

**WIR Board of Directors Meeting
2019 NACo Annual Conference
Clark County, Nevada**

[Meeting opened at 1 PM]

- WIR President Kevin Cann called the meeting to order and led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President Cann introduced Doug Hoelscher, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, discussed the Trump administration's priorities in engaging county governments and pursuing infrastructure improvements.
- Timothy Williams, Deputy Director for External Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior, discussed USDO's initiatives to improve landscape health, expand public access to federal lands and increase energy production.
- The Western Governors Association (WGA) is a partner of NACo and WIR. Jim Ogsbury, Executive Director of WGA, will provide an update on the recent WGA Annual Meeting in Vail, Colorado, as well as progress on past Chairmen's Initiatives, and highlight the new Initiative spearheaded by the recently elected Chairman, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum. WGA hosted a webinar outlining the Initiative on July 16 that [can be viewed here](#).
- Western Governors University (WGU) was founded in Salt Lake City in 1997 by 19 western governors to expand education opportunities via the internet. WGU employs a competency-based learning model in-lieu of the credit-based model at most universities. WGU Vice President of Policy and Public Affairs Wes Smith discussed their efforts to expand educational access in rural areas.
- Since December 2017, NACo has worked with the U.S. Forest Service on a guidebook for county officials and federal personnel to better understand the law and improve the relationships and communication. Randy Phillips, U.S. Forest Service Liaison to NACo, and WIR Past President the Hon. Joel Bousman briefed the WIR Board on the contents of the guidebook.
- NACo Associate Legislative Director and WIR Liaison Jonathan Shuffield gave an update on the WIR legislative priorities and the WIR budget.
- WIR President Kevin Cann closed the meeting by discussing the upcoming WIR Fall Board Meeting in Mariposa, California and the 2020 WIR Conference in Mariposa County, California.

The 2019-2020 American County Platform can be [found here](#).

[Meeting Concluded at 3:30 p.m.]