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Oracle Awards Committee
National Storytelling Network
132 Boone Street, Suite 5
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Dear Oracle Awards Committee Members:

I wish to add my name to those endorsing the nomination of Sean Buvala for the 2007 NSN Distinguished Service Award. In the past ten years, Sean has helped raise the profile of storytelling and storytellers around the world as founder, editor and webmaster of the popular internet site, Storyteller.net. Furthermore, Sean is a successful and dynamic storyteller; electing to impact an audience most tellers try to avoid – teenaged and at-risk young men.

I have been part of Storyteller.net since it started, and consider Sean Buvala a remarkable, generous and positive contributor to educational and storytelling communities at large. His work through Storyteller.net is noticeably different from other websites for storytellers since he does not seek financial gains from this service. Indeed, for many years he developed the site and listed tellers without asking for payment. A few years ago, it was with great reluctance that he started to request donations to keep this service on the world wide web.

Sean Buvala shares his knowledge freely and has organized many public events to bring storytelling to a variety of audiences that otherwise would not be exposed to the joy of story. He is a master teller, workshop presenter, teacher and mentor. We need more folks like him in the world, and we are fortunate that he has selected storytelling as his art form! For these reasons, I heartily support his nomination for the Oracle award, and I encourage you to acknowledge his service to the world-wide storytelling community.

Sincerely,

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