

## **Northlands Storytelling Network—Board Meeting January 8, 2005**

Karen Wollscheid, Steve Marriot, Gwyn Calveti, Mike Mann, Jenifer Strauss, Tina Rohde, Kevin Strauss, Mary Schmidt, Greg Weiss,

Meeting called to order 9:19 am by Jenifer Strauss

**Secretary's report:** Submitted by Kevin Strauss; Mike moved to approve, Mary seconded. Minutes passed.

**Treasurer's report;** submitted by Tina Rohde and Karen Wollscheid  
Steve moved to accept report as amended, Greg seconded. Budget accepted as amended.

**By-laws and policy;** Steve Marriot presented his proposed, improved by-laws. Changes were made based on actual practice and clarity of language to be understandable to all. Mike suggested that 30 minutes be devoted to careful individual review before lunch, with discussion upon return.

**Fiscal agency;** Karen shared some of her research on this practice, but does not yet feel comfortable in recommending that we move ahead with this. Reports will be made back to the board via email, with the hopeful goal of announcing at April membership meeting.

### **Committee reports**

*Budget and Finance-*Tina and Karen-

Presenter compensation; currently stands at—  
90 minutes- \$50 + registration + food  
3 hour-\$100 + registration+ food  
6 hour-\$200+ registration + food

Significant discussion regarding a variety of options for future conference compensation.

Mike moves that for 2006 the presenter fees be \$100-90 minutes, \$200-3 hour, \$300-6 hour, with no registration or meal coverage. Motion passed. Will be considered a pilot program.

*Membership committee-* Jen suggests reps take turns developing the newsletter, sending it to all other reps to share from meeting to meeting.

Future communication/ mailing needs-end of January.

Conference committee will discuss membership incentive program.

*Nominating:* Mike

June Wishman of Iowa—asked for more information

Steve M and Hardy have indicating continued interest.

Yvonne respectfully declined vice president nomination.

Greg has expressed interest in vice president position.

Mike moved for vote to elect Greg as next vice president.

Greg elected by acclamation.

\*Appointments- will need to appoint someone to fill the final two years of Greg's term;

Michigan rep will need one year remaining appointment; Judy would like to continue as appointed member; Colleen is appointed and interested in continuing. As a board in April, will appoint Illinois and Michigan reps. Also can re-appoint Judy and Colleen.

Steve pointed out the need for a written description of the commitment a board member is accepting, including travel costs and such incurred.

Will need a mail ballot if either Iowa or Illinois have more than one candidate, with votes taken prior to April member. According to bylaws, if there is only one candidate, then it can be appointed at the board level. Should have needed information by January 31, according to call for nominations.

Long range planning: Steve

By-law revision and endowment

Steve has been researching the set up of an endowment. His research suggests that the need would be to find donors who will provide the funds that can accumulate over time and grow. Discussion centered on ideas for growing an endowment fund, along with parameters needed for a non-profit organization in do so. Mike suggests that long range committee needs to look more at ways to structure and promote endowment program.

Marketing/conference marketing: Yvonne, Hardy, Don

No one here from that committee. Yvonne will email us info so far.

Kevin accepts position on committee.

Following individual review of by-law revisions and lunch, meeting reconvened.

Review of by-law revisions. Extensive discussion, with clarification, corrections and revisions to reflect practice more accurately.

## **Conference**

Review of brochure and overall conference schedule

Concert committee- Kevin reports---

Beth Horner, Leanne Johnson, Linda Gorham, Greg Weiss will be emcees

Seven people have agreed to be on the review committee so far from the general membership.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm.

## **January 9, 2005**

Meeting called to order at 8:54am

*Resource room—*

Tina has a friend who will set up and run the room. Brenda Larson. Karen suggests we at least pay her housing costs and/or food.

People attending conference may still bring product for sale. Also, if people want to donate their proceeds to Northlands, that would be an option.

Room location?

Tina suggests using one of the big rooms, and setting it up along with a “hang out” feel.

Include the registration table, the raffle items, etc.

*April board meeting time—*

Meet at 4pm on Thursday.

Meet for debriefing at 7am on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47am.