

NSN General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2023

- **Welcome**
- **Self- Introduction of Current NSN Board Members**
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Treasurer's Report—Bob Johnson**
 - In the black for the third year in a row.
 - **Finance Committee—Rishi Nixon**
 - Built on a three-legged stool model. 1. Conference. 2. Membership. 3. Fundraising.
 - **2024 Conference Committee—Margaret Read MacDonald**
 - To be held in Seattle, summer 2024
 - **NSN Auction Update—Kate Dudding and Marilyn McPhee**
 - Many submissions, more being recruited.
 - **Membership Update—Dot Cleveland and Bob Johnson**
 - Not everyone has been receiving dues renewal messages. Recently reminders were sent out, with good results. Lifetime memberships are still available. These could be given as gifts by local guilds to reward members.
 - **NSN Website Update—Dot Cleveland**
 - Dot has been working on an update. Tadpole, our webmaster, is working on cleaning up problems. \$5,000 was allocated for this work.
 - **NSN Structural Changes—Summary of structural changes made in NSN and other administrative changes—Trudy Hanson**
 - NSN is now an all-volunteer organization. We have a virtual presence only, no more physical presence in Kansas City. But 501c3 is still registered in MO.
 - Regional reps on board are replaced now by SIG reps.
 - Board structure is: Chair, Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair Elect.
 - Newly established board positions: Volunteer Coordinator, Digital Technical Specialist,
 - Publications Manager.
 - Membership for international tellers set at same as student rate.
 - Membership now includes one SIG membership.
 - Board meetings are the 3rd Saturday and 3rd Tuesday, rotating.
 - **Special Interest Group Reports:**
 - Environmental Storytelling (ECO)—Linda Yemoto
 - Storytelling in Organizations (SIO)—Lisa Williams
 - Producers and Organizers (PRO)—Barry McWilliams/Lisa Overholser
 - Youth, Educators and Storytellers (YES)—Angela Lloyd
 - Kamshibai group remains an interest group, not a SIG.

New Business:

- NSN Board Goals for 2023
 - Host an in-person storytelling conference
 - Improve communication with the membership
- Call for the creation of new SIGS.

- Question and Answer Time
- Announcements--Oracle Award Presentations begin at 2:15 CDT (Complete schedule below)

2:15-3:00 pm Oracle Award Ceremony

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15-4:00 pm Oracle Award Concert

4:00-4:10 pm Official Farewell

4:10-5:00 pm Optional "Afterglow Social"

- Adjournment