



**National Storytelling Network**  
**April 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
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Thursday, April 16th, 2026 • 5:30–7:30 pm Central Time

**I. Call to Order 5:38 pm Central**  
**Chair Rishi Nixon**

No quorum.

**II. Review and Approval of February and March 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Secretary Margaret Read MacDonald. Minutes being sent via email for approval.**

**III. Chair's Report**  
**Chair Rishi Nixon**

Upasna Kakroo produces a children's magazine, Bento, and an online journal, Peerbagh, aimed at encouraging reading and storytelling. She interviewed Rishi re his experiences being a SE Asian Child Storyteller and his current role as president of NSN. She will promote the NSN conference to subscribers in the Texas area.

We have 65 registrations for the conference so far. 95 will be coming as presenters or award winners.

Rishi is recruiting members for membership committee and has 6 members. Caleb will be overseeing as Board Chair. Two sessions at the conference will focus on membership.

Rishi is also recruiting for grant writing committee. Two members so far, Rishi will also serve on that committee. It turns out that the Literary Arts Fund grants are not open to storytellers.

An ad hoc committee on awards for storytelling publications and media is being recommended. Rishi met with Margaret, Flora Joy, and Melissa to plan.

The Oracle Awards awardees are being contacted. To be announced soon.  
The Member Grants program is still open until April 30.

Our auction raised \$5,070.

**IV. Report on 2026 Kathryn Tucker Windham Scholars  
Secretary Margaret Read MacDonald**

Our awardees are: Jodi French-Burr, a retired park ranger; Dada Maheshvarananda a yogi, president of Ashville Storytelling Circle; Helen Yang, docent at San Francisco Asian Art Museum and artist herself; Mary Louise Hughes, teller from Salt Lake City; and Nicholas Palowski, President of Story Arts of Minnesota and organizer of the 2027 NSN conference. We were tasked with awarding at least two scholarships to new tellers. Dada has been telling less than 5 years. Helen described herself as a new teller. Mary Louise and Nicholas both have been telling under 10 years.

**V. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Bob Johnson**

Treasurer's report is available on the NSN website.

**VI. Texas 2026 Conference Committee Report  
Conference Co-Chairs Caleb Hubbard and Trudy Hanson**

65 are registered for conference as of today. 95 are committed to coming. Tejas members are offered a discount.

38 have signed up for the ECO tour. It is a 55-seat bus.

Caleb is preparing the program.

Rishi and the finance committee are working on ads.

The Texas Folklore Society might sponsor the campfire event.

They are looking for a sponsor for the tote bags. Caleb is looking for sponsors for other swag.

Caleb hopes to introduce the new SIG board members at the conference.

**VII. Vote on Letter to International Storytelling Center  
Chair Rishi Nixon.**

**Motion: That the board approve wording of a letter to be sent to the International Storytelling Center. Moved by Rishi Nixon. 7 for, 6 emails yes. Motion passed.**

**VIII. Vote to Charter Storytelling Works Awards Committee  
Chair Rishi Nixon**

**Motion: That we add to the by-laws, "A storytelling works award committee will consist of at least 3 NSN members. It shall be charged with honoring storytelling works." Moved by Rishi Nixon. Votes to be sought via email.**

**IX. Environmental Storytelling Special Interest Group (ECO SIG) Report  
Directors Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan**

Monthly meet and greets. They are hoping to entice more to these. Still working on by-laws.

**X. Producers & Organizers Special Interest Group (PRO SIG) Report**  
**Directors Lisa Overholser and Barry McWilliams** No report.

**XI. Storytelling in Organizations Special Interest Group (SIO SIG) Report**  
**Director Lisa Williams.** No report.

**XII. Youth-Educators-Storytellers Special Interest Group (YES SIG) Report**  
**Director Karin Amano**

In February a Story Lab was held. A Story Swap was held at the end of March. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be a Story Lab with Noa Baum. In May there will be a story swap. June may have an invited author.

YES might revise their logo.

The Angela Lloyd Sunbrella Award had 7 or 8 applicants.

YES is hoping to have SIG ribbons for the name tags again this year.

**XIII. Vote to Adopt Utah 2028 Conference Hosting Proposal**  
**Chair Rishi Nixon and Story Crossroads Executive Director Rachel Hedman**

Rachel submitted a detailed written proposal for an NSN Conference to be held in Ogden, Utah in 2028. Vincent Bates of Weaver State University will be co-host with Rachel.

Rachel suggests that Youth Memberships under our YES SIG might be added to the YES by-laws. Her programming will include hearty inclusion of youth tellers, which she hopes might be a model for future conferences.

Ogden is 45 minutes by light rail from the Salt Lake City airport. The Sunday closing event may be held at Temple Square in Salt Lake City and would include transport to the airport.

**Motion: That the board approves the proposal from Rachel Hedman to host the 2028 National Storytelling Network Conference in Ogden, Utah. Moved by Rishi Nixon. 7 for. 6 email votes for. Motion passes.**

**XIV. Adjournment Chair Rishi Nixon 7:30 pm Central**

**National Storytelling Network**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of March 31, 2026

	Mar 31, 26	Mar 31, 25
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
1018 · US Bank General Account	28,632	10,606
1168 · US Bank Business Savings	160,484	135,218
1169 · Savings		
1077 · Ray Hicks Legacy Project	6,599	6,599
<b>Total 1169 · Savings</b>	6,599	6,599
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	195,715	152,423
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
1110 · Accounts Receivable	750	865
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	750	865
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
1250 · Undeposited Funds	2,004	661
1440 · Prepaid Conference Expenses	-25	-225
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	1,979	436
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	198,444	153,724
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
1645 · Machinery & Equipment	3,769	3,769
1760 · Accumulated Depreciation	-3,769	-3,769
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	0	0
<b>Other Assets</b>		
1800 · Other long-term assets		
1805 · CCU CD	65,922	63,150
<b>Total 1800 · Other long-term assets</b>	65,922	63,150
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	65,922	63,150
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>264,366</b>	<b>216,874</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Credit Cards</b>		
1013 · US Bank Credit Card	0	112
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	0	112
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
2110 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	-640	0
2400 · Payroll Liabilities	6	0
2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable		
2452 · FIT Withheld Payable	227	3
2453 · FICA Payable-Employee	89	82
2454 · FICA Payable-Company	89	82
2455 · Medicare Payable-Employee	21	19
2456 · Medicare Payable-Company	21	19
2460 · KC Earnings Tax	0	0
2461 · MO Withholding	8	8
2463 · MN Withheld Tax	-15	-7
2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable - Other	-230	0
<b>Total 2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable</b>	208	205

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	Mar 31, 26	Mar 31, 25
2520 · Payable for Ray Hicks Legacy Pj	6,599	6,599
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>6,804</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>6,917</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>6,917</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	83,169	35,832
3000 · Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns		
3050 · Net Assets w/o Board Restrict.	126,280	126,280
3100 · Board Restricted Net Assets		
3102 · Due to SIGs		
3102i · Welcome Seed Funds (SIG)	1,129	1,129
3102g · Due to ECO (SIG)	3,415	3,415
3102c · Due to PRO (SIG)	6,128	6,128
3102d · Due to SIO (SIG)	8,382	8,382
3102e · Due to YES (SIG)	21,012	21,012
<b>Total 3102 · Due to SIGs</b>	<b>40,066</b>	<b>40,066</b>
<b>Total 3100 · Board Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>40,066</b>	<b>40,066</b>
<b>Total 3000 · Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns</b>	<b>166,346</b>	<b>166,346</b>
3300 · Net Assets With Donor Restrictns		
3301 · Use restricted net assets		
4012 · Scholarship Grants	4,644	4,644
3325 · Member Grant Restricted Funds	11,277	11,277
<b>Total 3301 · Use restricted net assets</b>	<b>15,921</b>	<b>15,921</b>
<b>Total 3300 · Net Assets With Donor Restrictns</b>	<b>15,921</b>	<b>15,921</b>
3998 · Current Year Earnings	-35,832	-35,832
3999 · Prior Year Earnings	-0	-0
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>28,589</b>	<b>27,691</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>258,193</b>	<b>209,958</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>264,366</b>	<b>216,874</b>

**National Storytelling Network**  
**Income and Expense Compared to Budget**  
 January through March 2026

	Jan - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Contributed support			
4010 · Indiv/business contribution	3,225	2,886	339
<b>Total 4000 · Contributed support</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>339</b>
5000 · Earned revenues			
5112 · Teller Page Listings-Storynet	900	700	200
5150 · Auction Proceeds	3,903	0	3,903
5180 · Conference & Other Program Fees	19,631	13,356	6,274
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	6,095	6,028	68
5220 · Assessments & dues - orgs	1,750	700	1,050
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	998	1,039	-41
5450 · Advertising revenues	0	1,505	-1,505
5477 · SMP Fees Earned	0	50	-50
5490 · Miscellaneous revenue	377	350	27
<b>Total 5000 · Earned revenues</b>	<b>33,653</b>	<b>23,728</b>	<b>9,925</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>36,878</b>	<b>26,614</b>	<b>10,264</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>36,878</b>	<b>26,614</b>	<b>10,264</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
7200 · Salaries & related expenses			
7220 · Salaries & wages - other	1,431	5,000	-3,569
7250 · Payroll taxes	109	383	-273
<b>Total 7200 · Salaries &amp; related expenses</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>5,383</b>	<b>-3,842</b>
7500 · Other personnel expenses			
7540 · Professional fees - other	200		
<b>Total 7500 · Other personnel expenses</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
8100 · Non-personnel expenses			
8105 · Computer Equipment & Software	177	229	-51
8130 · Telephone & telecommunications	73	125	-52
8199 · Non-Personnel Other	185		
<b>Total 8100 · Non-personnel expenses</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>82</b>
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses			
8310 · Travel	616	1,000	-384
8320 · Conference, convention, meeting	169	475	-306
8321 · Presenter payout	500	795	-295
<b>Total 8300 · Travel &amp; meetings expenses</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>-985</b>
8500 · Misc expenses			
8516 · Marketing Expense	1,169	2,000	-831
8520 · Insurance - non-employee	1,069	3,243	-2,174
8560 · Outside computer svcs/Website	325	500	-175
8561 · Website Enhancement	1,575	1,250	325
<b>Total 8500 · Misc expenses</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>6,993</b>	<b>-2,855</b>
8600 · Business expenses			
8640 · Bank Fees	690	982	-291
<b>Total 8600 · Business expenses</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>-291</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>15,981</b>	<b>-7,692</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>28,589</b>	<b>10,633</b>	<b>17,956</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>28,589</b>	<b>10,633</b>	<b>17,956</b>

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## Profit &amp; Loss

Accrual Basis

January through March 2026

	226-ECO (220-SIGS)	227-Gen Story (220-SIGS)	222-PRO (220-SIGS)	224-SIO (220-SIGS)	225a-Angela Loy... (225-YES)	225-YES - Other (225-YES)	Total 225-YES (220-SIGS)	Total 220-SIGS (100-Program Ser...	Total 100-Progra...	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>										
<b>Income</b>										
4000 · Contributed support										
4010 · Indiv/business contribution	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	200	200
<b>Total 4000 · Contributed support</b>	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	200	200
<b>5000 · Earned revenues</b>										
5180 · Conference & Other Program Fees	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	20	20	20
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	225	750	425	325	0	675	675	2,400	2,400	2,400
5490 · Miscellaneous revenue	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	36	36	36
<b>Total 5000 · Earned revenues</b>	225	750	461	325	0	695	695	2,456	2,456	2,456
<b>Total Income</b>	225	750	461	325	200	695	895	2,656	2,656	2,656
<b>Gross Profit</b>	225	750	461	325	200	695	895	2,656	2,656	2,656
<b>Expense</b>										
8100 · Non-personnel expenses										
8199 · Non-Personnel Other	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	50	50
<b>Total 8100 · Non-personnel expenses</b>	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	50	50
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses										
8321 · Presenter payout	0	0	0	200	0	300	300	500	500	500
<b>Total 8300 · Travel &amp; meetings expenses</b>	0	0	0	200	0	300	300	500	500	500
<b>Total Expense</b>	0	0	50	200	0	300	300	550	550	550
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	225	750	411	125	200	395	595	2,106	2,106	2,106
<b>Net Income</b>	225	750	411	125	200	395	595	2,106	2,106	2,106