

NSN Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2024
12 noon CDT

Call to Order: Chair, Trudy Hanson

Present: Trudy Hanson, Margaret Read MacDonald, Linda Marchisio, Barry McWilliams, Gwen Napier, Rishi Nixon, Claire Nolan, Delanna Reed, Lisa Williams, Linda Yemoto.

Staff: Dot Cleveland, Bob Johnson.

Meeting opened at 12:03 CDT by President Trudy Hanson.

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 Feb 20, 2024 meeting be approved. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.**

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

- ✧ March 16 Six Triple Eight told by Charlotte Blake Alston, 7 p.m.
- ✧ March 14-17 Women's Storytelling Festival. Online and in person. Features 21 tellers
- ✧ March 20--World Storytelling Day, Building Bridges, 6 p.m.
- ✧ March 21-28--Kauai Story Retreat
- ✧ March 21--RISK! Live in NYC & Online, 9:30 p.m.
- ✧ April 8--Solar Eclipse
- ✧ April 12-13 Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival
- ✧ April 13--Talk of the Town: Impact of Blues on American music featuring Rev. Robert Jones, 7 p.m.
- ✧ April 17--How to Book 100 School Shows--Expert Panel, YES Story Lab, 7 p.m. CDT
- ✧ April 24--SIO--Stories Help to Discover the Purpose of an Organization, 11 to 12:15 p.m. EDT

Officer and Committee Reports:

- President's Report about recent correspondence
 - Inquiry from Cambridge Scholars: *I am writing in connection with your conference National Storytelling Network Conference 2024 on 11 July 2024, and would like to invite you to submit a proposal to publish an Edited Collection of selected papers from the conference*

Please note (From Trudy): Cambridge is a legitimate publisher based in Britain, but falls in the area of vanity publishing. In most cases there is no peer review. Not sure our conference actually produces scholarly type papers.

Decision: Our conference does not fit their model. Reject.

- Treasurer's Report—Bob Johnson See attached
- Finance Committee Report and Solar Eclipse glasses report— Rishi Nixon
Glasses sales did not generate the sales expected. Now being offered to individuals for single sales.
Lisa Overholser is new chair of the Finance Committee.
Fundraising Committee to remain a part of Finance Committee.
Finance Committee will meet quarterly. Fundraising Committee will meet monthly, except for the months when there is a Finance Committee meeting, that month they meet with the Finance Committee.
- Oracle Awards Update (Number of nominations received)...6. [Committee meets April 12 to evaluate.]
- 2024 NSN Conference Update—Margaret Read MacDonald and Delanna Reed—
MRM a bit concerned with lower than expected registration to date (135).
Program to be printed by Mike MCool 64 pages, full color, \$3,350 delivered.

Discussion of ways to promote conference. Need to alter website to remove negativity re full events.

Gwen Napier needs information to help Georgia Storytelling Network decide on actions re 2025 NSN conference.

Trudy will meet with Georgia Storytellers on April 2 to clarify. Margaret, Rishi, Trudy, and Delanna will meet with Gwen to discuss details. Any board members wanting to join the GSN meeting on April 2 email luvdropproductions@gmail.com

Unfinished Business

Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning Update on the March 5th meeting with consultant. Estimate from a possible consultant to be presented later.

The committee recommends the following Bylaws change:

Motion: To add the Strategic Planning Committee (which was formerly the Ad Hoc Committee on Setting and Prioritizing Goals) as a Standing Committee. Moved by Lisa Williams. Passed Unanimously.

MRM will consult with Lisa W and Delanna and By-laws committee.

Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee has asked for a review of the current NSN Board Application form and the information requested, as well as the difference in the process for becoming a board member (Board Applicants who apply directly and those elected by SIGS).

SiGS elect a member to represent them on the board. Others submit an application to join the board.

Rather than the NSN board addressing the SIG board application, Lisa Williams recommended that the SIG group that is under the guidance of Sara deBeer tackle this task.

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. To be discussed in April.

- Discussion of the report from the Tellabration Revitalization Committee from our February meeting. (Two options were provided for the board to consider.)

Changing trademark would cost \$450. Decision to keep trademark, but create another more user friendly logo for use as well.

Trudy and Dot will work on updating Tellabration manual.

- **Updates from SIGS**

Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan (ECO),

Judith Black did a workshop in Feb on info dump to a compelling story. It was recorded.

March 12, Carrie Sue Avayar did a workshop on adding Green Games and Storysongs.

March 30 A Eco-Concert with six tellers sharing tales that can be retold. For use in Earth Day programs.

April swap will be held.

Lisa Williams (SIO),

Ted Parkhurst Feb 22 offered a presentation on The Confluence of Storytelling and Publishing.

April Artem will be doing a presentation on Stories Help Discover the Purpose of an Organization.

May program planned.

Quarterly meeting will be held.

Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams (PRO),

June 18 1 pm central social media workshop Free for Pro and \$10 non members. Pro manual will be available at conference.

Angela Lloyd (YES) Absent, but Lisa Williams reported that the Coffee Hour went well.

New Business

Policy manual for SIGS. Lisa Williams recommended that the 2005 SIG Policy Manual be modified and that the modified SIG Policy Manual be implemented

Membership Renewals Reminder--last year we sent out an email blast in April and May. Do we want to do this again? Bob will send after April 15.

Board Member recommendations for nominations for Vice Chair-Elect (Election to be held at the 2024 Storytelling Conference). Still seeking board members.

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 central time.

NOTE FROM CHAT FROM DOT FOR SIGS, ET AL:

To sell or offer for free videos of workshops, I need a copy of the recording so I can get it on NSN's vimeo account. Then I can put it on the Store or if preferred on NSN YouTube.

Assignments:

Trudy will meet with Georgia Storytellers on April 2. MacDonald, Rishi, Delanna, and Trudy will meet with Gwen to discuss conference details.

Lisa Williams will request that the SIG Group that is under the guidance of Sara deBeer consider taking on the following project: modification of 2005 SIG Policy Manual

Margaret will consult with Lisa W and Delanna and By-laws committee to create standing committee status for Strategic Planning.

Dot and Trudy will work on Tellabration packet revision.

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

- Saturday, March 16 at 12:00 noon
- Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, May 18 at 12:00 noon
- 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