

**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, Minutes**

**Motion: That the minutes of the August 20, 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
- For future conference we are exploring NEST collaboration in future. Exploring Minnesota and California 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

(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 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 Grant Committee is tasked with giving out grants. Fundraising Committee does not currently seek grants.

Chair, Delanna Reed appointed an hoc Grant Writing Committee: Lisa Overholser and Rache Hedman. This committee might be folded into the Fundraising Committee or established as a new 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 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.

December may have workshop on media end of social media...photography, etc. With Jessica Robinson and Carol Moore.

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

- SIO-Report from Lisa Williams. None.
- 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 google folder.  
November 19 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- our first with all present. Discussion brainstorm included ways and means to support tellers of traditional stories, as mentors, mentees; suggestions 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/ call for proposals. We meet again in November.

SIGS met before NSN board meeting to discuss MARS will report at Oct meeting.

### **New Business**

- How can we collaborate to create a volunteer list for Emily Stamets, Volunteer Coordinator?
- Delanna Reed will send a Doodle poll to establish a meeting date that works for all for 2025.
- Caleb Hubbard will design a questionnaire to recruit potential committee members.
- Without a Public Relations Director, how can NSN help the SIGs, and our committees advertise events? To be continued.

SIGS need to send flyers to Dot and to newsletter.

### **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