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

The ORACLE Awards & Concert
Saturday July 13th | 6:45-8:45 Pacific Daylight Time

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

Traditions and Truth: A Virtual Open Mic Featuring Nick Baskerville
July 8, 7-8:30 pm CDT
Email 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

“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
Our Secret Territory: The Essence of Storytelling
Host: Jim Bruté
July 31st 7:00pm EDT
Tickets $15

An Interview with
Jim Bruté about his book
Stories of the Heart: Journey into Dying & Living
Host: Laura Simms
August 21st 7:00pm EDT
Tickets $15

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
Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818, dorfmanjo@gmail.com
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Send an email with your contribution to 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.

Content subject to editing, inclusion in final issue not guaranteed