

Northlands Storytelling Network
Board of Directors Meeting
April 26-29, 2007
Minutes

Thursday 4/26/07 – Edgewater Hotel, Madison, WI
(Thursday portion taken by Gwyn Calvetti)

Called to Order 8:55 pm by President Kevin Strauss

- Board of Directors present were:

Officers:

President – Kevin Strauss
Vice President - Gwyn Calvetti
Past President – Jenifer Strauss

President Elect - Greg Weiss
Treasurer - Tina Rohde

State Representatives:

Illinois – Marilyn Kinsella
Michigan - Dick Strader

Wisconsin/ Webmaster - Hardy Garrison
Minnesota – Katie Knutson

Appointed Directors:

Don Falkos
Judy Sima

Colleen Shaskin

Business Manager

Karen Wollscheid

Visiting Members:

Leanne Johnson

- Committee rosters are:
 - President is member of all committees.
 - Long Range Planning: Steve Marriott, Karen Wollscheid, Kevin Strauss, Yvonne Healy
 - Staff Support: Don Falkos, Tina Rohde, Colleen Shaskin, Greg Weiss
 - Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President
 - Webmaster: Hardy Garrison
 - Membership: all State Representatives plus Business Manager
 - Financial: Treasurer, Business Manager
 - Policies & By-Laws: Steve Marriot, Marilyn Kinsella, Business Manager
 - Conference: President Elect Greg Weiss, Vice President Gwyn Calvetti, Jenifer Strauss, Hardy Garrison, Katie Knutson, Dick Strader, Business Manager
 - Nominations: Past President, President Elect
 - Fringe Committee: Tina Rohde, Katie Knutson
- Conference:

Organization of current conference was reviewed and concluded to be in good shape. Last minute tweaking included:

 - Lack of volunteer hosts leads Board to agree that swaps can be held without hosts.
 - Resource room staffing was reviewed and organized. Room will close Sunday morning to allow time for all merchandise to be picked up by 8:45 am

- Room changes will be posted at registration area
- Sound check scheduling and organizations was reviewed.
- Dessert has been arranged.
- Fringe performances were discussed: each needs a room monitor in attendance. Room monitor also will make announcements and announce the start of the performance.

Registrations:

- Numbers for registrations have increased slightly. Income appears to have increased \$5,000, approximately.
- First time attendees (newts) at this point number 39.
- Graduate credit registrations are currently 4.

- Adjourned at 7:30 pm, April 26. –

- Conference begins at 8:00 pm, April 26. –

- Board Meeting reconvened at 2:00 pm April 29 with new officers and board members as listed below. This portion of the minutes was recorded by Secretary Yvonne Healy.-

Called to Order 2:00 pm by President Greg Weiss

- Board of Directors present were:

Officers:

President – Greg Weiss

President Elect – Gwyn Calvetti

Vice President – Leanne Johnson

Treasurer - Tina Rohde

Past President – Kevin Strauss

Secretary – Yvonne Healy

State Representatives:

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Minnesota – Katie Knutson

Iowa – Bev Heinz

Appointed Directors:

Steve Marriott

Judy Sima

Business Manager

Karen Wollscheid

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- New Board:
President and directors welcomed new members to board and thanked them for their service. President reminded Directors that the greatest strength of the Northlands Board is the mutual dedication to the organization's mission and willingness to voice and then to rise above individual disagreement for the common good.

Motion 1: Board will uphold the published deadline for grant submissions.

Approved.

Action: Business Manager will ask applicants with tardy submissions if they wish to be considered for the subsequent granting period.

Motion 2: Board will grant \$1,000 grant to Story City, IA festival.

Approved.

Action: Business Manager will inform applicant and process check according to established procedure.

- 2007 Conference
 - Board reviewed and discussed details of what worked and what needs tweaking. Secretary will email these ideas in a separate document to Board members. Secretary will also compile and email notes from the State of Northlands community meeting.
 - hold the mission of the organization above individual egos
- 2008 Conference
July 15 is the deadline for workshop proposals.

Motion 3: Call for Proposals for 2008 will be published with only updated changes of location and dates.

Approved.

Action: Business Manager will update Call and website as directed; and notify members via email and website.

- Governance
Board discussed bylaws as pertaining to nominating and appointing candidates to board of directors. In light of the turnover of board membership next year, discussion also extended to consideration of possible future candidates and how best to communicate with these people.
- Board Meetings
Green Lake was chosen as the site for all Board meetings before Conference 2008 to better understand the new site at Green Lake, to ensure a smooth relocation of conference, and to begin making connections with the local community.

Motion 4: Board will commission a commemorative plaque or similar item to give to members who have given significant service on the Northlands Board. Recipients will include directors who retired in April 2007.

Approved:

Action: Business Manager will make appropriate arrangements to create such item.

Motion 5: Board meeting will adjourn.

Approved:

Action: Meeting adjourned. Next Board meeting will be August 17-19, 2007 in Green Lake, WI.

- Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm, April 29, 2007. -