

## Northlands Storytelling Network Official Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 17, 2004

Edgewater Hotel

Madison, Wisconsin

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The official meeting of the Northlands Board of Directors was called to order by President John Walsh (IL) on Friday, January 17th, at 8:15a.m. (Prior to the official meeting, the Board toured the Conference facility.)

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and changes noted. Corrected minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Yvonne Healy presented the quarterly balance sheet, which is current as of 1/16/04. She reported that we have cashed in one CD, accepting a 2.67% penalty. Karen reported that we have changed our fiscal year from January-December to July-June to better reflect our cash flow.

Motion by Tina Rohde to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Judy Sima.

All in favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mike Mann reported that the following positions will be open in April 2004:

Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Michigan Representative, Out-State Representative. The following people have indicated an interest in filling open positions:

Kevin Strauss for Vice President, Tina Rohde for Treasurer, Gwen Calvetti for Secretary, Yvonne Healy for Michigan Representative. A call has also been issued to the membership in the Grapevine, inviting interested persons to put their name on the ballot. Per the newsletters, the deadline to submit names to the Northlands office is February 21, 2004. It was suggested that an email vote for the office of treasurer take place on March 1st, to facilitate the changing of the guard.

A question was raised whether officer positions for the Executive Committee are put up for ballot or appointed. Question was referred to the By-Laws committee for review.

All appointed positions are up in April, subject to re-appointment. Current appointed members Don Falkos (Madison Liaison), Tina Rohde, and Colleen Shaskin all expressed an interest in remaining on the board.

Due to schedule restraints, John Walsh reported that he will be unable to fulfill his term as Past President. Mike Mann was appointed (to unanimous accolades!) to serve out the term.

Membership:

No report from

Gene Gryniewicz

Jenifer Strauss suggested a campaign for each member to bring a new member to Northlands.

Grants & Loans

A grant was received from the Healing Story Alliance to help fund a Healing Story Conference in February 2005. The grant was received after the deadline for consideration. However, due to extenuating circumstances,

the board agreed to review the grant at this meeting.

Yvonne Healy moved that we accept to fund the grant for \$1,000, provisional to proceeds being after our 2004 Conference. Motion seconded by Jenifer Strauss.

All in favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

A letter will be sent to the grant recipients by April 30th to confirm the full amount of monies to be granted.

Conference Committee:

The Conference Committee met before the board meeting and discussed the following:

The brochure is 98% complete and will be sent to the printer within a week.

Karen Wollscheid will put together a schedule of tasks/needs for the conference.

Board members are requested to arrive around noon on Thursday, April 22, to begin setting up for the Conference.

The board will meet from 4:00-5:30 p.m. that afternoon (following the Pre-Conference).

Registration & bookstore will open Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. Historically, this is the busiest time and LOTS of help will be needed. Friday registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and is also very busy!

2 board members will be assigned to be On Call with Karen each day of the Conference. Everyone should let her know their preferred day/s.

State Liaisons are in charge of recruiting tellers for the Thursday night Appe-teaser concert.

Story Swaps will be offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as Sunday morning.

Kevin Strauss, Mary Schmidt are coordinating hosts.

We had one workshop presenter decline, the committee has substituted Lori Silverman, Say it with Story: Getting Training to Stick.

Call for Stories for all concerts has gone out, coordinators have been selected for each concert: Sue Black for Friday "What's Cookin'?" Comedy Cabaret, Barbara Schutzgruber for Friday "Sweet & Savory" Concert, and Jenifer Strauss for Saturday "Stories to Stick to Your Ribs" Concert.

Saturday morning Youth Voices Concert is being facilitated by Colleen Shaskin, Steve Marriott, and Lucia Dorneden.

State of Northlands address will be delivered by Margie Reitsma.

State Gatherings: Out-States will have their own gathering.

Negotiations are still pending for Mama Edie's group, In the Spirit to give a performance before the Saturday Family dinner. Complementary Saturday pass and dinner will be offered to the members of her group who perform.

Yvonne Healy will coordinate Closing Ceremony.

Concern was expressed about hotel layout, and unusual numbering system for the floors.

Karen Wollscheid, Jenifer Strauss, and Leanne Johnson will work on appropriate signage.

A bagpiper is being arranged to walk through the beginning of the Duncan Williamson/Helen East concert. The question was raised: can bagpipers walk while playing? One reply was 'Yes, they're trying to walk away from the music!'

Silent auction/raffle: Lucia Dorneden has coordinated donations of several high-ticket items. Board members are encouraged to get the word out for other donations.

Apprentices: discussion was raised over the possibility of assigning mentors for the young people, and having a special reception for them.

There was a discussion about implementing Northlands Nuggets, small rewards to members who recruit new conference attendees. Jenifer Strauss and Karen Wollscheid agreed to work on this suggestion.

## NEW BUSINESS

Karen Wollscheid distributed Volunteer Time sheets for the board. All board members should track their time, including travel time to and from meetings, donated to Northlands business. This information is necessary for

obtaining grants.

Question was raised as to whether Northlands should be filing a tax report.

Leanne Johnson will consult her favorite small business accountant for the answer.

Motion by Don Falkos to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kevin Strauss. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leanne Johnson, Secretary