

# National Storytelling Network

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Dear NSN members,

You are invited to join us for the General Membership Meeting at the 2024 National Storytelling Conference. The annual membership meeting will be live-streamed and you can join us via Youtube, with chat enabled. Questions you send via chat will be passed on to our board. Conference registration is not required to attend the membership meeting. You will learn about recent NSN Board initiatives, hear reports from the Special Interest Groups, find out about the new production guide compiled by the PRO SIG and how it can be used in planning your own Tellabration!™ event.

Additionally, you are invited to join us for the Oracle Award Concert featuring 2024 Oracle Award winners at 6:45 p.m. (PDT) on July 13, which is free, open to the public, and requires no conference registration. Plan now to join us!

## The NSN Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday July 13th | 1:15-3:15 Pacific Daylight Time

[https://youtube.com/live/59u-XeQJv\\_Q?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/59u-XeQJv_Q?feature=share)

## The ORACLE Awards & Concert

Saturday July 13th | 6:45-8:45 Pacific Daylight Time

<https://youtube.com/live/4MRuIYJdGjY?feature=share>



## NOT TOO LATE TO COME TO CONFERENCE!

July 11-14 at Dumas Bay

Registration is open through the conference days.  
It's never too late to show up!

Register [here](#) for an in-person OR virtual ticket.

See [the NSN website](#) for our amazing array of programming.

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## | PRESIDENT'S LETTER

# NSN NEEDS YOU TO LIFT THE BOAT!



Trudy Hanson

President & Chair of the Board of Directors

NSN Members,

On behalf of the NSN Board of Directors, I am extending an invitation to you to share your experience and expertise by becoming a member of the National Storytelling Network Board. There are three appointive positions that are currently vacant:

- **Digital/Technical Specialist**—who assists with managing social media accounts and technical needs associated with virtual meetings
- **Publications Director**—who oversees all digital and printed publications by NSN
- **Volunteer Coordinator**—who works with volunteers to accomplish NSN initiatives

Additionally, we have the following open positions:

- **2 At Large Members of the Board**—In addition to the appointive positions, there are openings for members to serve as at-large members of the board. Terms are currently for 3 years. Board members are asked to attend a monthly ZOOM business meeting and assist NSN with accomplishing board initiatives. Typically, board members also serve on ad hoc and standing committees.
- **Vice Chair Elect**—Under the re-structured By-laws, the position of Vice Chair Elect is elected each year by the general membership. The person who is elected as Vice Chair Elect oversees the committee work of the association during the first year of service. In the second year of service, this person moves to the position of Vice Chair and is the co-chair of the storytelling conference committee. During the final year of service, this person moves to the position of Chair of the Board of Directors, overseeing monthly meetings and guiding the activities of the Network.



Since we do not have a full-time staff member, the work and continued success of NSN depends on each of us doing our part. Back in 1963, President John F. Kennedy, in a speech about a dam project in Arkansas, said: "A rising tide lifts all the boats." And so it is with the National Storytelling Network. The "tide" of renewed enthusiasm and vision is lifting the art of storytelling. But it takes ALL of us to lift the boat. Please consider providing your time and energy to making a difference.

It's easy to submit a candidate form by going to the NSN Website under the link for the Board of Directors: <https://storynet.org/about-nsn/board-and-staff/>

Dr. Trudy Hanson,  
Chair, NSN Board of Directors

## EVENTS

CLICK TO REGISTER

Storytelling In Organizations Presents



### "The Myriad Opportunities to Bring Story into Organizations"

**When:**

Thursday, August 15, 2024

**Time:**

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CDT

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. EDT



Facilitator: Lani Peterson, Psy.D.  
Executive Coach  
National Level Public Speaker

**This presentation will address:**

- The breadth and depth of what story experts bring to an organization
- How to assess prospective clients' needs
- How to market yourself to raise visibility, gain entry, and promote repeated engagements



SIO Members: Free  
Non-SIO Members: Free



### The Story People's Infamous Liars Contest

July 9 from 7 – 9 p.m. PST

Olympic Theatre Arts in Sequim, WA, 414 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA

Advanced tickets (recommended) \$15 / \$20 at the door.

Purchase tickets at [OlympicTheatreArts.org](https://olympictheatrearts.org).

Want to tell? To see the rules and judging criteria at

[ClallamStoryPeople.org](https://clallamstorypeople.org)

### Hans Christian Anderson Stories and Folklore

Saturdays July 8-August 3 11 am EDT.

At Hans Christian Anderson Statue in Central Park.

[hcastorycenter.org](https://hcastorycenter.org)

### Traditions and Truth: A Virtual Open Mic Featuring Nick Baskerville

July 8, 7-8:30 pm CDT

Email [jdelnegro@dom.edu](mailto:jdelnegro@dom.edu) for the Zoom link and/or if you are interested in telling a story (7 to 10 minutes).

### Storyteller and Wordweaver, Antonio Rocha

July 20, 3:30 pm PST

Puyallup Public Library (thanks to Fireside Storytellers League), Puyallup, WA

[puyalluplibrary.org](https://puyalluplibrary.org)

### MO Liars Contest

July 20 9:15 am-4:30pm CST

Columbia Public Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri

### Voices In The Glen Monthly Story Swap \* In Person

Saturday, July 27\* 7:30 p.m.

Storytellers and listeners are invited to an evening of shared stories.

Anyone is welcome to tell a tale; no one ever has to.

For adults or families. Free.

Please RSVP to [ebnineteen@hotmail.com](mailto:ebnineteen@hotmail.com)

Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818,

[dorfmanjo@gmail.com](mailto:dorfmanjo@gmail.com)

### "Stories in the Park, Stories in the Dark"

South Sound Story Guild

Saturday, Aug 10, 7 pm PST


Squaxin Park, East Grove Shelter, Olympia, WA

### Storyteller "Brother Ben" Tucker.



August 14 8:30-9:30 pm PST

Belle Haven Library

100 Terminal Ave. Menlo Park, CA



*When Storytellers Write about Healing*  
An Author Interview Series  
Live on ZOOM!

An Interview with Laura Simms about her book <i>Our Secret Territory: The Essence of Storytelling</i> Host: Jim Brulé	An Interview with Jim Brulé about his book <i>Stories of the Heart: Journey into Dying &amp; Living</i> Host: Laura Simms
	
July 31st 7:00pm EDT Tickets \$15	August 21st 7:00pm EDT Tickets \$15



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NEWSLETTER**

Send an email with your contribution to [newsletter@storynet.org](mailto:newsletter@storynet.org) to go out to the NSN community. Membership not required.

Stories for the next issue are due on the 25th of the month.

If you have written an article, please send a headshot photo of yourself.

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