

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 7, 2017, 7:00 PM**  
**Sentry Box**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Christine Schuh, Leslie Renton (Middle Grade and YA Fantasy)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for September</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Renee Bennett – “After Sundown” - Dan and Dave</li> <li>• Crit 2: Celeste – “The Limbo Ladder” (paranormal mystery) – Elise and Philip</li> </ul>	<p>Shannon            Dan / Dave             Elise / Philip</p>
	<p><b><u>Crits for October, 2017</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit: Chris Carolan (Steampunk with Dinosaurs)            Crit by Dave &amp; Cameron</li> </ul>	Shannon
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b>            Reading Aloud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several IFWits got up and read from their pieces.</li> <li>• Readers: Richard Pearman, Erin Sneath, Ed Wilson, Renee Bennett, Justin Acton</li> <li>• Tips: Practice with recorder (or phone) and get used to the sound of your voice. Hold book/paper up so you’re not talking downward, but outward toward the audience. Practice a lot, especially if presenting. Perform it. Go with piece that you think is really entertaining. If not fun for you, others won’t think it is fun.</li> </ul>	Michael
8:30 PM	<p><b><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Carolan – Met with Justin – possibility taking over Enigma Front – Chris Carolan will be taking over Enigma Front anthology – Nothing has been decided yet – will need lots of help. There will be an IFWA Anthology next summer. Stay tuned for details.</li> </ul>	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><b><u>Brag</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Swanson – sold short story to That Damned Beaver: Bessie the Time Travelling Cow</li> <li>• Renee Bennett – “Genre” book published</li> <li>• Celeste – Sold “Ninth Iteration” to NeoOpsis</li> <li>• Sandy Fitzpatrick – published her first book entitled “Alter Egos” by Lee F. Patrick \$20 tonight only – have IPB copies for sale \$10</li> <li>• Ron Friedman– 1) sold short story “Dissonance” published by Neo Opsis – issue 28 2) Answering questions in Quora – most viewed writer in astronomy and planetary science</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randy – 1) WWC – Sam Hiyate from Rights Factory took novel at WWC 2) Writers Retreat – revised 200,000 words in 5 days</li> </ul>	
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWC Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Story Contest (Renee) – of the top 10 – 5 were IFWits, but none got Top 3 – including Kevin Weir – Susan has been hard at work getting judges for 2018 – Gerald Brandt, Jeff Campbell, Shirlee Smith Matheson</li> <li>• Friday Night Readings (Ann) – we had 7 readers – Cassandra, Katie, Ed, Richard – get list – Kevin – over 20 listeners – lots of drinks left over – budget should be \$150 - \$250 was too much – a ton left over</li> <li>• Writers at the Improv – “The Velocirapture” – 3 teams – Katie Harse and Kevin Weir, Steve Swanson and David Worsick, and Ed Willett killed everyone. Crowd was decent.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Writers in the House</b> – September 30 – October 1, 2017 at the Fireside Room, Calgary Delta South – 135 Southland Drive S.E. – Times: 11a.m. – 11p.m. Saturday and Sunday – Admission free, but there is an expectation that we will order food and drink from Boomtown Pub for use of the room.</li> </ul>	Michael