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**WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Annual Meeting Summary

Nevada Press Association Mansion

102 N. Curry Street

Carson City, Nevada

Thursday, July 27, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Board Members Present:** Amy Clemens                      Rochelle Tisdale  
Michelle Kette    Lisa Granahan  
Jeff Brigger    Cheri Glockner  
Carol McIntosh    Jamie De Vega  
Darcy Houghton    Kathy Halbardier-Huber  
Sean Davison    Larry Goodnight  
Kerstin Plemel

**WNC Staff Present:**                      Niki Gladys    April Flynt

**Guests Present:**                      Carol Del Carlo – Regent  
    Laura Carrion – Candidate for Board Membership

**Board Members Absent:**                      Robert Ramsdell    Tara Alto  
    Daphne DeLeon

**1. Introductions and Welcome (Amy Clemens)**

Amy Clemens called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Ms. Clemens introduced Regent Carol Del Carlo and Laura Carrion.

**2. Public Comment**

Ms. Clemens opened the meeting to public comment; no public comments were made.

**3. May 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Ms. Clemens presented the May 12, 2017 Board meeting minutes. Lisa Granahan motioned to approve the minutes as written; Jamie De Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. WNC Foundation & Western Nevada College Memo of Understanding**

Niki Gladys introduced the Memo of Understanding between Western Nevada College and the WNC Foundation which broadly outlines how the Foundation and college work together. Ms. Gladys requested volunteers to read over the memo to ensure it contains everything that needs to be included. Larry Goodnight, Ms. Clemens and Kathy Halbardier-Huber volunteered. Chet Burton added that the document would be used for the upcoming accreditation meetings.

#### **5. NSHE Update (Carol Del Carol)**

Regent Del Carlo provided an overview of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions and the way the NSHE Board of Regents is organized. Regent Del Carlo advised the board that there is a new Chancellor starting in August, Dr. Thom Reilly. In addition, there is a new Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges, Frank Woodbeck.

#### **6. College Update (Chet Burton)**

President Chet Burton provided an update on the state of the college. President Burton updated the board on the legislative session, the budget and several college initiatives.

President Burton summarized WNC's efforts to partner with the State Department of Health and Human Services on different programs to support the state and community to provide education for unemployed and underemployed.

President Burton provided an update on the search to fill the Vice President of Academics position to be filled this fall and the existing search for the Director of the Library.

President Burton updated the board on the different projects including Reynold's building expansion to be complete end of July and the science lab renovation which is scheduled to be complete in December 2017.

Finally, President Burton updated the board on several programs including the Jump Start program which had 89 graduates this year.

#### **7. Approval of new board member (Amy Clemens)**

Ms. Clemens brought forth Laura Carrion as a new board member. Ms. Carrion introduced herself and provided an overview on her background as well as what she feels she can provide to the WNC Foundation Board as a member. Ms. Clemens requested a

nomination as Ms. Carrion as board member. Larry Goodnight motioned for nomination and Ms. Halbardier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Reach For The Stars Black Tie Gala (Amy Clemens)**

Ms. Clemens addressed the board and provided a planning update on the second annual Reach for the Stars event which will take place August 12, 2017 at the Jack C. Davis Observatory. Ms. Clemens reminded the Board that each member has a give/get goal of \$2,500. She asked each board member to secure three items under \$50, as well as one larger item for the silent auction. Ms. Gladys will provide a donation letter to the Board for use in securing items.

#### **9. 2017/18 Scholarship Update (Niki Gladys)**

Ms. Gladys highlighted scholarship awarding for the 17/18 academic year. Ms. Gladys advised the board that the number of scholarship applications grew significantly from approximately 300 the prior year to approximately 500 this year. Previously issued \$198,000 this year due to several grant opportunities and new private scholarships, will be closer to \$250,000 issued.

In addition Ms. Gladys advised the board of the new Nevada Promise Scholarship which provides free tuition to recent high school graduates. President Burton provided additional details on the Nevada Promise Scholarship and the Silver State Opportunity Grant that will be available to community college students.

#### **10. 2017/18 Strategic Planning**

Ms. Gladys summarized the WNC strategic plan and highlighted the top three areas that are covered in the document which include, Student Success, Institutional Excellence, One College Serving Many Communities. President Burton advised that this plan was created in 2011 and the process to rewrite will begin in the fall for the upcoming accreditation cycle. President Burton suggested that the group that will be rewriting should include a member of the Foundation. Ms. Gladys presented the Foundation report that reflects what the foundation has provided to the college and the goals of the foundation going forward for each of the three areas.

#### **11. New Business**

Larry Goodnight addressed the board regarding an alumni association and volunteered to head the committee to research the possibilities of creating one.

Ms. Gladys requested Kerstin Plemel discuss the Driver's Ed sponsorship by Greater Nevada Credit Union. Ms. Plemel summarized the proposed sponsorship.

#### **12. Acknowledge Board Member Birthdays**

Ms. Clemens acknowledged the Board members who celebrated birthdays in March, April and May.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. The next WNC Quarterly meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the Jack C. Davis Observatory.