

NSN Board Meeting Agenda  
May 18, 2024  
3 pm CDT

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chair, Delanna Reed Meeting opened at 3:07 pm CT.

**Present:** Sara deBeer, Angela Lloyd, Margaret MacDonald, Barry McWilliams, Rishi Nixon, Claire Nolan, Lisa Overholser, Delanna Reed, Lisa Williams, Linda Yemoto. **Staff:** Dot Cleveland; Bob Johnson.

**Determination of Quorum: (According to the By-Laws)** 8.5 Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. **(13 Board Members** are currently listed on the NSN website. Therefore, we need at least 7 board members present to conduct any business)

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion: That the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting be approved. Moved by Sara deBeer. Passed unanimously.**

**On the Calendar: (for Complete Details check the online NSN Event Calendar)**

May 15-17 SIO: Historia Academy

- ✧ May 16-18 --Shoals Storytelling Festival
- ✧ May 18--PRO Social Media Workshop, 1 p.m.
- ✧ May 19--2 p.m. Kings and Queens: Vows of Love, Strength and Wisdom
- ✧ May 22--6 p.m. HSA Oars in the Water
- ✧ June 7-8--5:45 p.m. Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival
- ✧ June 8--6:30 p.m. VITG Monthly Story Swap (online)
- ✧ June 21-23--Tejas Storytelling Association Summer Conference (in Houston)
- ✧ June 28-29--2024 Sierra Storytelling Festival (Nevada City, CA)

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**President's Report** about recent correspondence

--We received an inquiry from the Little Rock, Arkansas Visitor's Bureau about hosting our summer conference in Little Rock.

--We received a generous donation of \$1500 from Judy Sima from the Detroit Storytelling League. The Detroit Storytelling League is giving active storytelling organizations from their accumulated funds.

**Treasurer's Report**—Bob Johnson See NSN website.

Old Quick books moved from Kansas City to Dot's computer. Was upgraded.

P Drive will be removed from KC as soon as Bob can arrange it. This is "Public Drive". It includes historical data, thousands of documents from past conferences, etc.

**Finance Committee Report**--Lisa Overholser

Worked on soliciting ads for conference program. 80% of program expenses are covered at moment.

SIGS will be given ¼ page ad each. Sara de Beer will help SIG with Canva layout if need be.

**2024 NSN Conference Update**—Margaret Read MacDonald and Delanna Reed—

159 registered for the full conference. 6-day passes. 6 virtual. Will promote virtual once Early Bird Registration closes. Volunteers contacted and schedules set. Projected profit of \$21,000.

**2025 NSN Conference**—Report from Gwendolyn Napier (GSN board members are considering housing and meeting facilities at Kennesaw State University) Gwen not present.

**Oracle Awards.** Angela Lloyd. Letter going to presenters this week. The ceremony will be 45 minutes, with 3 minute introductions. Tellers have 7 minutes to share a story. Awards are being ordered.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Committee on Strategic Planning**--The Committee has suggested that we set forth selection criteria for committee members before they are appointed. This is still under consideration.

The committee interviewed consultants who could help with strategic planning: \$3,500 for the beginning step.

\$ 21,000 total. Three individuals were interviewed. All had similar pricing. The committee feels this should all be done in one year, rather than dividing over three years. Bob and Rishi said this was not in our budget. Rishi felt it would be financially irresponsible at this time. Tabled: To be revisited after the conference.

**Assistance for Dot with Administrative duties.** The Executive Committee is still discussing options. Here is the list of tasks with which Dot needs assistance:

#### **Immediate:**

- Social media cleanup, creation of notices, posting, creating event notifications on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram
- Assist SIGs, if needed, with creation of event flyers
- Track and assist with CIVI mailings of conference and other events
- Send reports to SIGS prior to events for list of attendees
- Recommend updates for the websites to attract new members and provide information for existing members

#### **Future:**

- Serve as staff person for the conference committee
- Advertising and creating flyers for the conference

The future work is more intense, but it does depend upon what the committee needs. Again 3-5 hours per week.

**Ray Hicks Fund:** Report from Angela Lloyd about conversations she has had with Connie Regan Blake, Adam Booth, Lynn Ford, Elizabeth Ellis and others about forming a small group to oversee growing the Ray Hicks fund and offering scholarships. Angela told them that NSN wants someone to take over management of this fund. Waiting for further info.

**Tellabration Guide:** Updated and Revised Tellabration Guidelines--Trudy and Dot --We have updated the document to reflect edits suggested by board members after our last meeting. Not presented.

#### **Updates from SIGS**

**Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan (ECO),**

Monthly gatherings continue. 1 year anniversary. Wants to do a meet and greet on zoom.

**Lisa Williams (SIO), Artem's** workshop: 32 registered, 20 came. workshop: 44 registered, 20 attended. By popular acclaim, another workshop with Jim Brule to be held June 9. SIO member Darlene Richards was featured in the newsletter. SIO workshops are scheduled for the following months: August, September, October, and November.

**Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams (PRO)** No report.

**Angela Lloyd (YES)**

StoryLab about booking library show was successful, Lynn Ford especially helpful.

#### **New Business**

- **Board Member recommendations for nominations for Vice Chair-Elect (Election to be held at the 2024 Storytelling Conference)** Still looking.
- **Plans for General Business Meeting at 2024 Conference (How many NSN board members will be attending conference?)**
- **All 2023 to present recordings of board meetings added to the shared drive.** Follow up with Dot.

#### **Assignments:**

**Fundraising committee will continue to work on selling ads for program.**

**Dot will add 2023-present recordings of board meetings to shared drive.**

**Bob will give access to P Drive to board members who request it.**

**Adjournment: Motion: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Angela Lloyd.**

**Passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:07 CT**

#### **NSN Board Meetings for 2024 (All times are Central Time Zone.)**

- Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, July 20 at 12:00 noon (weekend after conference)
- Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday September 21 at 12:00 noon

- Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, December 21 at 12:00 noon