CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Board Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion was made by Trustee Armon and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 31, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Chair Williams introduced former faculty member and Trustee Sheila Wood to report on the NIC history project. Wood noted that the manuscript for the history book, “The Gathering Place,” by NIC faculty member Fran Bahr and the NIC History Committee had been completed and sent to Eastern Washington University Press for production. Wood commended Bahr and all the members of the History Committee for their efforts and perseverance in seeing the project through completion. The next phase will be marketing and pre-sales of the book, which is scheduled to be delivered in late July 2008.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Kent Propst, Chair of the nine-member 2007-08 NIC Legislative Committee, reviewed the development of the draft Legislative Agenda and presented it to the Board for review, comment, and revision. The Trustees requested additional research relative to the issue of Increase Funding for Student Financial Aid and to Change in Employee Compensation. The Trustees discussed the NIC Legislative Reception on Monday, December 10, and the following motion was then made:

MOTION: 11-28-07: 33 Motion was made by Trustee Wood and seconded by Trustee Meyer to approve the NIC Legislative Agenda as modified. The motion was unanimously approved.
NIC'S DIAMOND JUBILEE
Trustee Wood reported on the Diamond Jubilee celebration planned for 2008-09. It will begin in September 2008 and conclude at Commencement in 2009. Lori Isenberg, President of Northwest Dynamics, has been hired to assist with planning and event coordination, and a committee has been meeting to determine and to carry out various events and activities. Trustee Wood said she will provide the Board with regular updates.

REPORTS

COLLEGE PRESIDENT
President Bell announced that she recently attended an American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) conference in Washington, D.C. Between workshops, she met with U.S. Senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and members of their staffs, and with staff members for U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson. The meetings were positive, and she plans to see them again during another conference in February. NIC is preparing requests for federal funding, although Bell stated that the environment in Washington is not as promising as in previous years. She reported that Vice President for Student Services Eric Murray is coordinating the strategic planning process for NIC. Strategic Research Associates of Spokane has been hired to help compile and analyze data and information, and Lori Isenberg of Northwest Dynamics has been hired to facilitate the process. Designed as a five-year strategic plan, President Bell said it will be data driven, measurable, and flexible enough to be updated annually. Input will be sought both internally and externally.

SENATE
Senate Chair Fran Bahr noted progress on proposed modifications to Student Services-related policies and procedures. She commended Eric Murray for his responsiveness and collegiality. The Senate’s goal is to finish the revisions by January and forward them to the President’s Office. She also noted that Senate had passed a grievance policy last May, it has been under review by the college attorney.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Faculty Assembly Bob Bennett said he had recently been working with faculty representatives from other Idaho colleges and universities for a statewide legislative gathering in Boise during the forthcoming legislative session. The statewide group is seeking financial support from NIC; Bennett indicated they hope to respond positively, with support both from Assembly and from the NIC President’s Office. Bennett also reported that faculty would prefer to have more faculty members serving on the strategic planning steering committee, and he plans to talk with President Bell about the composition of the committee.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Shelley Cobetto, Staff Assembly Chair, said that staff are working on strategic planning matters. The employees are also working on a food drive to support the student body’s “St. ASNIC” program in December.

ASNIC
President Ryan Robinson reported that students will also be discussing strategic planning matters. ASNIC recently passed two resolutions: The first was to eliminated the one-time $17 orientation fee and to support it with a $4 per student, per semester fee. The second was a vote to not support proposed state legislation to double the current community college tuition cap of $1,250.
BOARD CHAIR
Rolly Williams, Board Chair, reminded the Trustees that elections of new Board officers will be held in December.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
Rolly Jurgens announced that he would be in Bonners Ferry on November 29 to participate in the dedication the new Head Start facility there. Mic Armon noted that the steering group working on the Education Corridor had met recently, and that project is proceeding well. However, there is some reluctance to embrace the latest title for the project and property: "University Place." Judy Meyer asked the President's Office to develop and distribute a calendar of upcoming events that are desirable or recommended for the Trustees to attend.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Meyer, seconded by Trustee Wood, and unanimously approved at 7:38 p.m.

Board of Trustees Chair                                Board of Trustees Secretary