

**Northlands Storytelling Network
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9-11, 2007
Green Lake, Illinois**

November 9, 2007

Present: Greg Weiss, Janet Jones, Ben Rosenfeld, Tina Rohde, Katie Knutson, Judy Sima, Dick Strader, Bev Heintz, Marilyn Kinsella, Steve Marriot, Gwyn Calvetti, Karen Wollscheid

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM.

Secretary's report

Tina moved, Bev seconded that minutes be accepted with one correction (include President Elect in Executive Committee)

*Minutes passed by acclamation

Graduate credits: Jane Stenson will not be able to attend NSN this year. Darlene Neumann is adjunct faculty, and has agreed to be instructor of record this year. Darlene will receive the presenter fee. Karen raises question of what we do if no one actually signs up for these credits...will Darlene still receive the fee? Consensus of the board is that she still gets the fee.

Judy moves that we pay the adjunct professor person in charge of the graduate credits \$300 for each annual conference regardless of enrollment. Ben seconds.

Discussion: Karen would like a letter of agreement with whoever is instructor of record. Ben suggests that this person should also report to Northlands regarding numbers, any suggestions and so forth.

Motion passes.

NSN Report by Judy Sima, NSN liaison:

Affiliate membership for organizations: \$190. Northlands members eligible for 10% price cut. 30% off internal member clicks ad for Northlands. 50% off 1/8 page magazine ad. Two copies of magazine. They would like our membership list for solicitation purposes (membership drives, etc.) Not required of Northlands members to be National organization.

Tina moves that Northlands becomes an affiliate of the National Storytelling Network for \$190 starting in 2008. Katie seconds.

Discussion: None

Motion passes.

November 10, 2007

Treasurer's report:

Karen summarized our balance sheet. Different accounts to manage cash flow (Associated Bank). Total assets as of today: \$17,515.61

Last year: We MADE money!
\$3775.15

Two big differences that netted us earnings:

- *Changed to plated banquet from buffet
- *Endowment; generating income

Proposed budget 2007/08

With the budget as presented, we have a net of 7249.00

Adjustments to the budget. Karen will accept an increase (long overdue!)

- up the cap to 500 hours/year
- increase hourly rate to \$20/hour

Judy moved that we increase business manager's salary to \$20/hour, with a cap of 500 hours, from November 1-October 31. Second by Ben.

Discussion: Greg points out that Karen has actually brought costs down. In other words, her efforts have paid off to our organization, which means she should get a raise!

Greg calls vote. Motion passes.

Ben moved that after the budget figures have been recalculated, we create a line item contingency fund of at least \$1000 be placed into the budget, with the remainder of the net going into our assets.

Second by Tina.

After much discussion, Greg called the vote. Motion carried.

Earmarked donations:

Anonymous member scholarship offer. One scholarship per year (at early bird rate) as long as member can afford it.

Judy moved that we gratefully accept Anonymous Member's offer of one scholarship per year for as long as she can afford it at lowest conference rate.

Katie seconded.

Discussion: Much discussion regarding logistics of awarding this scholarship. A committee will be formed to develop these procedures.

Greg calls the question. Motion passed.

Committees:

Ben Rosenfeld, Bev Heintz, and Dick Strader accept committee appointments, with Ben acting as convener.

Tina moved to award one time \$500 Individual Artist Leanne Johnson award with the rest going into the endowment memorial fund.

Judy seconds.

Discussion regarding announcement and timing of this award. Board will approve awardee as a whole.

Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Staff support committee:

Tina moved that Karen be put in charge of creating and posting of the pages on the website for the conference. Karen would need immediate access to conference pages of the website, to assure completion and posting by December 1.

Bev seconded.

Greg calls vote. Motion carries.

Ben moved that Northlands Office is to have all access and permission related in any way to provide for a secondary webmaster if needed.

Judy second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted: Gwyn Calvetti, filling in for Secretary Yvonne Healy in her absence.