

NSN Board Meeting Agenda
August 19, 2023
12:00 p.m. CDT

Call to Order: Chair, Trudy Hanson. Called to order at 10:03.

Present:

Present: Trudy Hanson, Delanna Reed, Margaret Read MacDonald, Rishi Nixon. Sara DeBeer, Angela Lloyd, Barry McWilliams, Debra Olsen-Tolar, Lisa Overholser, Lisa Williams, Linda Yemoto Linda Marchisio.. Staff: Dot Cleveland, Bob Johnson. Absent: Gary Kuntz.

Determination of Quorum: (According to the By-Laws).

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion: That the minutes of the July 18 , 2023 meeting be approved. Moved b y Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.**

On the Calendar:

- Aug. 19 RISK! Presents What's Your Story? 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Aug. 19 Small Group coaching with Laura Packer, 8:30 p.m. \$23
- Aug. 25 The Reboot: Storytelling Reimagined, 7 p.m. PDT
- Aug. 26—Michigan Bright Water Storytelling Festival, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Aug. 31—ASST You and I, Couples Tandem Telling, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 RISK! Live Show in New York at Caveat, 9:30 p.m., In person-\$18-23; Livestream, \$15

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Treasurer's Report—Bob Johnson \$14,000 in the black
- Finance Committee Report—Rishi Nixon Fundraising committee is part of Finance for now, need a few more members. Still evaluating Lifetime Membership fee. Conference registration fee are set. Minimum of 112 registrants needed to break even.
- 2024 NSN Conference Update. Margaret Read MacDonald and Delanna Reed. Conference registration: \$249 early bird members, \$269 Early bird non-members, \$289 Regular registration, members. \$309 Non-members regular registration. One day \$89; Sunday morning \$40. Concerts \$15. Rooms at conference center range from \$200 to \$330. Meals \$182.64 for entire conference. Loren Niemi and Barbara Schutzgruber are handling Fringe. Loren and Howard Lieberman will handle SLAM. Virtual: Theater space live streamed Thurs pm, all day and night Friday and Saturday. Other space on Sunday; HSA has offered to host a zoom meet and greet...probably Sunday at conference end, and possible earlier in the week as well. Other possibilities under consideration. MRM suggested the possibility that SIGS could do a pre-conference if they chose, now that LYFT transport from hotels is available Board discussed need for board members to be allowed to propose programs this year.
- NSN Auction Report Auction has been extended. \$4300 at moment.

- Updates from SIGS—Linda Yemoto (ECO), has 35 members already. Looking for 1 more board representative.
- Lisa Williams (SIO) Working on bylaws. Needs to get Mail Chimp going. Working on By-laws for SIG. 43 members
- Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams (PRO), 43 members. List inaccurate.
- PRO is sponsoring a virtual Building Your Storytelling Board on Sept 18 6 pm central time. PRO is sponsoring a program about liability insurance for non-profits.
- Angela Lloyd (YES) 105 members. Hosted a storylab in July. No programming planned for near future. YES board meets September 11, 7:30 pm Central.

Unfinished Business

- **P Drive Update—Bob Johnson (about SIG materials that are available)** Much material on P Drive on a virtual machine in Kansas City on library system. Dot and Bob have access. Can look for items if you know what you are looking for. Sig info of past. Project Drive. Place where all project related documents could be saved. Organized better than Google Drive. Bob and Dot will explore ways for board members to access.
- **Lifetime Membership—recommendation from Finance and Membership Committees** Tabled for further study.
- **Discussion Group "language"—recommendation from By-Laws Committee**
- **Motion: That Amendments to By-Laws Article 6 be approved. Moved by Linda Marchisio. Passed unanimously**
- **Motion: That Amendments to By-Laws Article 7 be approved. Moved by Trudy Hanson. Passed unanimously.**
- **Motion: That Amendments to By-Laws Article 9 be approved. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.**
- Margaret will retype these and send to Bob, Linda Marchisio, Trudy and Delanna for proof reading. Then they will be sent to Dot to replace current out dated by-laws on website.
- Margaret, Linda Marchisio and Delanna will examine the Conflict of Interest policy statement and suggest updates.
- **Conference Attendance Stipends—recommendation from Conference and Finance Committee.** To encourage first timers to attend NSN.
- \$7920 from earlier auction is earmarked for "Member grants". Could this be used for grants for first time attendees to conference? Committee to examine grant possibilities: Rishi Nixon, Angela Lloyd, Linda Marchisio.
- **Follow-up on Hosting an online program featuring Young Tellers—Please note, whatever we decide, we need to work cooperatively with National Youth Storytelling since this is their area of expertise and because NSN did not choose**

to continue to sponsor the youth tellers program beginning in 2011 when the organization moved to sponsorship by Timpanogos Storytelling Festival

Open mike for Young Tellers could be useful. GenZ group needs representation. Dot Cleveland, Angela Lloyd, and Sara De Beers will explore idea.

Tellabration needs to be discussed. A friendly reminder that Tellabration using NSN trademark usually share some revenue with NSN. Angela Lloyd raised issue. Was put on agenda for September meeting.

New Business:

- **Offer advice to Dave Bush regarding his digital storytelling idea**

Here's the login to view the entire project:

Login her: <https://stonecallers.com/SC/wp-login.php>

Username: Guest

Password: SMjW)u7WT5@@2S6M:

I asked Dave to answer several questions. Here was his reply:

Thanks for taking the time to look at our project. Truthfully, I wasn't sure how it could connect to the NSN. Looking at the website, it was apparent the organization acted as an advocate for storytelling, which struck a chord.

My wife and I feel strongly about helping kids develop a love for literature. Our goal is the creation of commercial products that facilitate this. We've developed our novella into explorative digital fiction by including interactive multimedia elements that enhance the reading experience. The core is text, but these additional elements provide periodic "rewards" that propel the reader, encouraging them to continue. By design, these elements offer both momentary stimulation and deeper meaning via foreshadowing and connections.

Because we admittedly don't fully understand the objectives of the NSN, we were hoping the organization could offer insight into any possible mutually beneficial alignments.

Lisa Overholser will invite him to a Pro meeting so he can learn more about NSN and we can learn more about his project.

- **Membership Renewal Concerns**—When I renewed my NSN membership last month by clicking on the automatic renewal link, the automatic reply that was generated had old information and incorrect contact information. Also the code to get a discount for being a member of Tejas Storytelling Association did not work. I also could not sign up for a SIG. This may be corrected by the website update, but I wanted the Board to realize what is being generated "automatically" to members who renew. (See the attachment for a copy of what members are receiving)

Dot will contact Tadpole to try to replace it.

Sara: For future agenda. Current Directory difficult to use.

Dot is aware of problem.

- **Other Concerns?**

Motion: Because NSN is now SIG driven and because this is a start-up conference after COVID, board members will be allowed to present at this 2024 conference. Moved by Margaret Read MacDonald. Passed unanimously.

Assignments:

Dot and Bob will explore ways for board members to access P drive or Google.

Dot and Bob will help Lisa W. get access to Mailchimp and Zoom.

Finance Committee will continue to study Lifetime Memberships.

Margaret will prepare final version of By-laws for Dot to post.

Margaret, Linda M., and Delanna will examine the Conflict of Interest policy statement and suggest updates.

Rishi, Angela and Linda M. will explore grants for first time conference attendees.

Dot, Angela and Sara will explore possibility of Open Mikes for Tellers 18-24 (Gen Z?)

Lisa O will invite David Bush to Pro meeting. Trudy will give Dave Bush Lisa's contact info.

Dot will try to get membership letter updated.

Adjournment

Dates of NSN Board Meetings:

Tuesday, September 19 at 6 pm

Saturday, October 21 at Noon

Tuesday, November 21 at 6 pm

Saturday, December 16 at Noon