** NEST Board Meeting**

​**June 14, 2021**

**Present**: Cris Riedel, Deb Roe, Lynn Schweikart, Chris Donnald, Jim Brule, Linda Schuyler Ford, Rona Leventhal, Barbara Aliprantis

**Meeting Start:** 4:04 PM

**Call to Order**

**Motion to approve the May Minutes: Approved (6-0)** Motion by Cris, Seconded by Barbara

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

There are no monthly reports as annual reports are being prepared for the 6/24 meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**Annual Meeting Agenda**

* The participants will be let in 10 minutes ahead of time with a waiting room setup in Zoom
* Lynn will give a president’s report and Governance
* Deb will give an Executive Director’s report
* Cris will give a finance report
* Rona will give an update on STF 2022
* Linda will talk about communications outreach
* Chris will talk about tech
* There will be an in memorium presented by Tony and Karen
* Jim will handle membership breakouts
* There will be the presentation of the Brother Blue Award
* There will be a farewell to everyone and a “Thank You” to Deb

**Reports for Annual Meeting Booklet**

* Everyone is going to write short paragraphs on the topics they are covering during the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR/BOOKKEEPER HIRING**

* Linda and Lynn had created two job descriptions for an executive director and bookkeeper position. Jim pointed out to make sure that the jobs are listed as contract positions and not employee positions. The positions will first be offered to the membership/listserv and then reach out to other storytelling groups. Rona recommended putting it out to the ASST group. There was a brief discussion about the price range around the bookkeeper position.

**BUDGET**

* Deb mentioned that there are additional expenses in the budget this year but that these may be offset by additional income from STF 2022. Deb will revise the budget to include a separate line for the bookkeeper.

**TECH REPORT**

* Chris gave a quick tech report. He showed the updated NEST Storytelling Guide, and gave an update on the conclusion of Spark’s projects and will be continuing to work on the member search feature.

**STF**

* There was a discussion about how to handle the workshops from people that were supposed at STF 2021. It was decided that they will be offered the options of a virtual workshop, or the ability to be considered for STF 2022. If neither of those are of interest, they are invited to apply to future STFs.

**BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**

* Linda gave an update on the new board member candidate. ChaChanna Simpson. ChaChanna ran all of the happy hours at Sparks and made a great impression on everyone that attended. Linda has been in contact with her for a while and convinced her to join the board. ChaChanna is interested in helping out Linda with the social media for NEST. Linda nominated ChaChanna Simpson to join the board. **Motion to approve the nomination of ChaChanna Simpson to the Board**: Motion by Linda, Seconded by Cris. Motion Approved (6-0)

**New Business**

* None to report

**Old Business**

* None to report

Next Meeting: July 19, at 4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 5:06

Amendment:

FY21-22 NEST Budget vote taken via email. The Board voted to approved the budget 6-0.