

**NSN Board Meeting Agenda**  
**July 20, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. CDT**

**Call to Order:** Chair, Delanna Reed  
Meeting opened at 12 pm CDT.

**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.

(14 Board Members are currently active. Therefore, we need at least 8 board members present to conduct any business)

**Present:** Dot Cleveland, Sara deBeer, Melissa Fees, Trudy Hansen, Angela Lloyd, Gwen Napier, Rishi Nixon, Margaret Read MacDonald, Barry McWilliams, Linda Marchisio, Delanna Reed, Lisa Williams.

Chair Delanna Reed thanked Linda Marchisio and Sara deBeer for their service on the board. Both are rotating off this year. —Sara deBeer will be staying on the strategic planning committee.

Sara thanked Trudy for helping revision of NSN and bring us to our current state. —As Past Chair, Trudy will be on the board one more year.

**Welcome to new board members:** Caleb Hubbard, Vice-Chair Elect; Emily Stamets, Volunteer Coordinator; and Melissa Fees, At large member.

**Motion: That the minutes of the June 18, 2024 minutes be approved. Moved by Barry McWilliams. Passed unanimously.**

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

- **President's Report—Goals for 2024-2025**

Increase income, build up savings.

Build membership: Maintain current membership and meet their needs, but also bring in new people.

Work more closely with fundraising: Consider grant writing and other fundraising efforts.

Continue strategic planning committee. Review and update our mission, vision, and goals.

- **Treasurer's Report**—Bob Johnson (absent). —Presented by Dot Cleveland. Conference and NSN treasurer's reports on NSN website. —\$28, 860 profit from conference.
- **Finance Committee Report/Fundraising Committee Report**--Lisa Overholser. Nothing new to report. —Auction took in \$2,239. —Book room commission earned \$511.00.
- **Update on Conference Registrations and Income:** Dot Cleveland. 168 full conference. 27 partial. 87 virtual tickets. \$6,-385 from virtual. 282 total conference attendees.

- **2024 NSN Conference Update**—Margaret Read MacDonald. Feedback form needs to be sent now. Delanna has sample form to use. Small committee volunteered to look at this form and make suggestions: Lisa Williams, Margaret Read MacDonald, Delanna Reed, Gwen Napier, and Leslie Shelley. Heather Forest’s useful evaluation report on virtual aspect was shared.
- **2025 NSN Conference**—Report from Gwendolyn Napier and Leslie Shelley. Contract with Kenesaw State University going forward. -Reaching out to a linen service to provide linens for the dorms. Committee for 2025 conference formed now.
- **Strategic Committee Update**—Delanna Reed, Lisa Williams. Hiring a consultant put aside for now, using other ways to evaluate.

### Unfinished Business

**Update on search for new board members:** Trudy Hanson, Past-Chair (sent emails to Kevin Cordi, Adam Mellema and Joel Ying about serving on the board.) -Kevin and Adam are considering it but have not committed. Trudy is still trying to reach Joel. -More recommendations welcome. -Trudy and Jay McLaughlin are on the Nominating Committee. More members are needed on the nominating committee. Trudy contacted over 40 people in search for board members this year.

**Update from Angela Lloyd** about the Ray Hicks fund and offering scholarships. -This committee will meet on Zoom to discuss further.

### Updates from SIGS

- Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan (ECO). -Not present.
- Lisa Williams (SIO) -Upcoming event, Lani Peterson Aug 15 7-8:30. -SIO had ten attending their SIG meeting at the conference.
- Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams (PRO) 10-15 members were at the PRO lunch meeting at the conference. The focused on promoting the new PRO SIG guide at the conference. -Two webinars are upcoming. -This SIG may host a debrief on how the hybrid conference worked.  
The Production Guide available now on Amazon. QR code on NSN website.
- Angela Lloyd (YES).

### New Business

Reminder to SIGS to put their events on the NSN Calendar events page.

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

Colorado was interested in hosting 2025, might be interested in 2026.[turned out to be a conference center promotion, not the local storyteller’s organization]

- **Form Ad Hoc committee to define board positions** (Or By-Laws committee?)

A small committee was formed to develop a leadership manual. Trudy Hanson, Dot Cleveland, and Delanna Reed.

**Use of Silent Auction Funds and On-Line Auction funds.** \$7,920 are now in Member Grant restricted funds. -Scholarships for the 2024 conference came from this fund. Their grant included food for the conference, membership in NSN for one year, -and conference registration.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:04 Central Time.** Quorum gone so no motion.

NSN Board Meetings for 2024 (Central Time Zone)

- 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