



National Storytelling Network
June 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, June 18th, 2026 • 5:30–7:30 pm Central Time

I. Call to Order Meeting started at 5:35 CT. No quorum.

Chair Rishi Nixon

Present: Karin Amano, Caleb Hubbard, Margaret Read MacDonald, Barry McWilliams, Rishi Nixon, Delana Reed, Lisa Williams, Linda Yemoto. Staff: Dot Cleveland. Guest: Zenobia Judd-Williams (new board member as of July); Alicia Dongjoo Bang (new board member as of July). Trudy Hanson (Co-chair Conference).

II. Review and Approval of May 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary Margaret Read MacDonald

Motion: That the minutes of the May 2026 Board Minutes be approved. Moved by Caleb Hubbard. Two abstained. 6 for. 2 more votes needed for quorum.

III. Chair's Report

Chair Rishi Nixon

A new letter has been sent to ISC re collaboration.

Tim Livengood was appointed as Ambassador to Emerging Storytellers.

Lisa Overholser is stepping down as PRO SIG co-chair and as Finance Chair. Another board member needs to take on the Finance Chair position.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Johnson

Available online.

V. Texas 2026 Conference Committee Report

Conference Co-Chairs Caleb Hubbard and Trudy Hanson

Tote bags and water bottles were sponsored by TSA and Tejas. Trudy donated funds for squishy buffaloes. Territory Tellers sponsored the water bottles.

Texas Campfire slots in evening for networking.

Eco trip is full.

Willy Claflin is unable to attend; Megan Wells will replace him.

135 registrations, 64 reserved housing, 21 virtual registrations.

Caleb and Trudy meeting with ASST to promote conference.

Dot has put up 1999-2025 conference programs on the NSN website.

VI. NSN Remembers 50th Anniversary Oral History Project Report

Immediate Past Chair Delanna Reed

9 audio hours long + interviews have been completed. These will be on an NSN webpage. A QR code linking to the NSN website page will be available at conference. Delanna is hoping to do a few video interviews as well.

VII. Grants Committee Report

Immediate Past Chair Delanna Reed

Member Grants has a selection meeting on Saturday, June 20. Winners will be announced at the conference.

VIII. Welcoming Incoming SIO Directors Alicia Dongjoo Bang and Zenobia Judd-Williams.

IX. Vote on Partnership Agreement with the National Association of Black Storytellers

Motion: That the agreement for collaboration with the National Association of Black Storytellers be sent to NABS for their approval. Moved by Linda Yemoto. 7 yes. 2 more votes needed for quorum.

X. Discussion on 2026 General Membership Meeting Agenda

Discussion of order of board members speaking.

XI. Vote on Edits to the NSN Leadership Guide

Motion: That the changes to the NSN leadership guide be accepted. Moved by Barry McWilliams. 7 for. 2 needed for quorum.

XII. Discussion on July 2026 Board Meeting Date

Chair Rishi Nixon

July meeting July 16 5:30-7:30 pm CDT

XIII. Environmental Storytelling Special Interest Group (ECO SIG) Report

Directors Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan. Earth Up III to take place in 2027, with emphasis on international tellers. ECO wants to invite storytellers, activists and scientists.

XIV. Producers & Organizers Special Interest Group (PRO SIG) Report

Directors Lisa Overholser and Barry McWilliams. No report.

XV. Storytelling in Organizations Special Interest Group (SIO SIG) Report

Director Lisa Williams. Process of getting SIG to vote was not completely functional.

Four members were put forth for votes. The two not elected to NSN board were willing to take positions on SIO SIG board.

XVI. Youth-Educators-Storytellers Special Interest Group (YES SIG) Report

Director Karin Amano. StoryLab was held in January. September will be the next StoryLab.

XVII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm CDT.

Chair Rishi Nixon



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XVII. Adjournment

Chair Rishi Nixon

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National Storytelling Network

Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2026

	May 31, 26	May 31, 25
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1018 • US Bank General Account	45,609	18,595
1168 • US Bank Business Savings	160,726	155,663
1169 • Savings		
1077 • Ray Hicks Legacy Project	6,599	6,599
Total 1169 • Savings	6,599	6,599
Total Checking/Savings	212,934	180,858
Accounts Receivable		
1110 • Accounts Receivable	3,680	1,005
Total Accounts Receivable	3,680	1,005
Other Current Assets		
1250 • Undeposited Funds	723	8,649
1440 • Prepaid Conference Expenses	-25	-225
Total Other Current Assets	698	8,424
Total Current Assets	217,312	190,287
Fixed Assets		
1645 • Machinery & Equipment	3,769	3,769
1760 • Accumulated Depreciation	-3,769	-3,769
Total Fixed Assets	0	0
Other Assets		
1800 • Other long-term assets		
1805 • CCU CD	65,922	63,617
Total 1800 • Other long-term assets	65,922	63,617
Total Other Assets	65,922	63,617
TOTAL ASSETS	283,234	253,903
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2010 • Accounts Payable	0	25,062
Total Accounts Payable	0	25,062
Credit Cards		
1013 • US Bank Credit Card	22	0
Total Credit Cards	22	0
Other Current Liabilities		
2400 • Payroll Liabilities	15	0
2450 • Payroll Taxes Payable		
2452 • FIT Withheld Payable	227	11
2453 • FICA Payable-Employee	116	75
2454 • FICA Payable-Company	116	75
2455 • Medicare Payable-Employee	27	17
2456 • Medicare Payable-Company	27	17
2460 • KC Earnings Tax	0	0
2461 • MO Withholding	8	8
2463 • MN Withheld Tax	22	38
2450 • Payroll Taxes Payable - Other	-230	-230
Total 2450 • Payroll Taxes Payable	312	10
2520 • Payable for Ray Hicks Legacy Pj	6,599	6,599

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2570 • Short-term liabilities - other		
2575 • Due to ETSU (In-State Tuition)	0	1,302
Total 2570 • Short-term liabilities - other	0	1,302
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,925	7,911
Total Current Liabilities	6,947	32,973
Total Liabilities	6,947	32,973
Equity		
32000 • Unrestricted Net Assets	73,221	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)	1,514	1,129
3102g • Due to ECO (SIG)	4,705	3,415
3102c • Due to PRO (SIG)	6,767	6,128
3102d • Due to SIO (SIG)	9,182	8,382
3102e • Due to YES (SIG)	22,576	21,012
1302j • Due to YES Angela Lloyd Fund	3,794	0
Total 3102 • Due to SIGs	48,538	40,066
Total 3100 • Board Restricted Net Assets	48,538	40,066
Total 3000 • Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns	174,818	166,346
3300 • Net Assets With Donor Restrictns		
3301 • Use restricted net assets		
4012 • Windham Scholarship Grants	5,729	4,644
3325 • Member Grant Restricted Funds	11,667	11,277
Total 3301 • Use restricted net assets	17,396	15,921
Total 3300 • Net Assets With Donor Restrictns	17,396	15,921
3998 • Current Year Earnings	-35,832	-35,832
Net Income	46,683	38,663
Total Equity	276,287	220,930
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	283,234	253,903

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Income and Expenses Compared to Budget

January through May 2026

	Jan - May 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 • Contributed support			
4010 • Indiv/business contribution	6,488	3,879	2,610
Total 4000 • Contributed support	6,488	3,879	2,610
5000 • Earned revenues			
5112 • Teller Page Listings-Storynet	1,300	1,480	-180
5150 • Online Auction Proceeds	4,496	0	4,496
5180 • Conference & Other Program Fees	45,974	63,934	-17,961
5210 • Membership dues - individuals	10,470	12,073	-1,603
5220 • Assessments & dues - orgs	2,450	1,725	725
5310 • Interest-savings/short-term inv	1,240	1,868	-628
5450 • Advertising revenues	4,425	4,170	255
5477 • SMP Fees Earned	0	50	-50
5478 • ETSU Admin Fees	0	100	-100
5490 • Miscellaneous revenue	169	500	-331
Total 5000 • Earned revenues	70,523	85,900	-15,377
Total Income	77,012	89,779	-12,767
Gross Profit	77,012	89,779	-12,767
Expense			
7200 • Salaries & related expenses			
7220 • Salaries & wages - other	3,298	8,333	-5,035
7250 • Payroll taxes	252	638	-386
Total 7200 • Salaries & related expenses	3,550	8,971	-5,421
7500 • Other personnel expenses			
7540 • Professional fees - other	200		
Total 7500 • Other personnel expenses	200	0	200
8100 • Non-personnel expenses			
8105 • Computer Equipment & Software	330	964	-634
8110 • Supplies	0	66	-66
8130 • Telephone & telecommunications	232	208	24
8140 • Postage, shipping, delivery	317	0	317
8199 • Non-Personnel Other	185		
Total 8100 • Non-personnel expenses	1,064	1,238	-174
8300 • Travel & meetings expenses			
8310 • Travel	2,757	1,000	1,757
8320 • Conference, convention, meeting	12,595	37,547	-24,951
8321 • Presenter payout	1,000	2,195	-1,195
Total 8300 • Travel & meetings expenses	16,352	40,742	-24,389
8500 • Misc expenses			
8516 • Marketing Expense	2,175	4,000	-1,825
8520 • Insurance - non-employee	1,069	3,243	-2,174
8530 • Membership dues - organization	0	200	-200
8547 • Non-NSN Event Sponsorship	0	2,000	-2,000
8555 • Program Related Fees	1,738	0	1,738
8560 • Outside computer svcs/Website	532	833	-302
8561 • Website Enhancement	1,800	2,083	-283
Total 8500 • Misc expenses	7,313	12,360	-5,047

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January through May 2026

	Jan - May 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
8600 • Business expenses			
8640 • Bank Fees	1,849	1,966	-117
Total 8600 • Business expenses	1,849	1,966	-117
Total Expense	30,329	65,277	-34,948
Net Ordinary Income	46,683	24,502	22,181
Net Income	46,683	24,502	22,181

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Conference Results
January through May 2026

	Jan - May 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 • Contributed support	
4010 • Indiv/business contribution	1,235
Total 4000 • Contributed support	1,235
5000 • Earned revenues	
5180 • Conference & Other Program Fees	45,779
5450 • Advertising revenues	4,425
Total 5000 • Earned revenues	50,204
Total Income	51,439
Gross Profit	51,439
Expense	
7500 • Other personnel expenses	
7540 • Professional fees - other	200
Total 7500 • Other personnel expenses	200
8100 • Non-personnel expenses	
8140 • Postage, shipping, delivery	317
Total 8100 • Non-personnel expenses	317
8300 • Travel & meetings expenses	
8310 • Travel	2,757
8320 • Conference, convention, meeting	12,595
Total 8300 • Travel & meetings expenses	15,352
8500 • Misc expenses	
8516 • Marketing Expense	2,175
Total 8500 • Misc expenses	2,175
Total Expense	18,044
Net Ordinary Income	33,394
Net Income	33,394

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Profit & Loss

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	226-ECO (220-SIGS)	227-Gen Story (220-SIGS)	222-PRO (220-SIGS)	224-SIO (220-SIGS)	225a-Angela Lloy... (225-YES)	225-YES - Other (225-YES)	Total 225-YES (220-SIGS)	Total 220-SIGS (100-Program Ser...	Total 100-Program...	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense										
Income										
4000 • Contributed support										
4010 • Indiv/business contribution	0	0	0	0	450	0	450	450	450	450
Total 4000 • Contributed support	0	0	0	0	450	0	450	450	450	450
5000 • Earned revenues										
5180 • Conference & Other Program Fees	0	0	75	0	0	120	120	195	195	195
5210 • Membership dues - Individuals	525	1,050	625	700	0	1,275	1,275	4,175	4,175	4,175
5490 • Miscellaneous revenue	0	0	53	-225	0	0	0	-172	-172	-172
Total 5000 • Earned revenues	525	1,050	753	475	0	1,395	1,395	4,198	4,198	4,198
Total Income	525	1,050	753	475	450	1,395	1,845	4,648	4,648	4,648
Gross Profit	525	1,050	753	475	450	1,395	1,845	4,648	4,648	4,648
Expense										
8100 • Non-personnel expenses										
8199 • Non-Personnel Other	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	50	50
Total 8100 • Non-personnel expenses	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	50	50
8300 • Travel & meetings expenses										
8321 • Presenter payout	0	0	200	200	0	600	600	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total 8300 • Travel & meetings expenses	0	0	200	200	0	600	600	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Expense	0	0	250	200	0	600	600	1,050	1,050	1,050
Net Ordinary Income	525	1,050	503	275	450	795	1,245	3,598	3,598	3,598
Net Income	525	1,050	503	275	450	795	1,245	3,598	3,598	3,598