

NSN Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025
5 PM CDT

Call to Order: Chair, Delanna Reed

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: Karin Amano, Melissa Fees, Trudy Hanson, Caleb Hubbard, Barry McWilliams, Margaret Read MacDonald, Rishi Nixon, Claire Nolan, Lisa Overholser, Delanna Reed, Emily Stamets, Lisa Williams. Staff: Bob Johnson, Dot Cleveland.

Review and Approval of November 15, 2024, Minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the November 15, 2024, meeting be approved. Moved by Barry McWilliams. Passed unanimously.

Remembering Angela Lloyd: We will take a few moments to share our feelings and share stories of Angela to honor her memory. The board discussed possible ways to memorialize Angela. The possibility of adding a memorial segment to the ORACLE Awards ceremony was discussed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- **Chair Report:** Delanna Reed: reminders of upcoming deadlines (Oracle Awards). Mary Hamilton is now chair of the ORACLE Award Committee. Deadline is Jan 31. Suggestion that we re-instate Member Grants this year. \$1,000 grants. Funds from Silent Auctions go into Member Grants fund. Over \$11,000 in funds at the moment. Executive committee will make a plan.
- **Vice-Chair Elect Report:** Caleb Hubbard. Caleb is working on building committees. Received responses to emailed questionnaire. Needs members on Grants Committee. There is a plan to gather info about member skills at the conference. Discussion of Accreditation program. Accreditation Committee needs to be formed. Discussion of using storynet.org email addresses for committees and SIGs. Dot can have the storynet email forwarded to board member's addresses.
- **Treasurer Report:** Bob Johnson-Budget/expenses. See it on NSN website. Happily, in the black again this year. Approval of budget postponed until February. SIG budgets and conference budgets to be submitted by then.
- **Finance Committee Report/Fundraising Committee Report:** Lisa Overholser, Committee Chair. No meeting since last November. Working on budget template for SIGS. Fundraising committee scheduled.

- **2025 NSN Conference Report:** Leslie Shelley and Rishi Nixon, co-chairs. Proposals...57 of 108 accepted. PRO, ECO and SIO got all SiGS they recommended. HSA: Those on their aligned list all accepted. YES 60 proposals, 15 accepted. The same percentage was accepted relative to proposals accepted by other SIGS. FRINGE tellers have been selected. Barb Schutzgruber and Loren Niemi handled this. All contracts sent out, including Georgia Regional Tellers and National Tellers.

Liability clause: one presenter had an issue with it. Anne Wheeler is giving legal advice.

Katherine Tucker Windham Scholarship announced. Covering food, lodging minus linen charge. Five openings.

Registration opens January 27. Logo designed by one of Leslie's former students.

\$249-member early bird rate. Day fee increased because Kennesaw charges an off-campus fee of \$15 for those not staying on campus.

\$99 Virtual ticket.

\$324 non-members, including NSN membership. Registrants will be contacted to let them select a SIG.

Lodging: \$250 lodging. Can choose roommate or have one assigned.

Volunteers: Emily is coordinating volunteers. Board members get the first choice of volunteer positions.

Updates from SIGS

- ECO-Report from Claire. ECO held a group storytelling virtual event. ECO asks if they can use some of their SIG funds to underwrite bus travel to the botanical garden and the entrance fee for Conference participants. Answer: Yes.
- PRO-Report from Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams. A workshop planned for this Saturday on Media Part of social media is postponed to April 12. They are exploring doing some intra-SIG mentoring. One on one mentoring.
- SIO-Report from Lisa Williams. Thanks to Jim Brule for chairing the proposal evaluation committee so skillfully. There will be a workshop Jan 16 Artem Mushin-Makedonskiy and a Michael Brundy workshop in February; March and April presentations are being planned. Membership increased. Dot is working on SIO Directory. SIG is soliciting photos for directory.
- YES-Report from Karin Amano. Co-Chair is Kevin Cordi. YES is building their board. They have 147 members. Laura Packer will be presenting at a StoryLab. The monthly Coffee Hour continues.
- Welcome to Karin as new board member representing YES.

Old Business

- Postponed: Filling the PR coordinator position *or* exploring paying someone/contracting for the social media.

New Business

- Postponed: 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?
- Presenter liability statement on the conference contract. Discuss changing the current wording. Resolved above.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 CST.

Upcoming Calendar Events

1) SIO: Story Growth, Creating a Culture of Development Through Storytelling and Story Work

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am CST

Cost: SIO Member FREE / Non-Members FREE

Register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqdu6prDwiGdxOPWV63fkNzb1fN-xnHXa9#/registration>

Workshop Goal: Participants will craft several story-based practices for creating and sustaining a culture of development.

2) Two Women – One Man Each Made a Difference Eric L Foxman

Date: January 18, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm PT

Cost: Free registration required

To Register: <https://tinyurl.com/Register2Womenand1Man>

3) Oars in the Water: For Angela Joy, Grief, and Dying

January 22, 2025, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm CT

Cost: Free, donations appreciated

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81580670118?pwd=kluogEmpqp8COl7mWvDI673CCozLS.1>

4) Amy Antonucci, True Tales Live

Date: Tuesday, Jan 28

Time: 7-8:15 PM ET

Cost: Free registration required

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYodeCvrjgoGdeb8XrYEOUAbcseWv6Jp8Sw>

5) Chennai Storytelling Festival

Date: January 31- February 23, 2025 (Various days and times)

Cost: Free

Registration: If you are on the email list you are registered and will receive the Zoom links via email.

If you are not yet receiving such emails: to register for CSF 2025, please send an email request to info@storytellinginstitute.org

NSN Board Meetings for 2025 (5 pm Central Time Zone)

Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday, May 21

Wednesday, June 18

Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, August 20

Wednesday, September 17

Wednesday, October 15

Wednesday, November 19

Wednesday, December 17