

# Annual Meeting Minutes

Storytellers of San Diego, Annual Board Meeting

February 17, 2026, 6:30 pm  
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order-6:34
2. Directors and Officers Present

Chair/Treasurer Jim Dieckmann

President- Marilyn McPhie

Vice President- Patti Christensen

Secretary -Li-Anne Rowsell Mufson

Board Members:

OJ Mozon Jr

Deidra Davis

Sheila Thompson

Dave Watters- Absent

Also Present Members: Linda Brown, James Nelson-Lucas

Memb

3. Approval of the Agenda-Unanimous
4. Approval of the Minutes (October Board Meeting)-Unanimous

5. New Business: Action

a. Presentation of Board Members for election to a two-year term, Dave Watters, OJ Mozon Jr., and Deidra Davis-Have all agreed to serve another 2-year term. SSD is very grateful for the service and commitment of all our board members, and we are particularly grateful for our non-storytelling Board Members. This allows for a diversity of perspectives on our Board.

b. Nominations from the floor, one additional Board Member allowed- No one volunteered any names. Vote by all members present to accept the Board Members- Unanimously carried.

c. Election of Chairperson of Board of Directors by Board members---Table this discussion with a proviso that we discuss by Email before the next meeting. All board members should participate in the email discussion and possibly vote for a new board chairperson before the next board meeting. Jim would like someone else to take over this portion of his service.

d. Directors unanimously approve Corporation officers for 2026--

Slate: President- Marilyn McPhie

Vice President- Patti Christensen

Secretary -Li-Anne Rowsell Mufson

Treasurer- Jim Dieckmann

6. Treasurer's Report- See Attached. Jim motioned to accept this report and financial report. Deidra 2nded--Unanimously carried.

a. End of fiscal year financial statement for 2025- See attached

b. Board authorizes expenditures for 1st quarter

c. Approve future payments to tellers and expenditures, including grant funds

i. Festival financial support, including outreach

ii. The Template, Skybound payments to tellers

iii. Institute funding and payments to tellers

d. Report on current fund-raising efforts and grant applications

e. Tax forms completed

7. Media report

a. Website,--Still under improvement events page

b. YouTube Channel- James has been updating, 506 videos

c. MailChimp email, 560 with no bounces!

d. Instagram-still lagging but active now,

## 8. President's Report- See attached.

a. Festival Planning, March 21st--Discussion and finalizing plans for upcoming storytelling festival. Marilyn, Li-Anne, and Patti discussed the finalized roster and event schedule, including Emily bringing in and hosting Teenstorytellers' performance and an open mic session Hosted by Patti in the Spreckles Room. Jim requested the roster to process payments, and Marilyn confirmed plans for Deidre's Art and Stories presentation and Adam Mellema to do a children's program sponsored by the Coronado Library on the Thursday before. Jim mentioned he would update the website with bios and photos once Marilyn provides the necessary materials. Final Publicity will be coming from Jacqueling at the Coronado Library

## 9. Membership Report- Absolutely the same as last month

## 10. Information/ Discussion

i. Additional Outreach- The group also reviewed successful recent programs at Template and Skybound, and discussed upcoming storytelling institute workshops at the Encinitas Public Library on April 21st and 28th.- Patti and Li-Anne will co-teach both.

1. Organizations-James inquired about Folk Heritage and the San Diego Scottish Highland Games, to which Marilyn responded that storytelling was still being planned despite venue limitations.

2. Communities The group discussed plans for a storytelling program focusing on Asian Pacific cultures in a historic district, with Jim explaining the area's multicultural history dating back many years. Patti noted that May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and suggested considering this timing for next year's program.

## 11. Announcements/ Next meeting March 17th/ Adjourn 7:30 PM

All suggested tasks: [Marilyn: Send the President's report to Jim and Leanne.](#)

- [Aunt: Send the festival storyteller roster to Jim \(for pay setup\) and James \(for bios\). Done](#)
- [Aunt: Email Deidre to coordinate details for her festival segment and ensure all needs are covered.](#)
- [James: Compile and send bios of tellers to those who need them \(notably for festival materials\).](#)
- [Marilyn: Talk to Jacqueline \(Coronado librarian\) about final festival publicity materials, including schedule updates, photos, and bios.](#)

- [Marilyn: Send final festival publicity materials to Jim for website posting.](#)
- [Marilyn: Consider approaching Jacqueline \(Coronado librarian\) and/or Encinitas Library contacts about re-establishing a library liaison/board member relationship.](#)
- [Aunt Li-Anne: Think about and potentially approach Encinitas Library about board/library liaison after returning from Florida.](#)
- [Marilyn: Send Zoom AI transcript/minutes to Aunt for minute preparation.-Done](#)
- [All board members: Participate in email discussion and possible vote for new board chairperson before the next board meeting.](#)
- [Marilyn: Resend/confirm with Chinese Historical Museum about new June program date and theme; confirm participation and update tellers as needed.](#)
- [Patti and Li-Anne: Finalize plans for Encinitas Public Library Institute workshops \(April 21st and 28th\) and keep group posted.](#)
- [All: Continue to follow up with San Diego Scottish Highland Games \(Stephen Lundy/Dick J\) regarding storytelling participation at the new venue.](#)
- [Aunt Li-Anne, Patti and Marilyn: Send notification to all festival tellers about their assigned concerts and include roster to relevant parties.](#)
- [Fred: Prepare and distribute festival catalog of performers and schedule \(as done in previous years\).](#)