

**NSN Board Meeting Agenda  
June 17, 2023**

**Call to Order: Vice Chair Delanna Reed**

**Determination of Quorum: (According to the By-Laws)**

Chair: Trudy Hanson absent Vice Chair: Delanna Reed

Vice-Chair Elect: vacant Secretary: Margaret Read MacDonald

Treasurer: Rishi Nixon

Sara DeBeer Gary Kuntz

Angela Lloyd Linda Marchisio

Barry McWilliams Debra Olson-Tolar

Lisa Overholser Linda Yemoto

Non-voting:

Bob Johnson Corporation Treasurer Dot Cleveland Bookkeeper

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion: That the minutes of the April 22 and Ma 16 meetings be approved. Moved by Delanna Reed. Approved unanimously**

**On the Calendar:**

- June 18—History Comes Alive Fest: Robert Ripley/Steve Jobs/Mary Shelley/Nellie Bly/James Armistead. Final day of 10 -day festival
- June 22—RISK! Live show in New York, Thursday, June 22 at Caveat
- June 24—In the Groves: A Summer Solstice Journey, 5:30 p.m.
- June 25—Pan-Asian Folktales with Roopa Mohan, 1:00 p.m.
- June 25—Transformative Language Arts Virtual Salon, 2:00 p.m.
- June 25—In the Groves: A Summer Solstice Journey, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- June 28—HAS Oars in the Water. Online 7:00 p.m. EDT
- July 1—Traditions and Truth (virtual)

**Committee and Officer Reports:**

**Finance Committee—Rishi Nixon. Three main priorities for this month are fundraising, working with membership committee, and helping find a board rep from the SIO SIG.**

**Update on Lapsed Membership Contacts—Bob Johnson**

NSN is now \$12, 161 in black. With sigs budget included: 13,059 in black.

Membership renewal info sent to 900 May 17, good response 100 renewals, 18 said would renew but not yet. There is a problem with members creating a second account, so that an expired member is actually re-registered under another account. Log-in being revamped to make it easier to use.

2024 NSN Conference Planning Update—Margaret Read MacDonald  
Dumas Bay Centre deposit has been paid. Conference Committee is meeting to plan. Margaret, Rishi, Dot, and Bob are working on budget.

Nominating Committee—Jaye McLaughlin of Texas has agreed to serve as a committee member. Trudy Hanson will be board rep on committee. More members needed

#### Unfinished Business:

Motion: That this description of the Accreditation Committee be added to Article 9.2, Letter L. The Accreditation Committee. The Accreditation Committee shall be composed at least three NSN members charged with evaluating storytellers and storytelling organizations offering non-degree instruction for accreditation. Moved by Margaret MacDonald. Passed unanimously.

Planning the Membership Meeting/Oracle Awards meeting for July 15

Opening 1 pm Eastern Time. 1:30 -3 Business Meeting  
3:15 Oracle Award, followed by Concert featuring the three award winners.

Recommendations for Nominating Committee Members and for Vice Chair Elect:

Still seeking members for nominating committee and a Vice Chair Elect.

Recommendations for Publications Manager and Volunteer Coordinator:

Jessica Robinson was offered the position of Publications Director, but she is too busy right now.

#### New Business:

Possible 2025 NSN Conference Location— Trudy will contact the Southern Order of Storytellers to see if they would be willing to host the 2025 NSN Conference.

Storage unit in Kansas City has 40-50 boxes of paper. \$158 per month storage. Gary Kuntz requests that we get rid of a large portion of this and reduce storage to a much less expensive smaller unit.

**Motion: That the international rate for NSN membership be the same as the Student rate. \$20 for NSN plus \$25 for SIG. Total \$45. Moved by Gary Kuntz. Passed unanimously.**

**Discuss changing date of July Board Meeting  
Agreement to keep July 18 meeting**

**Assignments: Trudy will contact Southern Order of Storytellers.  
Gary will send invoice of materials stored in Kansas City to Bob and Dot.  
Bob and Dot will suggest items to discard.  
Delanna and Angela will continue to plan membership meeting**

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.**

**Dates of NSN Board Meetings:  
Tuesday, July 18 at 6 pm  
Saturday, August 19 at Noon  
Tuesday, September 19 at 6 pm  
Saturday, October 21 at Noon  
Tuesday, November 21 at 6 pm  
Saturday, December 16 at Noon**