



**WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

**Dini Library, Room 201**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Tina Picetti                      Scott Fields  
Rick Kohler    Amanda Jacobson  
Maria Denzler    Anthony Dowling  
Stacy Woodbury                                      Michelle Ketten  
Lupe Ramirez     Sean Davison  
Tyler Smith    Barbara D'Anneo

**WNC Staff Present:** Niki Gladys                                      Casey Otto  
Nicole Rossi    Dr. Dana Ryan  
Mirjana Gavric

**Board Members Absent:** Matt Hock    Nick Rowe  
Bryce Clutts    Michelle Hale  
Christie Asis    Ronele Dotson  
Sandy Foley    Rochelle Tisdale  
Kevin Maillet    Miranda Hoover  
Brook Sweeting

**Guests:** Jeff Bonano

**Public Members Present:** N/A

**A. Introductions and Welcome**

WNC Foundation Chair, Ms. Tina Picetti called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Ms. Niki Gladys introduced Jeff Bonano, bookkeeper from The Silver Quill, and Mirjana Gavric, the new Assistant Director of Development at Western Nevada College.

**B. April 25, 2024 Board Minutes Approval**

Ms. Picetti presented the April 25, 2024 Western Nevada College (WNC) Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Stacy Woodbury motioned to approve, Ms. Amanda Jacobson seconded and all were in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

**C. College Initiatives and Goals**

WNC Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Dana Ryan, provided an update of the State of the College.

- CTE program enrollment is looking strong for the Fall.
- WNC faculty and staff efforts are focused on enhancing engagement with adult learners, aiming to improve access, providing additional career advancement opportunities, and contributing to a more diverse student population.
- The projected enrollment for Fall 2025 is 4,000, reflecting a goal aligned with available resources.
- WNC makes every attempt to accommodate all students; students are generally not turned away - even if a class reaches full capacity.
- Current projects include the renovation of the bookstore into the new career center, The Link: Community, Career and Employer Services. WNC is also seeking funding for an upgrade of the café, potentially to support a culinary program, as well as an observatory renovation and an expansion of Observatory programming.
- Accreditation will occur in April 2025. This occurs every seven years. WNC Foundation board members are encouraged to participate during the accreditation process.

**D. Finance Committee Update**

Mr. Scott Fields, Board Treasurer, gave a detailed review of the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for fiscal year 2024. The Foundation's cash position rose from \$840,000 to over \$2,000,000 between 6/30/23 and 6/30/24, largely due to a \$1,000,000 grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation for the Fallon Nursing Program. The Foundation's investment portfolio increased by 10% to \$7.5 million, and unrestricted income grew notably through successful fundraising events. Restricted income rose 16% to \$1.25 million, with substantial investments in student scholarships and college projects. Net income for the year surged 90% to \$203,000. A continued increase in grants, sponsorships, and portfolio earnings is expected, with the bi-annual audit currently underway. Mr. Fields expressed confidence in the robust state of the assets as evidenced by the financial statements, and highlighted the impact of the performance of the investment portfolio and events on the financial statements. Mr. Fields expressed confidence in the Foundation's financial position

#### **E. Proposed Board Meeting Dates**

Ms. Picetti presented the following dates for proposed Board Meeting dates: October 24, 2024, January 30, 2025, April 24, 2025, and July 24, 2025. Stacy Woodbury motioned to approve these dates, Bryce Clutts seconded and all were in favor. The Board Meeting dates were approved as presented.

#### **F. FY 25 Executive Committee Nominations**

Ms. Picetti presented the following Executive Committee nominations: Michelle Ketten for Chair, Rick Kohler for Vice Chair, Scott Fields for Finance Chair, Tina Picetti as Immediate Past Chair with terms ending July 2026. Amanda Jacobson motioned to approve these executive committee members for a two year term, Tyler Smith seconded and all were in favor. The Executive Committee Nominations were approved as presented.

#### **G. Reach for the Stars Update**

Ms. Amanda Jacobson, Chair of the Reach for the Stars Committee, thanked the committee, board members, and WNC staff for their assistance with event planning. Ms. Jacobson reminded attendees to purchase tickets, tables, and sponsorships.

Ms. Gladys distributed a list of the 11 live auction items that will be featured at the event.

Ms. Jacobson provided an overview of the event, noting the inclusion of a real Delorean which will be on display at the event, the student speaker who, as a paraplegic athlete, will be representing WNC's Disability Services as well as other activities including a silent auction that will be present at the event.

#### **H. 2023 Event Update**

Ms. Niki Gladys, Executive Director of Advancement, presented the dates for upcoming events:

- Reach for the Stars August 10, 2024
- ROADS and ASWN Career and Club Fair September 11, 2024
- Golf for Education Golf Tournament September 27, 2024

#### **I. Scholarship Update**

- Ms. Nicole Rossi, Development Coordinator, reported that scholarship reviews concluded on June 30th. As of July 25, 2024, a total of 543 scholarship applications had been submitted and reviewed.
- 125 scholarships have been awarded, totaling \$306,163.
- The awarding committee will continue to meet twice weekly until all awards are finalized.

#### **J. Grant Update**

Ms. Niki Gladys, Executive Director, Advancement, presented the WNC Foundation Grant update:

- A \$990,000 grant was awarded from the William N. Pennington Foundation for the WNC Nursing program in order to renovate the Fallon Pinon Building. This gift will supplement the federal HRSA grant that will provide \$2.3 Million for the same purpose.

- A \$20,000 grant requested from Union Pacific and a \$30,000 grant was requested from EL Cord for the Fallon Nursing Program.
- A \$4.3 million appropriation/grant request has been written to HRSA for the Douglas Nursing Program.
- \$50,000 grant was awarded from the NV Energy Foundation for the Construction Management Program. This will provide state of the art equipment as well as model townhomes that students will construct. These will be displayed in the library when complete.
- A \$10,000 grant was awarded from Bank of America for the ROADS program.
- A \$10,000 grant was awarded by Greater Nevada Credit Union for the ROADS program.
- A \$20,000 grant request submitted to CSSG for Wildcat Reserve Food Pantry at Western Nevada College.
- A \$200,000 grant request from EDA and OFA for a college opportunity study is in process.
- WNC has submitted a \$1.9 million appropriation request submitted for the Jack C. Davis Observatory.
- In addition to the \$275,000 grant provided by William N. Pennington Foundation, WNC was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Redfield Foundation and a \$20,000 grant from NV Energy Foundation .
- A \$20,000 grant was requested from Carson City for student mental health support
- \$10,000 unrestricted funds awarded from Wells Fargo

**K. New Business**

There was no new business.

**L. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**M. Adjourn Meeting**

Ms. Picetti adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is  
Thursday October 24, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.