

**New Mexico State Poetry Society Board Meeting Minutes Via zoom, 1730 hrs,  
Sept 20, 2020**

Location: Zoom meeting

NMSPS board members present:

Terri Klein, Treasurer

Dino de Leyba, Vice President

Cyvil Burks, Secretary

Bernadette Perez, President

**NMSPS board members absent**

Scott Wiggerman, Albuquerque Chapter chair

Kuan Tikkun, Rio Grande Valencia Chapter Chair

Basia Miller, Santa Fe Chapter Chair

Fil Peach, Chancellor

Meeting in progress prior to 1737.

**Dino de Leyba, Vice President NMSPS**, Noted there are 2 weeks to go before the State conference and suggested Native American flute music playing as people login to the conference. **Bernadette Perez, President NMSPS**, suggested pictures along with the music.

Greeting by **Dino** short intro by **Bernadette** and to intro the Poet Laureate (TPL) and have him read a few of his poems and move on to next the next reader (8 ea).

40 minutes before opening the conference, business meeting.

**Bernadette**: We need to chose the poet readers.

**Dino**: The Poet Laureate to read 3 of his poems

**Terri Klein, Treasurer NMSPS**: The Poet Laureate might give a short talk of what he would like his vision to be during his tenure as TPL, then the readers.

**Bernadette**: Time limits for the readers. **Dino**: 8 minutes each. **Bernadette**: that would be 64 minutes. **Terri**: e minutes each. **Dino**: 8 poets plus start with poetry chairs of each chapters, ABQ, Santa Fe, Rio Grande Valencia, Silver City. Kuan has a person trying to develop the Socorro chapter. **Terri**: on **Bernadette** reaching out to film and poetry but has not heard from them. **Bernadette**: Suggested Meagan Baldrige be placed on the list of readers. **Dino**: suggesting an invitation be given to the ABQ Poet Laureate, Mary Oishi. **Terri**: Offer

membership to the state Poet Laureate and ABQ Poet Laureate. **Dino**: 10 poets named so far and the last to give the benediction. **Bernadette**: Suggest Julie Commings to give the benediction.

**Terri**: 90 minutes. **Dino**: We could have a short break. **Terri**: A break in between the business meeting and the program. A 10 minute break, 30 minutes, 10 minute break, 40 minute, 10 minute break, 40 minute. **Bernadette**: Flute music during the 2 breaks.

**Bernadette**: Record the state conference. **Terri**: Put the state conference on zoom cloud as the web site is too small to hold the video. There can be a link on the website to the state conference on zoom. **Dino**: Suggest a link on the website to the book library for purchase. **Terri**: Links from the website are okay but hopefully they will not have political influence. What time to start and to end?

**Dino**: State conference Oct. 17, Saturday. He has Marina Raye for the flute music and noted her husband makes flutes. **Terri**: Would like to put pictures of Marina Raye on a slideshow and to her link on the NMSPS website. **Dino**: Offers for Marina Raye's logo be posted on the website.

**Bernadette**: TPL to start at 4:30 PM, meeting, meeting to start before TPL time. **Dino**: Business meeting to start at 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM. **Terri**: Have TPL read at 4:10 PM. **Dino**: who is going to contact the poets with the link and the agenda? **Bernadette**: Contact the poets as soon as possible.

**Terri**: Sending out memberships notices and would like to have the agenda to send out with it. **Terri** will give up her spot as a reader in the program. **Dino**: Must no open up a can of worms as who is invited and who is missed. **Terri**: State TPL as the keynote speaker. **Dino**: Contact must be done this week. There are three days and this weekend for us to make contact with readers for the program. **Terri**: Will put general information of the state conference on the website. **Dino**: The program to end at 5:30 PM.

**Bernadette**: The year of Covid, NMSPS has saves money this year and wonders if we could offer our members free membership for 2021? **Dino**: We could do something, but it could be a nightmare. **Bernadette**: I'm willing to give the \$3.00 to national for the members out of pocket. **Terri**: Not sure if we can cover expenses without membership dues. **Terri** lists the number of expenses that have to be covered by the membership. **Dino**: We need 100embers @ \$20.00 to cover expenses in the coming year. **Bernadette**: What else can we do for the members? **Terri**: put on the screen the budget for 2019-2020. The budget was set for 150 members, but only gain 70 memberships. The year finished with 73 memberships that stopped in March 2020. Covid cut into income, shortfall of

\$3,400. **Terri** explained the + and – of the budget. Due to Covid, we spent less, but still have a shortfall, but not as large as projected. **Terri** went over projected budget for the coming year with no memberships.

**Dino** suggested having a drawing to give away of 10 memberships. **Terri:** we have in our bylaws to wave dues due to hardship. Not sure if it's on the website. We could put that in the mail out. **Dino,** \$20 is not that much for people to pay. **Terri** brought up members portioning of bylaws on the website. **Dino:** hardship memberships are available upon request. **Terri:** new website has benefits of membership and list expenses. This could also be in the letters sent out with **Bernadette** as the point of contact. We could take \$3,300 from saving to cover memberships for the coming year. But Covid makes budgeting tricky. **Dino:** have the numbers on what's in the bank and expenses. **Terri:** We could ask for donation from members for the state convention of Oct. 17. **Dino:** Have **Terri** address the website and touch on donations and have some information during the breaks.

**Bernadette:** Shifted meeting back to making contacts before with readers before Friday. **Dino:** will contact Marina Raye this week. **Bernadette:** Work on general agenda to be sent out this week. **Dino:** Links to the state conference sent out only to members. **Bernadette:** Will put on Facebook a notice of the state conference and if they want to participate in the conference, membership is required.

**Dino:** Called for meeting again this Friday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1730 hrs.

Meeting Adjournment by **Dino de Leyba, Vice President NMSPS** at 1737 hrs.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Cyvil B. Burks, Sr, 2019-2021 NMSPS Board Secretary**