

NMSPS Annual Meeting Agenda

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Live via Zoom. (Link will be sent via return email when you register.)

Call to Order

Welcome

Approval of Minutes of Last Board Meeting (1/23/21)

Opening Poem (Cyvil Burks, Sr., NMSPS Secretary)

Treasurer's Report (Terri Klein)

Vice President's Report (Dino de Leyba)

Chapter Reports

- Albuquerque (Scott Wiggerman)
- Rio Grande Valencia Poets (Kuan Tikun)
- The Santa Fe Poetry Trails (Basia Miller)
- River Poets (Elise Stuart)
- Multimedia & Songwriting (Bill Nevins)

President's Report (Bernadette Perez)

Farewell to Outgoing Board Members

Announcement of Election Results

Welcome New Officers and Board Members

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

New Mexico State Poetry Society Board Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2021

Location: Zoom

Meeting called to order by President Bernadette Perez at 1522 PM.

NMSPS board members present

President: Bernadette Perez

Vice President: Dino de Leyba

Treasure: Terri Klein

Secretary: Cyvil Burks, Sr.

Kuan Tikkun, Rio Grande Valencia Chapter Chair

Scott Wiggerman, Albuquerque Chapter Chair

Basia Miller, Santa Fe Chapter Chair

Bill Nevins, Multimedia & Songwriting

NMSPS board members absent

Phil Peach, Chancellor

Elise Stuart, River Poets Chapter Chair

>Membership Report - (Terri Klein)

We have 86 adult members in good standing, including 4 life members.

We have 8 youth members—although we should probably inquire of each of them whether they want to remain members. Since they don't pay dues, I haven't had contact with them since they joined. Some of them are children of members who are not in good standing—so it's possible neither they nor their parents want to remain members.

We have 85 lapsed members (less than 1 year in arrears).

Breakdown of membership by chapter (largest to smallest):

- Albuquerque: 49 adults in good standing (including 1 life member), 2 youth, 28 lapsed
- The Santa Fe Poetry Trails: 13 members in good standing, 42 lapsed
- Rio Grande Valencia: 5 adults in good standing (including 2 life members), 2 youth, 3 lapsed
- River Poets: 6 adults in good standing, 2 lapsed
- At Large: 9 in good standing (including 1 life member), no youth, 8 lapsed
- Multimedia & Songwriting (formerly Poetry & Film & Multimedia): 3 adults in good standing, 4 youth, no lapsed (3 who joined a year ago, but never paid)
- Voices of the Cottonwoods (forming) 1 member in good standing, no youth, 2 lapsed

> Treasurer's Report (Terri Klein)

(screen share budget report - *see copy attached at the end of these minutes*)

We have completed almost 5 months of our current fiscal year. Revenue is running ahead of expenses but I expect that situation to reverse in the second half of the year as we tend to collect most of our revenue in the first half of the year and incur the bulk of our expenses in the second half. Although individual budget lines are hard to predict in this highly unusual year, I think that we will have at least \$2,800 in revenue and not more than \$4,300 in expenses, for a shortfall on the year of about \$1,500 (versus a budgeted shortfall of over \$2,500). As we did last year, we will be using accumulated savings to make up the shortfall. Last year's shortfall was \$1,533.07—also much less than we budgeted.

We have been using accumulated savings to fund part of our operations this year and last year. The year before that, we made about \$3,000 by hosting the NFSPS National Convention. (More, if you consider that our paid membership nearly doubled that year—a sadly temporary condition.) If we want to keep dues at our current level, we need to either double our membership base, convert a growing number of annual members into life members, or conduct a major fundraiser (like hosting the NFSPS National Convention) every three or four years. Otherwise, we will exhaust our accumulated savings in about 6 years.

Terri, the virtual convention makes sales of books hard to do.

>Scott Wiggerman, Albuquerque Chapter Chair: no Poets Picnic in May this year, but might have it later in the fall. ABQ chapter's expenses will be close to nothing this year. Scott is calling on more members of the ABQ chapter to get involved in NMSPS.

>Bill Nevins, Multimedia & Songwriting: reports Covid and Zoom have helped with what Multimedia & Songwriting is trying to do. The chapter has been cooperating with other organization worldwide through Zoom.

>President: Bernadette Perez reports working on forming the nomination committee and planning the coming April 24th annual meeting. Bernadette is asking the chapter chairs for names of someone to organize the upcoming State Convention. (Bill has questions) Bernadette has sent out emails. Ideas on what the Convention should be.

Scott suggests the convention be short like last year (October, 2019—postponed from April due to COVID).

Terri has some ideas of having workshops and breakout groups throughout the day. Terri can bump Zoom past 100 for an extra \$50.00 (up to 300 people).

Scott reports the attendance for Colorado was high with meeting of 300 with people from around the world. At their meeting, you could go in and out as you wanted.

Bill shared Feb 12 is an Irish American poetry reading in cooperation with Multimedia & Songwriting chapter. Bill gave example of 5 speakers and how that will be handled to be watched by others.

Basia Miller, Santa Fe Chapter Chair: suggested a hybrid convention of breakout rooms and contact with one another.

Terri suggested group reading of a poem and talking about poets we have seen on film.

Kuan Tikkun, Rio Grande Valencia Chapter Chair: suggested planned breaks with dance fun movements, house hunt to set people moving during the breaks.

Chapter reports:

Scott Wiggerman, Albuquerque Chapter Chair report: Sept. is new fiscal year. Chapter workshop on ekphrastic poetry in September & October. In November, members' read their poems from the workshop. Dec.: new book showcase for 8 chapter members. Each poet read 3 poems from their book and sold books. Jan.: a workshop with Gary Worth Moody. Feb.: reading 20 poems that could save the world by Tony Hoagland.

Kuan Tikkun, Rio Grande Valencia Chapter Chair report: Dec. reading foreign poems and poets that members have written. Feb.

Basia Miller, Santa Fe Chapter Chair report: open mike on the first Monday of the month with people reading from around the world. Feb. 1st is the next meeting.

Bill Nevins, Multimedia & Songwriting report: next working with voices from other groups. The chapter was meeting in Angel Fire, Taos and mainly ABQ with another group. Mostly on Zoom with Jules' Poetry Playhouse and others. Future events: Feb. 12 @ 7PM Irish Poets Salon, cohosted with Irish American Society. Featuring Paul Muldoon, Adrian Rice, and Attracta Fahy (who is a psychotherapist as well as a poet). More info, email bill_nevins@yahoo.com. April 19, @ 7PM songwriter Larry Kirwan, Irish songwriter with Black 47 rock band. Dramatist and playwright and will be involved in the 100 year celebration of Irish independence. Santa Fe film festival wants to engage with the chapter again, but as of yet there is no date set. The chapter is bringing in poets from around the world in language translations. No date as of yet, maybe fall or winter. Bill is editor of Logos Poetry and writing online.

Secretary Cyvil Burks, Sr. asked Bill about bringing in bands for the convention thought his connections to play live music during the breaks of the convention. Also if Bill would be able to share in the Convention, the work his chapter is doing with the membership.

Bernadette: Bill's email on a discussion of Amanda Gorman's poem is something for the NMSPS to consider.

Terri, Bill's events are up on the website along with other chapter's events. Terri asked all new information be sent to her to be posted on the website.

Next NMSPS meeting of the board will be the third Saturday in April just prior to the state convention.

Meeting closed by Bernadette @ 1625 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

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

NMSPS Budget vs Actual: 9/1/2020-8/31/2021 as of 01/23/21

MONEY IN	BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVER/ (UNDER)	%
Membership Dues (target = 100 @\$20.00)	\$2,000	\$ 1,920.00	\$ (80.00)	-4.0%
NMSPS State Convention (40 ppl. @ \$30)	\$1,200	\$ 0.00	\$ (1,200.00)	-100.0%
Fundraiser	\$500	\$ 0.00	\$ (500.00)	-100.0%
Donations	\$515	\$ 270.00	\$ (245.00)	-47.6%
Interest on all accounts	\$110	\$ 44.50	\$ (65.50)	-59.5%
PayPal Income	\$75	\$ 55.00	\$ (20.00)	-26.7%
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,400	\$2,289.50	-\$2,110.50	-48.0%

MONEY OUT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/ (OVER)	%
NMSPS State Convention (room is \$100)	\$1,200	\$ 76.66	\$ 1,123.34	93.6%
Quarterly Board Meetings	\$100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%
Sponsor National Poetry Contests 2020 (NM poetry contest + "Poets in the Classroom" youth contest)	\$250	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	100.0%
Chapter Support (Zoom @ \$175, ABQ @ \$250 for stipends; other chapters may want as much support as ABQ)	\$1,500	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.0%
Poetry Picnic	\$250	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	100.0%
Poetry in the Classroom (materials for students)	\$100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%
Speak with the Poet (remainder from last year)	\$112	\$ 0.00	\$ 112.00	100.0%
National Convention pres. stipend	\$1,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%
National Convention delegates stipend	\$300	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	100.0%
National Dues (150 members* x \$3=\$450 *because some members get free dues)	\$450	\$ 0.00	\$ 450.00	100.0%
Website (hosting + domain names @\$250/yr + WPForms plugin @ \$40/yr. +consulting @ \$1,000/yr. max)	\$1,300	\$ 619.51	\$ 680.49	52.3%
Postage + PO Box rental	\$200	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Advertising (Facebook Boost, printing, etc.)	\$100	\$ (0.43)	\$ 100.43	100.4%
PayPal Expense	75	\$ 55.27	\$ 19.73	26.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,937	\$ 751.01	\$ 6,185.99	89.2%

INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN SAVINGS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	%
Total Income minus Total Expenses	-\$2,537	\$1,538.49	\$4,075.49	-160.6%

INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN SAVINGS	CHECKING	SAVINGS	CD	TOTAL	%
Balances on books (01/23/21)*	\$ 615.61	\$ 7,422.98	\$ 8,014.27	\$ 16,052.86	
Balances on books (09/01/20)	\$ 311.35	\$ 4,091.01	\$ 10,112.01	\$ 14,514.37	
Increase / (Decrease) in balances	\$ 304.26	\$ 3,331.97	\$ (2,097.74)	\$ 1,538.49	10.6%

*Note: the "ACTUAL" amount of "Total Income minus Total Expenses" equals the "Total Increase or Decrease in balances" in the two tables above. In other words, the money we took in, minus the money we spent, equals the change in the amount of money we have.