



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2022 7:30 -9:30 a.m.

Meadowood, Room 105

And Zoom Option

1. Welcome & Introductions : Dr. Mindy Lokshin called the meeting to order at 7:31am. Members present include Jesse Murray, Mindy Lokshin, Fred Altmann, Sean French, Ann Silver, Dan Lofrese, Yanus Nelson and Matt Thornton. Ex Officio members present include Karin Hilgersom, Gretchen Sawyer, Virginia Irintcheva, Darian Richards and Tina May. Staff and guests include Laura Vargas, Stephanie Sellers, Ashlyn Moreno, Karen McKenna, Katy Simon Holland, Connie Christiansen, Michele Noreen and Krystyna Sokowski.  
  
Public comment : None
3. Review December 8, 2021 Foundation Board of Trustees Board Minutes.
  - a. Cary moved to approve the minutes, Ann seconds, motion passed.
4. Approve new Board Member, Katy Simon Holland.
  - a. Jesse moved to approve Katy Simon Holland as a new Foundation Board of Directors member, Ann seconds, motion passed.
5. President Update : President Hilgersom presented her update to the group.
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fund both scholarships totaling \$90K each year and the Coordinator position.

- c. See4Vets gave our Veteran Upward Bound program a \$20,000 gift to establish an endowment for student scholarships.
  - d. Fred Altmann has provided a scholarship through Altmann Builders for construction students.
  - e. Connie presented the financials report; compared to last year, cash is up almost \$3.9 million, due mostly to those gifts for the HSC. We have opened new accounts at Meadows Bank and closed our Wells Fargo account. Promises to give totaled about \$335,000, from organizations that have provided multi-year gifts that distribute some every year. Net income was \$17,000 due to timing compared to \$35,000 last year. Our unrestricted cash report is at \$579,000, close to where it should be, and it has grown considerably over the last few years.
  - f. Matt moved to approve the financials and gift report, Ann seconds, motion passed.
8. Strategic Plan Objectives – Review Goal II, Support Student Success – Rebecca Josten
- a. Since Becky was not present to deliver the detailed scholarship report, a brief strategic plan committee report was presented in lieu of her report. The committee met in January to discuss student support goals. The committee did not have any changes to make this quarter.
  - b. The Board

present that when it is finalized.

- b. She has been working to revamp the 1971 Society, the giving society that helps with unrestricted dollars; we have received money for particular scholarships from those donors as well. A commemorative pin for certain members has been approved by Pres. Hilgersom, and we have also changed the corporate partners program flyer for the Society. Because the pandemic changed so much, Stephanie is working to network with local businesses and corporations in an effort to get more partners and increase community engagement through the Society.
  - c. She had joined Western Industrial Nevada in a networking effort as well.
12. Veterinary Nursing Program Update followed by tour of the Veterinary Nursing Facility : Dr. Michele Noreen, Director
- a. Dr. Noreen explained the rationale for changing the program to the Veterinary Nursing Program; the terminology more accurately describes all the duties a veterinary nurse performs.
  - b. The program is fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the governing body for veterinary nursing. Admission to the program is very competitive; it can accept 20 students per cohort, and the degree is an AAS so math and science classes are prerequisites. It is a four semester, or two year, program, and there are two cohorts at a time because of this. A 75% is required for every class to advance, and the end of the program is the national veterinary nursing exam. We have an excellent pass rate for the exam. We are the only in-person veterinary nursing program in northern Nevada, though there are online accredited programs. Nevada also offers alternative credentialing, meaning if