAN Science, was submitted. The Academy will be announcing a Regional Research Panel in the weeks ahead that includes the Presidents of the regional societies.

	3. A potential joint national conference with the other regional societies (ENRS, MNRS, SNRS). 4. Keeping updated on the Department of Education's Nursing as a Professional Degree issue and how this affects the future of nursing research in terms of faculty shortages and general lack of funding. 5. Taking notice of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Report. Changes to federal regulations would apply across federal agencies and could affect support for funding research grants, conference participation, and education. 6. Marketing and promoting the WIN Conference 60th Anniversary celebration in Board members' spheres of influence. 7. Collaborations between the WIN SIGs and the regional societies' RIGs. 8. Engaging members throughout the year through a virtual fall colloquium.
ACTION:	Drs. Coats, Kassab, and Milo volunteered to serve as moderators for the NINR Strategic Planning Listening Session. Bo will include discussion of a fall colloquium on September agenda.
ACTION:	As Governor-at-Large, Dr. Coats volunteered to coordinate a Town Hall/Open Forum meeting with SIG Chairs. Date TBD.

Agenda Topic:	**Report of the Treasurer (9:39 – 9:47)**
	Dr. Daly presented a five-year review of bank/investment balances (assets) as of June 30 for both WIN and NEXus. WIN's overall assets as of June 30, 2026 ($1,387,013) were $210,706 greater than on June 30, 2025. The NEXus overall assets as of June 30, 2026 ($371,908) were $18,509 greater than on June 30, 2025. The NEXus savings account was closed in Spring 2026.

Agenda Topic:	**60th Anniversary Task Force Report (9:48 – 10:00)**
	Bo provided an overview of the task force's ideas for the 60th Anniversary Celebration and presented an estimated cost of $50,000 that would support a special anniversary reception that would include food, DJ/dancefloor, photo booth, and swag.
MOTION:	As Board Liaison for the 60x60 Anniversary task force, Dr. Coats moved to earmark $50K for the anniversary reception. Dr. Kassab seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Agenda Topic:	**Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget (10:00 – 10:05)**
	Bo presented a draft budget proposal for Board review. Membership income and conference revenue were decreased by 7% for the 26-27 year. The Bellevue location may not be as popular as San Francisco, and membership renewal is directly tied to conference participation. Bo noted that it is a conservative budget proposal.
MOTION:	Dr. Daly moved to approve the budget proposal, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Coats. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Topic:	**Committee Appointments, Board Liaisons (10:05 – 10:24)**

ACTION:	Seven WIN members responded to the call for volunteers to serve on WIN's four standing committees. The Board reviewed the candidates and will appoint: • DEI Committee: TBD • Research Committee: Fang-yu Chou, Karen Hessler, Jennifer Stephens • Program Committee: Jung-Ah Lee, Jisook Ko • Development Committee: no volunteers For Board Liaisons, the following will be updated: • DEI Committee: Lauren Clark to continue. • Research Committee: Andrea Wallace to continue. • Program Committee: Razel Milo, Annette Nasr, Andrea Wallace to continue. • Development Committee: Heather Coats to continue, adding Patti Daly Bo will contact Jacqueline Kent-Marvick and Eyitayo Owolabi to determine their preference for committee appointment as they had both indicated interest in joining the DEI and Research Committees.

Agenda Topic:	**Special Interest Groups (10:25 – 10:34)**
	SIG Webinar Proposals: The Board reviewed webinar proposals from the Pediatric SIG, Trauma Informed Pedagogy, GERO SIG, and Military/Veterans SIG. The Military/Veterans SIG requested a webinar date in November 2026, and the other 3 SIGS requested dates in Winter/Spring 2027. Board members suggested posting webinar recordings on the respective SIG pages, as well as the main WIN home page for greater exposure during the first year. An evaluation form for the SIG Chairs and attendees to assess tech support, attendance, future topics requested, and overall performance was also suggested. CEUs will not be pursued during this inaugural webinar cycle. **Other Activity:** The Filipino-American Nurse Scholars (FANS) SIG shared their Summer 2026 newsletter, which was posted on their SIG page and will be shared with members in the WIN August Newsletter.

Agenda Topic:	**Board Position Descriptions (10:34 – 10:41)**
	The Board position descriptions are finalized and included on the Call for Nominations page. The Nominating Committee suggested the Board host a one-hour drop-in session ("Office Hours") for interested candidates to learn about positions and have questions answered. Dr. Coats and Dr. Kassab volunteered to participate in the session. The topic will be revisited in September.

Agenda Topic:	**2029 Conference Proposals (10:42 – 10:54)**
	Three proposals from Southern California properties were presented for review. The Sheraton San Diego proposal was strongest in terms of location, food & beverage minimum, and meeting space, although the Board expressed concern about high parking fees and asked about the possibility of a student room block. The Board supported moving forward with a contract with the Sheraton San Diego. An update will be provided in September.

Agenda Topic:	**Take 5 (10:57 – 11:01)**

ACTIONS:	"Take 5" is a summary of the Board's 5 action items to work on until the next meeting: 1. NINR listening session for post docs and early-stage investigators. Register and spread the word. 2. Encourage interested members to join the Development Committee and to support the 60x60 endowment fund campaign. 3. Share the Call for Nominations – Encourage members to run. 4. Market the 60th anniversary conference. 5. Promote the upcoming SIG webinars – opportunities for SIG chairs to connect with Board liaisons.

Agenda Topic:	**Report of the Director and NEXus Lead Organization**
	Tabled until September Board meeting

Next Meeting:	Friday, September 11 – Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel – 8 AM to 5 PM Pacific Dinner: Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 PM Dinner: Friday, September 11 at 6 PM

Adjourn:	The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM Pacific.