

JSG Committee Descriptions

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Historian/Archives/Photography, Jo Anne Jones, Chair

This committee is responsible for assessing the results of all efforts for the previous calendar year, in terms of documenting JSG events and making recommendations as necessary to the board. We are responsible for maintaining the JSG archives and history, including news clips and photos, event brochures and other scrapbook items. Working with the events groups and other committees, we plan photo coverage and written record of guild events as requested. Event committees may request a member of this committee to sit in on their planning meetings. Scrapbooks are kept and frequently shared at guild meetings and events. Arrangements can be made for them to be viewed as requested.

Finance Committee, Harry Shaefer- Chair

Chaired by the Treasurer of the guild, this committee is responsible for working with the treasurer to ensure appropriate spending and revenue issues for the guild. In addition, this committee will provide/oversee a yearly audit of the guild's finances. To start each term without liability for financial errors in the previous term requires a financial audit by a board-appointed committee (even if the former treasurer is continuing). The treasurer may request interim audits if needed to detect and correct errors in the accounts.

House/Tech Support, Gary Degner (Sound System) – Chair

This committee is responsible for setting up at ISC and other places (upon request) where guild events are held. We manage the sound systems and also ensure that patrons are cleared out of the ISC (and other venues) in a timely manner. We are kept aware of our agreement with ISC and assure that we are in compliance with same.

Parliamentarian & By-Laws, Harry Shaefer- Parliamentarian and Chair

This committee is responsible for ensuring the membership has access to, and understanding of its rules of membership. When items in question are brought up or requested by the board, periodic updates are prepared and presented as amendments to the membership with a call to vote. Roberts Rule of Orders are followed for the purposes of business within the guild.

Youth Outreach, Judy Farlow, Chair Marjorie Shaefer _____, Co-Chair

This is a newly formed committee whose goal is to engage the region's children from grade school through high school in the traditional art of storytelling.

Resource Media & Sales, Tama Lunceford, Chair

This committee is responsible for the production and distribution of all guild products and/or brochures. We work with ISC and other locations in the community that carry our products and make effort to promote/distribute those products at all events and meetings. This includes the making of CDs and other guild products or literature.

Public Relations & Marketing, Libby Tipton, Vice President, Chair

Jo Anne Jones-Co-Chair-Social Media Jerry Muelver – Co-Chair -Web Master

Bill Wight-Co-Chair-Marketing

This committee is responsible for assessing the results of all PR/Marketing efforts of the previous year, looking at what changes need to be made (if any) and setting the current year goals. This committee will also make recommendations to the board on ways to keep the larger community aware of our guild and its activities while encouraging community participation in all guild events. Responsibilities of this committee include: Social Media, Print & Electronic Media, Photography, and overseeing Guild Display Tables, as well as Promotion Products. We also monitor publications and electronic media for coverage. This committee exists to serve and promote the entire guild. Each committee member will be assigned to one or two of the above areas. The primary weekly job of this committee is to increase our Tuesday night audiences and to make certain our internet information is current.

Professional Development/Membership, Mentoring, Jerry Muelver - Chair

Marjorie Shaefer-Co-Chair (Story Lab/Mentoring)

Delanna Reed – Co-Chair Membership/Nomination)

This committee is responsible for making a yearly plan – one quarter at a time – for mini or full workshops, geared toward the performing storyteller OR the entire guild. Workshops open to the public can cover new ideas in storytelling and storytelling technique. They may feature speakers brought in from our community or from afar as deemed appropriate. The mini workshops may simply cover awareness and reminders of guild issues and may involve some brainstorming on how we can increase audiences, increase membership or be more involved in the community. In addition, this committee is responsible for reaching out into the community to arrange guild presence and storytelling at agencies and organizations that express need or interest in stories. Our goal is to stimulate interest in - and encourage recognition of - the need for stories. Furthermore, this committee is responsible for assessing the results of all efforts for the previous year, and making recommendations to the board for the current year goals.

Sub Committee, Mentoring: This subcommittee is responsible for the mentoring plan for apprentice storytellers. We are responsible for setting up interviews with the board for any supporting member in good standing who wishes to become a performing member. We are responsible for constantly monitoring the state of the guild's performances.

Sub Committee, Membership/Nominating: This subcommittee is responsible for the effort to increase guild membership so that we always have new blood, new ideas and energy. A member of this committee will be available at each telling and each meeting with answers for those seeking information on belonging to the guild. We will arrange periodic orientations for new guild members. This subcommittee is charged with the implementation/updating of performing member guidelines to bring to the Executive Board and the general membership for approval. We are also responsible for finding potential new officers for the following year and for arranging/scheduling nominations from others, along with elections.

Newsletter, Madge Rohrer, Editor

This committee is responsible for gathering event information and publishing our monthly newsletter.

Mountain States Health Alliance, Lynda Harris, Chair

The Mountain States Health Alliance Committee (MSHA) provides oversight to the partnership agreement and associated activities with MSHA and works with the Executive Board and the MSHA liaison to develop guidance, training, reporting, and storyteller performance standards for storytelling as a healing art in MSHA health care settings and in the marketing of Guild activities in MSHA-sponsored activities.

Concierge Committee, Maggie Polden, Chair

This committee is responsible for planning and providing refreshments at our special events such as the Graveyard Tales, Tellabration, etc. This committee can also plan and get permission from the board to do special social gatherings throughout the year for the guild membership.

Teller Scheduling, Appointed, Lynda Harris (Quarterly Schedules) – Chair

Mary Brugh (Confirming Weekly Lineup)

Appointed by the JSG Board, this committee creates and appropriately distributes the quarterly telling schedule for performing members. We also confirm weekly tellers and notify the appropriate people if there are any changes in the schedule.

Executive Board, Elected

The JSG Executive Board consists of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and an Ex-Officio member, the immediate Past President of JSG. These officers are responsible for the day to day operations of the Guild and ensuring that the mission of JSG is being carried out.

COMMITTEES NOT ACTIVE IN 2017:

Appalachian Roots

Jonesborough Parade (July 4th)

Outreach Storytelling (i.e., Kansas City Road Trip)