

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7:00 PM**  
**Sentry Box**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Fernando Giroto (writes mostly science fiction short stories)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for February</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Eli - short horror story Crit by Dan &amp; Kevin</li>   <li>• Crit 2: Marc - First chapter of sequel to epic science fantasy Crit by Eli &amp; Rick</li> </ul>	Shannon Dan & Kevin  Eli & Rick
	<p><b><u>Crits for March, 2019</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Rex, cyberpunk action mystery Crit by Eli and Fernando</li>   <li>• Crit 2: Cassandra, opening of fantasy novel Crit by Adrian and Mike (replaced by Selene)</li> </ul>	Shannon
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b>            Creating Magic Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any IFWA member would like a copy of the slide-show presentation she gave, please contact Suzy</li> </ul>	Suzy Valdori
8:30 PM	<p><b><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><b><u>Brags</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suzy finished the 2nd draft of (first novel?) in a new series. She queried it in December, signed with a new agent in January.</li> <li>• Steve: his wife is pregnant again.</li> <li>• Richard: subbed to an anthology, has since discovered that the publisher is iffy ...</li> <li>• Sandy: has published long short story (10,000-ish words, makes this a novelette) on Amazon</li> <li>• Susan: SHADES WITHIN US is on the Locus Award long list; Alberta Foundation for the Arts gave her a grant for her book tour; she is a judge in the Sunburst Awards – Locus Website:  <a href="https://locusmag.com/2019-locus-poll-and-survey/?fbclid=IwAR3QMLTh_adAi5uWvPRCG1HXVR5PawgN1Cu6nCNKH6ReFHk1T_4GdSs2S98">https://locusmag.com/2019-locus-poll-and-survey/?fbclid=IwAR3QMLTh_adAi5uWvPRCG1HXVR5PawgN1Cu6nCNKH6ReFHk1T_4GdSs2S98</a></li> <li>• Adrian: (subbed?) to '100 Word Horrors'</li> </ul>	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enigma Front – Should IFWA Contribute to help fund the next Enigma Front anthology?</li> <li>• Susan: her daughter-in-law Isabelle is creating a Comic Reading</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<p>and Creation Appreciation Group; contact her for details/more info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rex: Wondering if the IFWA logo on the website needs updating, will do a test to create a higher-res version</li> <li>• Sandy: writing a cheque for the Christmas party. Mike failed to keep receipts. Vote held to pay \$250 estimated costs (cake and pizza).</li> <li>• In Places Between (IPB) Short Story Contest 2019 – Brent: is covering the costs of the In Places Between contest for the next two years, sponsoring via his Cool Series Covers company. Will keep the name, the prizes, ten finalists, as is. Deadline for entries is May 1; two entries per person. Pre-reader lunch on June 1; needs pre-readers. Would prefer entrants <math>\neq</math> pre-readers. Send entries to <a href="mailto:ipbcontest@gmail.com">ipbcontest@gmail.com</a>. Contest page at <a href="https://ipbcontest.weebly.com/">https://ipbcontest.weebly.com/</a>. Will be doing main editorial himself. See attached description.</li> <li>• <b>TABLED:</b> JP Cooper - Funding through Alberta Arts – should we have a writer in residence?</li> <li>• Comic Expo Table – Should we get one?</li> </ul>	
8:55 PM	<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Writers in the House</b> – hosted by Randy McCharles – will be held on Feb 23 – Feb 24, 2019 – Calgary Delta South – 135 Southland Dr. SW. Join local writers for a weekend of writing. Drop by any time from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 or 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday, Feb 24.</li> <li>• <b>Aurora Awards:</b> 2019 Eligibility Lists are now open. Be sure to add your eligible works. IFWA did very well last year. Let's see if we can do it again.</li> </ul>	Michael
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Thursday March 7, 2019</p>		

# The 2019 Short Story Contest

You are invited to submit your original, unpublished written works of fiction to the 2019 Robyn Herrington Memorial Short Story Contest, "In Places Between". There is no entry fee, but entrants must be members of the When Words Collide Festival.

Full Details: <https://ipbcontest.weebly.com/>

## Contest Rules and Requirements

- Deadline for submissions is midnight on May 1, 2019
- All authors must be members of the When Words Collide convention
- There is no contest entry fee
- Short stories of up to 4,000 words maximum
- Two submissions per entrant maximum
- Please email all submissions to [ipb.contest@gmail.com](mailto:ipb.contest@gmail.com) .

Stories are judged on a combination of factors, including professional presentation, originality, ingenuity, entertainment factor, character, plot, spelling, grammar, and other authorial skills.

### *Prizes (\$CDN)*

\$125.00 – First Place

\$100.00 – Second place

\$75.00 – Third place

\$25.00 – Honorable mentions (7)

The top ten stories will be printed in the annual In Places Between book. A copy of this publication will be provided to each of the top ten authors.

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