

NSN Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024
6 PM CDT

Call to Order: Chair, Delanna Reed 6:01 pm CST

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.)

Melissa Soza Fees, Trudy Hanson, Caleb Hubbard, Angela Lloyd, Margaret Read MacDonald, Barry McWilliams, Gwendolyn Napier, Rishi Nixon, Claire Nolan, Lisa Overholser, Delanna Reed, Emily Stamets, Lisa Williams. Staff: Dot Cleveland, Bob Johnson. Guest: Sara Douglas.

Review and Approval of October 15, 2024, Minutes
Trudy moved. Unanimous approval.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Chair Report: Delanna Reed.
 - Agreement with Artists Standing Strong Together to donate to the Storyteller Relief Fund for Hurricane Helene & Milton. Gwen is the NSN rep on committee to work with ASST reviewing applications. NSN matched the amount ASST had in their relief fund, totaling \$3,000 to be awarded in \$500 grants. Open to any storyteller, not just NSN members. The application process that ASST used has been streamlined. The link on our website shows the old form but will be replaced as soon as the ASST board approves the shortened form.
 - Doodle poll results for meeting times. Decided on 3rd Wednesdays. 5-7pm Central.
 - Discussing offering a joint conference with Sharing the Fire, perhaps in future. Minnesota being considered for 2026.
 - Introduced applicant for member at large – Sara Douglas. Sara is considering the position.
- Vice-Chair Elect Report: Caleb Hubbard-volunteer survey. Many volunteers to be slotted into committees. Some current committees may need revamping in mission.
- Treasurer Report: Bob Johnson-Budget/expenses, earnings from silent auction \$41,140 profit this year, not including SIGS earnings. Total assets: \$188,415.
Auction proceeds \$6,609
Membership At Large (MAL) accumulated 2023 and 2024 funds are to be divided by 5 (ECO, PRO, SIO, YES, Welcome Mat) and distributed to the above mentioned SIGS accounts at the end of this year, 2024.

- Dot drove to Kansas City and emptied our storage facility. Savings: \$200 per month for the storage.
- Webmaster Report: Dot Cleveland: The new Teller Directory is on the website and will be announced to the membership after a couple of bugs are fixed.
- Finance Committee Report/Fundraising Committee Report: Lisa Overholser, Committee Chair: A template has been created for SIG budgets. SIG budgets are due by December 31.
- 2025 NSN Conference Report: Leslie Shelley and Rishi Nixon, co-chairs
Received 108 proposals. Proposal evaluation forms went out to each SIG and HSA for evaluation.

Updates from SIGS

- ECO-Report from Claire Nolan
Eco continues to hold monthly swaps. They are looking at ways to incorporate ECO events into the conference. There is an arboretum on campus.
- PRO-Report from Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams
Pro has 62 members. They held an event on the Future of Hybrid on Nov 9. The event was recorded for all who signed up. 18 registered.

Jan 18 Jessica Robinson and Carol Moore will offer a workshop on the Media part of Social Media.

- SIO-Report from Lisa Williams
Nov 9 a workshop on Emotional Intelligence was presented. 46 registered, 15 participated. Jim Brule is Conference Committee rep and a committee is working with him on proposal evaluations.
SIO has workshops planned for Jan 16, Feb, March and April.
- YES-Report from Angela Lloyd-Story Lab with Tim Lowry 11/19, 7 pm CT.

Old Business

- Filling the PR coordinator position *or* exploring paying someone/contracting for posting on social media. Melissa Fees is interested in doing social media.

New Business

- Discuss the number of SIG representatives needed on the board. The By-laws call for one from each SIG. The representative does not have to be the chair of the SIG. How many votes for each SIG?

Motion: That we table the conversation about number of SIG representatives on board until next meeting. Moved by Gwen Napier. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm CST

NSN Board Meetings for 2024 (Central Time Zone)

Saturday, December 21, 12 PM, noon

Tellabration events posted on storynet.org

1. Tellabration™ at the Horseshoe Pond Place Senior Center Community Room, 26 Commercial Street, **Concord, NH** 03301 on November 9th at 1:00-3:00pm ET. Presented by the Central NH Storytelling Guild. Details at: <http://www.nhstorytelling.org/tellabration>
2. Tellabration™ at the Historical Scott House, 4 Sunset Lane, **Ridgefield, CT** 06877 on November 16th at 2:00-3:30pm ET. Presented by Ridgefield, CT Historical Society. Contact: Dr. Darla Shaw at shawd@wcsu.edu
3. Tellabration™ at the June Bug Center, 251 Parkway Ln. S., **Floyd, VA** 24019 on November 16th at 5:30pm ET. Liars Contest presented by Let Me Tell Ya! & Blue Ridge Story Space. \$10 Fee to enter the contest.
4. Tellabration!™ Utah Virtual event. Saturday, November 16th at 3:00 pm MST. Featured Tellers are the National Youth Storytelling Ambassadors. Free, no charge. Sponsored by: Resonance and National Youth Storytelling. Click [HERE](#) for Zoom Link or Meeting ID: 830 1984 1032; Passcode: 263505. Contact: nannette.watts@gmail.com or 801-362-4411.
5. Tellabration™ MO-TELL Kick Off event with Elizabeth Ellis, Sunday, November 17 at 5:30 pm. Join the Zoom meeting Click [HERE](#). There will be an in person Tellabration™ on November 21 in St. Louis, MO at the Chapel. Contact Joyce Slater at JoyceSlater20@gmail.com
6. Tellabration™ at the McKinney Center, 103 Franklin Ave, **Jonesborough, TN** 37659 on November 23rd at 2:00pm-4:00pm ET. Stories, Auctions & Fun! \$12 General Admission, \$10 Seniors Students, Free for children under 12. Purchase tickets at the Visitors Center. Contact Kelle at myjollyboy@gmail.com or Cynthia at cynthia.millhorn@gmail.com
7. Connecticut has 25 different sites where Tellabration™ takes place this year. Some are performances, some are workshops. Some are for adults, and some are for children. For a complete list, click [HERE](#).

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 Accrual Basis

National Storytelling Network
Statement of Financial Position
 As of October 31, 2024

	Oct 31, 24	Oct 31, 23
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1018 · US Bank General Account	4,986	60,076
1168 · US Bank Business Savings	108,336	0
1025 · Paypal	4,236	0
1169 · Savings		
1077 · Ray Hicks Legacy Project	6,599	8,933
Total 1169 · Savings	6,599	8,933
Total Checking/Savings	124,156	69,009
Accounts Receivable		
1110 · Accounts Receivable	990	0
Total Accounts Receivable	990	0
Other Current Assets		
1250 · Undeposited Funds	20	413
1450 · Prepaid expenses		
1452 · Prepaid Insurance	0	2,259
1458 · Prepaid Vimeo	0	599
Total 1450 · Prepaid expenses	0	2,858
1460 · Deposits	0	8,788
Total Other Current Assets	20	12,058
Total Current Assets	125,166	81,067
Fixed Assets		
1645 · Machinery & Equipment	3,769	3,769
1760 · Accumulated Depreciation	-2,262	-1,508
Total Fixed Assets	1,507	2,261
Other Assets		
1800 · Other long-term assets		
1805 · CCU CD	61,742	59,313
Total 1800 · Other long-term assets	61,742	59,313
Total Other Assets	61,742	59,313
TOTAL ASSETS	188,415	142,641

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	Oct 31, 24	Oct 31, 23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
1013 · US Bank Credit Card	1,000	295
2049 · Credit Cards	468	468
Total Credit Cards	1,468	763
Other Current Liabilities		
2110 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	-904	0
2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable		
2452 · FIT Withheld Payable	18	0
2453 · FICA Payable-Employee	46	11
2454 · FICA Payable-Company	46	11
2455 · Medicare Payable-Employee	11	3
2456 · Medicare Payable-Company	11	3
2460 · KC Earnings Tax	0	0
2461 · MO Withholding	8	8
2463 · MN Withheld Tax	227	-2
Total 2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable	365	33
2520 · Payable for Ray Hicks Legacy Pj	8,933	8,933
2570 · Short-term liabilities - other		
2573 · Due to SMP Recipients	0	50
2575 · Due to ETSU (In-State Tuition)	-99	-99
Total 2570 · Short-term liabilities - other	-99	-49
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,295	8,917
Total Current Liabilities	9,764	9,680
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Equity		
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	21,064	3,231
3000 · Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns		
3050 · Net Assets w/o Board Restrict.	90,448	69,384

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	Oct 31, 24	Oct 31, 23
3100 · Board Restricted Net Assets		
3102 · Due to SIGs		
3102g · Due to ECO (SIGs)	1,712	0
3102f · Due to KSA (SIGs)	36	161
3102c · Due to PRO (SIG's)	5,138	3,716
3102d · Due to SIO (SIG's)	6,333	5,477
3102e · Due to YES (SIG's)	18,535	16,382
3102h · Due to MAL (SIGs)	2,540	0
Total 3102 · Due to SIGs	34,293	25,735
Total 3100 · Board Restricted Net Assets	34,293	25,735
Total 3000 · Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns	124,742	95,120
3300 · Net Assets With Donor Restrictns		
3301 · Use restricted net assets		
3325 · Member Grant Restricted Funds	5,420	7,920
Total 3301 · Use restricted net assets	5,420	7,920
Total 3300 · Net Assets With Donor Restrictns	5,420	7,920
3998 · Current Year Earnings	-21,064	-3,231
3999 · Prior Year Earnings	-0	0
Net Income	48,490	29,921
Total Equity	178,651	132,961
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	188,415	142,641

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National Storytelling Network
Income and Expenses Compared to Budget
 January through October 2024

	Jan - Oct 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4012 · Grants for Scholarships	2,500		
4000 · Contributed support			
4010 · Indiv/business contribution	13,202	12,023	1,179
Total 4000 · Contributed support	13,202	12,023	1,179
5000 · Earned revenues			
5112 · Teller Page Listings-Storynet	3,100	2,920	180
5141 · Conference Sponsorships-Nondedu	667		
5150 · Auction Proceeds	6,609	6,055	554
5180 · Conference & Other Program Fees	83,187	88,470	-5,283
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	16,983	18,114	-1,132
5220 · Assessments & dues - orgs	3,625	4,600	-975
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	3,822	2,166	1,656
5440 · Non-program sales	30	10,000	-9,970
5450 · Advertising revenues	6,945	300	6,645
5477 · SMP Fees Earned	106		
5478 · ETSU Admin Fees	200	500	-300
5490 · Miscellaneous revenue	-15	0	-15
5495 · Resource Room Admin Commission	511		
Total 5000 · Earned revenues	125,769	133,125	-7,357
5800 · Special events			
5820 · Special events - gift revenue	-3,286		
Total 5800 · Special events	-3,286		
Total Income	138,185	145,148	-6,964
Gross Profit	138,185	145,148	-6,964
Expense			
1200 · Prepaid Taxes	93		
7200 · Salaries & related expenses			
7220 · Salaries & wages - other	6,141	8,333	-2,192
7250 · Payroll taxes	470	638	-168
Total 7200 · Salaries & related expenses	6,611	8,971	-2,360

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National Storytelling Network Profit & Loss

January through October 2024

	226-ECO (220-SIGS)	223-KSA (220-SIGS)	227-MAL (220-SIGS)	222-PRO (220-SIGS)	224-SIO (220-SIGS)	225-YES (220-SIGS)	Total 220-... (100-Prog...)	Total 100-...	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense									
Income									
4000 · Contributed support	0	0	0	25	5	0	30	30	30
4010 · Individ/business contribution									
Total 4000 · Contributed support	0	0	0	25	5	0	30	30	30
5000 · Earned revenues									
5180 · Conference & Other Program Fees	210	0	0	140	60	351	761	761	761
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	1,550	0	2,625	1,150	1,425	3,050	9,800	9,800	9,800
5490 · Miscellaneous revenue	0	-25	0	164	0	0	139	139	139
Total 5000 · Earned revenues	1,760	-25	2,625	1,454	1,485	3,401	10,700	10,700	10,700
5800 · Special events									
5820 · Special events - gift revenue	-150	0	0	0	0	0	-150	-150	-150
Total 5800 · Special events	-150	0	0	0	0	0	-150	-150	-150
Total Income	1,610	-25	2,625	1,479	1,490	3,401	10,580	10,580	10,580
Gross Profit	1,610	-25	2,625	1,479	1,490	3,401	10,580	10,580	10,580
Expense									
8100 · Non-personnel expenses	0	0	0	1,015	0	0	1,015	1,015	1,015
8190 · In-house publications									
Total 8100 · Non-personnel expenses	0	0	0	1,015	0	0	1,015	1,015	1,015
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses									
8322 · Comp Conference Fees	0	0	0	0	0	667	667	667	667
8325 · Honoraria	0	0	0	150	0	0	150	150	150
8321 · Presenter payout	1,100	0	0	500	730	1,500	3,830	3,830	3,830
Total 8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	1,100	0	0	650	730	2,167	4,647	4,647	4,647
8500 · Misc expenses									
8516 · Marketing Expense	0	0	0	0	39	0	39	39	39
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	0	0	0	0	39	0	39	39	39
Total Expense	1,100	0	0	1,665	769	2,167	5,701	5,701	5,701
Net Ordinary Income	510	-25	2,625	-186	721	1,234	4,880	4,880	4,880
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