

ASA Organizational Meeting

Saturday, 22 November 2009

Meeting notes from Renee Morrison:

We had 150 folks attend the Tellabration at the Little River Canyon Center. They loved all our tellers. I've gotten emails and phone calls of the highest praise of everyone.

Thank you everyone for making this so special. Go ahead and put Saturday, November 21, 2009 on your calendar for the 3rd Annual Alabama Tellabration at the Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama.

These are the notes I took at the meeting (other members feel free to add to/correct because I was so sick that it is all a blur to me now!):

Members present:

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Renee Morrison	rmorrison@jsu.edu

(Henry was not present so I did not have the bylaws or any information to guide us.)

Notes:

- Board should be chosen from four areas of Alabama
- Three people chosen from each area
- Three people "at large"
(Total of 15 board members)
- Five officers chosen from 15 board members
- State meeting will elect the 15 board members (from all nominations) and the 15 will meet immediately after the state meeting to select the 5 officers

We could have "one hour" phone conference meetings rather than in-person meetings so that those that can't travel or have conflicts may be able to participate.

Wish list:

- Set up state festival
- Become a functional member of the Arts Council
- Close relationship with Alabama Tourism Association
- Festival that really focuses on ALABAMA tellers
- Corporate sponsors in the center of the state

Website:

Laura Bundy (web designer) also attended. She has emailed me the following: <http://www.kijik.us/asa/sample.htm> Draft/Sample of a possible home page (Renee says, "Pay no attention to the crazy woman in the photo. That is just Lady Von Nuthatch, one of my MANY storytelling characters!! But I think this looks good and the sooner we get a website up the better for ALL of us!!")

Laura checked on the availability of www.alabamastorytellers.com and [.org](http://www.alabamastorytellers.org); so is [alstorytelling.com](http://www.alstorytelling.com) and [.org](http://www.alstorytelling.org) -- [ast.anything](http://www.ast.anything.com) is long gone, but it looks like most forms of Alabama + Storytelling is available == cost is \$10 for a [.com](http://www.alabamastorytellers.com) and \$15 for a [.org](http://www.alabamastorytellers.org).

Tentative next ASA meeting on Sunday December 14

Will we be able to vote on the website at that meeting or do we have to wait until the state meeting when the board is up and running officially?