

Northlands Storytelling Board Meeting
Sunday, April 27, 2008
Green Lake Conference Center

In Attendance: Gwyn Calvetti, Marilyn Kinsella, Marcia Gutierrez, Darlene Neumann, Ben Rosenfield, Jean Bolley, Kevin Strauss, Janet Jones, Katie Knutson, Judy Sima, Greg Weiss, Karen Wollscheid

Annual review of "what worked, what needs tweaking" for the conference

What went well---Many comments: most revolved around the setting. With respect to having the venue to ourselves, the beauty of nature, freedom from smoke, *significant* savings for conference costs, and the ease of movement from one setting to the next.

What needs tweaking---Most of these were in the area of confusion with the new setting: registration was confusing, because attendees needed to make own room arrangements; cell phone/internet access limited; distance from major cities an issue for some; food choices were limited; scheduling conflicts, i.e. swaps, fringe and drum circle all at same time. Sound system really an issue.

Discussion

Member participation survey will be developed, with the intent of gaining fuller membership input into the next conference. Within this survey, the desire to make very clear our reasons for leaving Madison (i.e., significant cost savings prevented need to raise conference fees). Feedback received during the conference weekend suggests that we need to do a better job of informing membership of this fact.

Revisited the issue of presenter perks. Will explore this further during our August meeting, so that Call for Proposals will reflect any changes in this area.

Most of the issues discussed at this meeting reflect the various concerns and observations of both board and general members regarding the change in conference location, along with comments from members during the annual meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Neumann, Secretary.