

New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance
Annual Meeting
May 7, 2022
Granite State Story Swap
Canterbury Shaker Village

The meeting began at 11:30 am, John Sanders presiding. Board members present: John, Joyce, Vicky, Ruth, Papa Joe, Sharon. Quinn absent. No annual meetings were held in 2020 or 2021, as the Granite State Story Swaps were cancelled due to Covid.

- Elections: some elections were delayed by cancelled meetings in 2020 and 2021.
 - John Sanders, President, 2021-2024
 - Joyce Sabato, VP, Events Manager, 2022-2025
 - Vicky Dworkin, Secretary, 2021-2024
 - Ruth Niven, Treasurer, 2020-2023
 - Papa Joe Gaudet, Membership Coordinator, 2022-2025
 - Sharon Wood, Member at large, 2020-2023
 - Quinn Golden, Technology Coordinator, 2020-2023
- All nominees were approved by acclamation.
- Minutes of 2019 annual meeting available on NHSA website.
- Treasurer's Report. We have sufficient money for our needs. Because our regular events were cancelled in 2020 and 2021, we had no major expenditures. We also had very little money coming in, because most members renew at the time of the annual meeting.
- Membership. Members encouraged to renew if they can, keep in touch and participate even if you can't afford to renew. *Alliance* is the most important part of our mission. Keep on telling stories. Professional tellers suffered financially during pandemic, beginning to get back on their feet again.
- Regional groups are beginning to be active again.
 - Central NH Storytelling Guild meets in Concord on second Tuesdays.
 - Southern NH Storytelling Guild meets in Nashua on third Tuesdays.
 - Seacoast Storytelling Guild is meeting sometimes in person in Portsmouth, sometimes on Zoom. Contact Deb Ballou to get notifications.
 - Long Story Short is a personal narrative, Moth-type group, also based in Portsmouth, currently meeting on Zoom.
 - Souhegan Storytelling Guild is just getting started again, in Amherst on first Tuesdays.
 - Monadnock Storytelling Circle is hoping to start up again soon, meeting in Greenfield.
 - There is a group meeting at the Creative Community Space in Effingham on first Fridays.

- A Lakes Region Group meets irregularly at Vicky Dworkin's house in Sandwich. Hopes to have an outdoor meeting this summer.
- The Mountain Tellers, in the Conway/Fryeburg area, hopes to begin again once Andy Davis finishes building his house.
- Jo Radner's group in Lovell, ME is meeting on Zoom through June, then off for the summer. They hope to be live again in the Fall.
- White Mountain Storytelling Festival relocated from Waterville Valley to Plymouth State University in 2018. We had envisioned a partnership with PSU, but as it developed, they regarded us simply as another organization renting their space. There will be no WMSF in 2022, as the NHSA board is reassessing our goals and exploring possibilities for a reinvented WMSF.
- Linda Marchisio is the NSN regional representative for the Northeast. NH needs a state liaison to NSN, to keep Linda informed of NH events to share with NSN.
- Lynn Schweiker, past president of NEST, announced that Sharing the Fire will be held in Portsmouth, NH in 2023 and 2024. NEST is looking for help from NH volunteers. Rona Leventhal and Andrea Kamens are co-chairs of STF for 2023 and 2024.
- Meeting adjourned: 11:48.