

NSN Board Meeting Agenda
June 18, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 6 pm CT by Chair, Trudy Hanson

Welcome to Leslie Shelley, 2025 NSN Conference Co-Chair

Present: Trudy Hanson, Angela Lloyd, Linda Marchisio, Barry McWilliams, Gwen Napier, Rishi Nixon, Claire Nolan, Delanna Reed, Linda Yemoto, Margaret MacDonald
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 May 18, 2024 meeting be approved as corrected.
Moved by Angela Lloyd. Passed unanimously with one revision.

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

- ✧ June 18--5:45 p.m. Marlon Carey featured at the Story Space Online
- ✧ June 22--10:00 a.m., Blue Ridge Storytelling Festival
- ✧ June 22--10:00 a.m. Hans Christian Andersen stories and folklore--every Saturday through August 3. Free
- ✧ June 26--6:00 p.m. HSA Oars in the Water
- ✧ June 28-29--2024 Sierra Storytelling Festival (Nevada City, CA)
- ✧ July 6--7:00 p.m. Traditions and Truth: Virtual Open Mic
- ✧ July 11-14--NSN Storytelling Summer Conference, Dumas Bay Conference Center

Officer and Committee Reports:

President's Report about recent correspondence-- From Anne Wheeler: "We are also wondering if NSN has any problem with our perhaps soliciting contributions from folks to sponsor specific workshops or presenters. The Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival has had great success with this approach, with both individuals and local organizations and businesses sponsoring specific tellers and workshop leaders. The sponsors' names appear in the program and are announced at the beginning of the specific sponsored event."

The board agrees that sponsors could be used for the Atlanta conference. The conference committee will oversee this.

Treasurer's Report—Bob Johnson See Treasurer's report on NSN website.
We now have removed all of our data from the computer at the library in Kansas City.

Finance Committee Report/Fundraising Committee Report--Lisa Overholser
Lisa was absent. She reports that she is planning a committee meeting soon.

Update on Ad Sales for Conference Program--Rishi Nixon

The program cost \$3250. Delanna, Rishi, and members of the finance/fundraising committees sold \$6,555 in ads. So, the program more than paid for itself.

2024 NSN Conference Update—Margaret Read MacDonald and Delanna Reed
176 registered in person, 25 virtual. Food, programs, bags, water bottles ordered. Volunteers assigned tasks. MRM will send letter to all registered soon with helpful information and the forms for the silent auction and bookstore. Lisa Overholser reports that the silent auction sheets have been prepared and volunteers arranged. Rishi showed conference budget with projected profit from conference.

2025 NSN Conference—Report from Gwendolyn Napier and Leslie Shelley
Conference will be held at Kennesaw State University. The conference facility is provided free of charge. Has lovely theatre spaces, workshop rooms, and tech. Dorms house up to 150 and are very inexpensive. May use nearby hotels as well. Good cafeteria food and also cafes nearby. Easy to reach from the airport.

Unfinished Business

Board Member recommendations for nominations for Vice Chair-Elect (Election to be held at the 2024 Storytelling Conference). Delanna has pointed out that two of our board members' terms are ending this year and that we need to fill these positions if those members do not desire to serve a second term.

Trudy will bring info sheet on board service to conference.

Lisa Williams has made the following suggestion: I recommend we send out an email to the general membership letting them know that we will have an election for several positions at the conference. Provide the name of the position, the duties, and term. In the email, let members know that we need their assistance with providing nominee names and contact information. Also, let the members know that they can nominate him/her/themselves. Provide a deadline for nominations. The plan will be to contact potential nominees prior to the conference and encourage them to complete an application

Motion: That an email be sent to all members recruiting board members. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.

Update 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.

Elizabeth and Adam will meet at the conference to discuss.

Updated and Revised Tellabration Guidelines--Trudy and Dot --We have updated the document to reflect edits suggested by board members. We'd like to have this approved prior to the conference, so that we can announce the new guide.

Motion: That the Revised Tellabration Guidelines be accepted as corrected and placed on the NSN website. Moved by Margaret Read MacDonald. Passed unanimously.

Oracle Awards--Angela has sent email reminders to all participants

Updates from SIGS

Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan (ECO)

Clair Nolan:

We have had Monthly swaps since September 2023 and have an anniversary Swap. We also hope to have an ECO Tellabration in November. The members have enjoyed the recordings of our workshops and the concert for Earth Day.

Linda Yemoto: A meet and greet in planning for future. Looking forward to conference events and SIG meal. First year anniversary of this SIG is approaching.

Lisa Williams (SIO) Absent.

Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams (PRO)

Our Production Guide is now available! It's in our PRO ad for the conference book. We also had good attendance at our Social Media Workshop in May. Recording and notes have been sent out to registered participants. No other workshops scheduled yet, other than just gathering at the Conference to network and promote our Guide.

Angela Lloyd (YES) Working on YES bylaws.

New Business

Plans for General Business Meeting at 2024 Conference (How many NSN board members will be attending conference?) Please see proposed attached agenda.

Dot will send blast to all members with info on membership meeting with link.

Trudy will write an item for blast re the need for new board members.

Suggestions for site of 2026 Storytelling Conference. (Remember we need local storytelling groups to help with venue selection and managing the conference.)

Rishi has created a useful map of the US showing where our members live.

Assignments:

Trudy will prepare an email blast about the membership meeting and one about the need for new board members.

Bob is going to work on a general membership reminder.

At the conference, the Georgia tellers will give a welcome invitation to the Georgia conference.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8 pm CT.

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

- 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