

# Alabama Storytelling Association

Meeting September 14, 2008  
Birmingham (Macaroni Grille)

Attended by:  
(Bruce has sign in sheet)

Samples of other state associations (15 states have storytelling associations)

ASA will be the public face for storytelling

Relationship with NSN: not competition, but support...ASA will be the umbrella for state organizations...standing with Alabama Arts Guild and educational groups

When someone wants to "hire" a storyteller, ASA will be the clearinghouse, not gateway...the request would come to ASA and all members would be notified of the opportunity

We can go to state for Art Council grants

Goals of meeting: Select Interim Board and Officers  
Accomplished- Bruce has list

Meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> to create foundation, brochure, website, mission statement, ideas/objectives, member guidelines and dues  
Location: Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church

(Renee still cannot attend due to Canyon Fest: A Preview of Things to Come at her new \$7M facility near Ft. Payne on October 19...busy weekend...Congressman Aderholt visits the center on Friday, Senator Sessions on Saturday, Festival on Sunday and Board of Trustees meeting on Monday!! Also, storytelling workshop planned for that weekend will be rescheduled to January 2009)

Actual board meeting in 6 months

Joseph Trimble (Alabama Storytelling Guild)- hand outs (7 Reasons we should Merge ASA/ASG and ASG vision/statement/goals/objectives)

Bruce (et.al.)- great potential and benefits from merging with ASG

2009 - No National NSN Conference...we need to be ready to liaison with the regional conference

Ideas:

One huge storytelling event for state happening in multiple locations all over the state  
Booth at all upcoming events to promote ASA  
Send events/dates to Bruce for coordination

Bruce selected as Interim President of ASA

Brainstorming for seed money ideas

Need a marketing person

Need an accountant

Need a web designer (Josh Morrison, junior teller & Renee's son, volunteers...but Mom is concerned he may be in over his head...need more details on what is expected from website...which domain will be used...where will \$\$ come from for website, etc)

October is already full of events

Buck Creasy (KY) will help us with first steps of developing ASA...share brochures with us