

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:myjollyboy@gmail.com) or Cynthia at [cynthia.millhorn@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).