

NSN Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025
5 PM CDT

Call to Order: Chair – Delanna Reed Meeting called to order at 5:06 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.)

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Present: Karin Amano, Trudy Hanson, Caleb Hubbard, Margaret Read MacDonald, Barry McWilliams, Gwen Napier, Rishi Nixon, Claire Nolan, Delana Reed, Leslie Shelley, Linda Yemoto. Staff: Robert Johnson.

Motion: That the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Board meeting be approved. Moved by Trudy Hanson. Passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- **Chair Report:** Delanna Reed.

Oracle Award Recipients Announced:

Regional Service and Leadership Award recipients are:

Clinton Atwater, Roanoke, Virginia

Jo Ann Dadisman, Independence, West Virginia

Meghna Bhat, Sacramento, California

Jim Brule, Fayetteville, New York

Jennifer Pahl Otto, Lansing, Michigan

Talking Leaves Award recipient

Sherry Norfolk, St. Louis, Missouri

National Distinguished Service Award recipients

Trudy Hansen, Amarillo, Texas

Bob Johnson, Greeneville, Tennessee

Sara Armstrong, Berkeley, California

Lifetime Achievement Award recipient

Susan O'Connor, Johnson City, Tennessee

Motion: That the Oracle Awards be approved as listed. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.

Trudy will update Oracle timeline in the Leadership Guide.

The board discussed following Angela Lloyd's structure of opening the award on at the fall equinox and announcing them at the Spring equinox. Using this guideline, the Conference Committee will announce the opening of the Oracle Award nominations on September 22. They should be advised of their selection by the day before the March board meeting, so the board can vote to approve. (March 19-21 is the spring equinox) This will be taken to the Oracle Award committee for further elaboration.

Online auction: This will be moved to spring beginning in 2026. The timeline suggested seemed to end too close to the summer conference. The board felt it was too late to mount an online spring auction this year.

The Silent Auction will be held at the conference as usual. Doug Lipman has donated 17 bins of materials that NSN can sell or pass on as we see fit.

Member discussion grants tabled until next meeting. The Executive Committee will meet to make a plan to propose to the board.

- **Vice Chair-Elect Report:** 2026 Conference Proposal
We propose to have the NSN 2026 conference at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), in Canyon, TX (just south of Amarillo). We will discuss the financial options, and conference location, along with why NSN could work at WTAMU. WTAMU has a beautiful campus, and the area is full of rich stories, along with beautiful sights and local storytellers to be showcased. Let the storytellers come where the buffalo roam in Canyon, TX.

Caleb presented an exciting slide show about the West Texas A & M site.

Motion: That the 2026 NSN Conference be held at West Texas A & M University in Canyon, Texas. Moved by Delanna Reed. Passed unanimously.

- **Secretary Report:** Margaret Read MacDonald announced the Kathryn Windham Scholarships. 2025 winners: Lorelee Cooley (AZ); Rachel Briggs (RI); Marisa Luse (RI); Denise Page (CT); Thomas Freese (KY). We had 27 applicants. 14 were not NSN members. 10 were members, and 5 were lapsed members. 13 were elders, most of whom expressed financial need. Margaret, Caleb, Gwen, Rishi, and Delanna will form an ad-hoc committee to discuss future guidelines for this scholarship.
- **Treasurer Report:** Bob Johnson. Total assets: \$207,412. Full report available on NSN website.
- **2025 NSN Conference Report:** Leslie Shelley and Rishi Nixon, co-chairs.

Accepting ads for conference program now. Each SIG gets a quarter page ad.

\$1,630 worth of ads sold so far; this is more than half needed to cover cost of printing. Still need many more ads.

Board members encouraged to sign up to volunteer. Can sign up on website.

Tour to local garden for ECO is still being planned.

- Differences between two liability statements on the presenter contract. An Ad Hoc committee will be proposed to review and revise the contract.

Updates from SIGS

- ECO-Report from Claire Nolan/Linda Yemoto
Joint program with HSA. Bill McKibben drew 60 attendants, including many non-tellers. The program was recorded.
- March 23, 7-8:30 Eastern. Judith Black is offering a free workshop on Climate Chaos. Building on the McKibben presentation.

<https://www.simplertix.com/e/climate-chaos-fires-floods-drought-what-s-tickets-208961>

Monthly swaps are still being held. ECO would like to do a meet and greet for members.

- **PRO-Report from Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams**
Ap 12 1 pm central. Social Media Promotion. \$10 for non-PRO members. Free to PRO members. You can register on NSN website. PRO is working on a one-on-one mentoring program. Workshops in the fall are being planned.
- **SIO-Report from Lisa Williams** –there was an SIO presentation during the board meeting so Lisa could not attend.
- **YES-Report from Karin Amano** - YES had a successful Story Lab taught by Laura Packer on Fractured Folktales March 6. April 27 a Digital Marketing program is planned. YES had an informal meeting to gather committee members to talk about founding an Angela Lloyd Legacy Scholarship program as well as committee members for a YES Story Lab and Coffee Hour. Story Crossroads gives three free tickets to YES for Story Crossroads workshops and receives three free Storylab tickets in a cooperative partnership.

Old 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?

By-laws will be changed to allow up to two SIG members to be on the Board. Each member has a vote.

Question: Should our Newsletter contain an obituary section? This will be enacted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 CT.

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Review and Approval of February 19, 2025 Minutes

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Chair Report: Delanna Reed: Announce the Oracle Award recipients for 2025. Change leadership guidelines to reflect the Oracle committee's revised manual. Schedule online auction. Suggested plan for the member grants.
- Vice Chair-Elect Report: 2026 Conference Proposal
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- Secretary Report: Margaret Read MacDonald: Kathryn Windham Scholarships
The winners will be announced with a report on the process of selection. An Ad Hoc committee will be proposed to review and revise the guidelines for this scholarship.
- Treasurer Report: Bob Johnson
- 2025 NSN Conference Report: Leslie Shelley and Rishi Nixon, co-chairs will update the board on the progress being made on the conference. Will briefly explain the objections and differences between two liability statements on the presenter contract. An Ad Hoc committee will be proposed to review and revise the contract.

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- PRO-Report from Lisa Overholser/Barry McWilliams
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Adjournment

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National Storytelling Network
Statement of Financial Position
As of February 28, 2025

	Feb 28, 25	Feb 29, 24
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1018 · US Bank General Account	13,982	44,086
1168 · US Bank Business Savings	120,317	60,022
1169 · Savings		
1077 · Ray Hicks Legacy Project	6,599	6,599
Total 1169 · Savings	6,599	6,599
Total Checking/Savings	140,898	110,707
Accounts Receivable		
1110 · Accounts Receivable	620	595
Total Accounts Receivable	620	595
Other Current Assets		
1200 · Prepaid Taxes	93	93
1250 · Undeposited Funds	315	75
1440 · Prepaid Conference Expenses	225	0
1450 · Prepaid expenses		
1452 · Prepaid Insurance	2,166	0
Total 1450 · Prepaid expenses	2,166	0
1460 · Deposits	0	8,788
Total Other Current Assets	2,799	8,956
Total Current Assets	144,317	120,258
Fixed Assets		
1645 · Machinery & Equipment	3,769	3,769
1760 · Accumulated Depreciation	-3,016	-2,262
Total Fixed Assets	753	1,507
Other Assets		
1800 · Other long-term assets		
1805 · CCU CD	62,342	60,209
Total 1800 · Other long-term assets	62,342	60,209
Total Other Assets	62,342	60,209
TOTAL ASSETS	207,412	181,973
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
1013 · US Bank Credit Card	119	920
Total Credit Cards	119	920
Other Current Liabilities		
2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable		
2452 · FIT Withheld Payable	3	0
2453 · FICA Payable-Employee	67	68
2454 · FICA Payable-Company	67	68
2455 · Medicare Payable-Employee	16	16
2456 · Medicare Payable-Company	16	16
2460 · KC Earnings Tax	0	0
2461 · MO Withholding	8	0
2463 · MN Withheld Tax	39	31
Total 2450 · Payroll Taxes Payable	216	198
2520 · Payable for Ray Hicks Legacy Pj	6,599	8,933

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	Feb 28, 25	Feb 29, 24
2570 · Short-term liabilities - other		
2573 · Due to SMP Recipients	0	50
2575 · Due to ETSU (In-State Tuition)	0	-99
Total 2570 · Short-term liabilities - other	0	-49
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,815	9,081
Total Current Liabilities	6,934	10,001
Total Liabilities	6,934	10,001
Equity		
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	36,502	21,064
3000 · Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns		
3050 · Net Assets w/o Board Restrict.	90,448	90,448
3100 · Board Restricted Net Assets		
3102 · Due to SIGs		
3102i · Welcome Seed Funds (SIG)	1,129	0
3102g · Due to ECO (SIG)	3,415	1,712
3102f · Due to KSA (SIG)	0	36
3102c · Due to PRO (SIG)	6,128	5,138
3102d · Due to SIO (SIG)	8,382	6,333
3102e · Due to YES (SIG)	21,012	18,535
3102h · Due to MAL (SIG)	0	2,540
Total 3102 · Due to SIGs	40,066	34,293
Total 3100 · Board Restricted Net Assets	40,066	34,293
Total 3000 · Net Assets W/O Donor Restrictns	130,514	124,742
3300 · Net Assets With Donor Restrictns		
3301 · Use restricted net assets		
4012 · Scholarship Grants	4,644	0
3325 · Member Grant Restricted Funds	11,277	7,920
Total 3301 · Use restricted net assets	15,921	7,920
Total 3300 · Net Assets With Donor Restrictns	15,921	7,920
3998 · Current Year Earnings	-21,064	-21,064
3999 · Prior Year Earnings	21,064	-0
Net Income	17,542	39,310
Total Equity	200,478	171,972
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	207,412	181,973

National Storytelling Network
Income and Expense Compared to Budget
 January through February 2025

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 Accrual Basis

	Jan - Feb 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Contributed support	1,788		
4010 · Indiv/business contribution			
Total 4000 · Contributed support	<u>1,788</u>		
5000 · Earned revenues			
5112 · Teller Page Listings-Storynet	520		
5180 · Conference & Other Program Fees	16,466		
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	4,398		
5220 · Assessments & dues - orgs	400		
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	154		
5450 · Advertising revenues	590		
5477 · SMP Fees Earned	50		
5478 · ETSU Admin Fees	100		
5490 · Miscellaneous revenue	361		
Total 5000 · Earned revenues	<u>23,039</u>		
Total Income	<u>24,828</u>		
Gross Profit	<u>24,828</u>		
Expense			
7200 · Salaries & related expenses			
7220 · Salaries & wages - other	1,087		
7250 · Payroll taxes	83		
Total 7200 · Salaries & related expenses	<u>1,170</u>		
7500 · Other personnel expenses			
7555 · Other	94		
Total 7500 · Other personnel expenses	<u>94</u>		
8100 · Non-personnel expenses			
8105 · Computer Equipment & Software	63		
8130 · Telephone & telecommunications	73		
Total 8100 · Non-personnel expenses	<u>136</u>		
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses			
8310 · Travel	503		
Total 8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	<u>503</u>		

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Accrual Basis

	Jan - Feb 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
8500 · Misc expenses			
8516 · Marketing Expense	600		
8520 · Insurance - non-employee	1,079		
8560 · Outside computer svcs/Website	2,947		
8590 · Other expenses	105		
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	4,731		
8600 · Business expenses			
8640 · Bank Fees	653		
Total 8600 · Business expenses	653		
Total Expense	7,286		
Net Ordinary Income	17,542		
Net Income	17,542		

National Storytelling Network Profit & Loss

January through February 2025

Accrual Basis

	226-ECO (220-SIGS)	227-MAL (220-SIGS)	222-PRO (220-SIGS)	224-SIO (220-SIGS)	225-YES (220-SIGS)	Total 220-SIGS (100-Program S...	Total 100-Progr...	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
5000 · Earned revenues								
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	150	425	175	150	325	1,225	1,225	1,225
5490 · Miscellaneous revenue	0	0	11	0	0	11	11	11
Total 5000 · Earned revenues	<u>150</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>
Total Income	<u>150</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>
Gross Profit	<u>150</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>
Expense								
7500 · Other personnel expenses								
7555 · Other	0	0	0	0	94	94	94	94
Total 7500 · Other personnel expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
Total Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>150</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,143</u>
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