

NSN Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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: Melissa Fees, Trudy Hanson, Caleb Hubbard, Angela Lloyd, Margaret Read MacDonald, Barry McWilliams, Claire Nolan, Lisa Overholser, Delanna Reed, Leslie Shelley, Linda Yemoto.
Staff: Dot Cleveland, Robert Johnson. Guest: Marilyn McPhie.

Review and Approval of August 20, ~~2024~~2024, Minutes
Corrections and changes were discussed.

Motion: That the minutes of the August 20, ~~2024~~2024, meeting be approved as amended. Moved by Trudy Hanson. -Passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Chair's Report: "From the desk" addition to newsletter; thanks to Claire Nolan who agreed to coordinate SIG meetings; searching for 2026 conference location- Delanna is exploring collaborating with NEST in the future.

~~For future conference we are exploring NEST collaboration in future. Exploring Minnesota and California~~ are possible choices for 2026 and 2027. for future conference possibilities.

- Vice-chair Elect Report: Caleb Hubbard.- Trying to get standing committee information in order.
- By-Laws committee Report – Margaret Read MacDonald: Vote on By-laws changes describing board positions; present new change about Executive Committee

Motion: That changes to by-laws regarding board position descriptions for Public Relations Coordinator and Publications Manager be approved. Moved by Claire Nolan. Passed unanimously.

Change by-laws regarding in individuals comprising the Executive Committee

9.2 (a) Executive Committee.

- (i) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors, who shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Committee;
- (ii) The Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors;
- (iii) The Vice-Chair Elect;
- (iv) The Secretary of the Board;
- (v) The Chairperson of the Finance Committee;
- (vi) The Past Chair; and
- (vii) A member of NSN, preferably not on the Board of Directors.

This will be voted on at the October meeting.

- Treasurer Report—Bob Johnson See website.
- Online Auction Report-Marilyn McPhie.— Contributions are down from last year.— Deadline has been extended.— In 2023 we had 111 items donated. As of now, 2024 has 72 donated. In 2023 \$1300 in value were donated, as of now \$900 for 2024.
- Webmaster Report-Dot Cleveland. Dot has been ~~working on cleaning~~ cleaning up and restructuring the website.— The Mission statement has been changed to match the By-laws. Board meeting page now holds the Leadership Guide.
- Finance Committee Report/Fundraising Committee Report--Lisa Overholser Meets quarterly.— Concerned that we have no Grant Writing committee. Our standing Grant Committee is tasked with giving out **member** grants.— Fundraising Committee does not currently seek grants.

As a result of the discussion, Chair, Delanna Reed appointed an ad-hoc Grant Writing Committee: Lisa Overholser and Rachel Hedman.— This committee might be folded into the Fundraising Committee or established as a new standing committee in the future.

- 2025 NSN Conference Report-Leslie Shelley
Proposal date can be extended. —8 proposals received as of today.
Conference committee meets in October.— They are working on the logo and a title for the conference.

Unfinished Business

- Continued search for new board members: Publications Manager and PR Director
- Suggestions for future Storytelling Conferences. (Remember we need local storytelling groups to help with venue selection and managing the conference.)

Updates from SIGS

- ECO-Report from Linda Yemoto and Claire Nolan
ECO holds monthly swaps with a different host each time. Sept **1st** is their anniversary for doing swaps.— They have over 60 members.— A Green Tellabration is planned for November.

- PRO-Report from Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams
-Upcoming workshops: Folks involved in hybrid programming for the conference (Heather Forrest and Jessica Robinson)— along with Rachel Hedman -and— Claire Hennessey.

~~-May have a December may have~~ workshop on the media end of social media...photography, etc. in December —~~W~~with Jessica Robinson and Carol Moore.

The Production Guide has sold 23 copies. —\$138.06 royalties. —[newsletter items]

SIO-Report from Lisa Williams. ~~None.~~Unable to attend and give report.

- YES-Report from Angela Lloyd
YES board made changes to Facebook admin so all members of the board can post.
Updated permissions for reading & editing the YES documents in the **YES** Google folder.

On November 19 hosting a Story Lab with Tim Lowry.

- Ray Hicks Legacy update-: The group met 9/12/24 one hour. Adam Booth, Connie Regan Blake, Elizabeth Ellis, Mary Hamilton, -Angela Lloyd. Very good meeting- ~~the our~~ first ~~time with~~ all were present.– Discussion included brainstorming included ways ~~and means~~ to support tellers of traditional stories, as mentors &, mentees; suggestions were given to offer financial support for events to highlight the telling of traditional stories at regional festivals; the group is exploring making a simple application for individuals or groups/and or call for proposals. We meet again in November.
- SIGS met before NSN board meeting to discuss how to use the MARLS fund. ~~w~~Will report at Oct meeting.

New Business

- How can we collaborate to create a volunteer list for Emily Stamets, Volunteer Coordinator?

Delanna Caleb will create a questionnaire I to search for volunteers among our members.

- Without a Public Relations Director, how can NSN help the SIGsSIGs, and our committees advertise events? To be continued.
- Dot noted that all the SIGS need to send flyers to Dot and to the newsletter. SIO is the only SIG that sends her announcements of their activities.
- Delanna will create a doodle poll to find a suitable meeting time for 2025 board meetings.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Lisa Overholser. Passed unanimously.

NSN Board Meetings for 2024 (Central Time Zone)

- Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, December 21 at 12:00 noon