

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

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Naomi Kennedy [naomilwkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:naomilwkennedy@gmail.com) (writes fantasy), Mark Jantzen (writes science fiction) [markajantzen@gmail.com](mailto:markajantzen@gmail.com)

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for March</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>	<p>Shannon Eli / Fernando</p> <p>Adrian / Selene</p>
	<p><b><u>Crits for April, 2019</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Eli - cyberpunk Crit by Calvin and Shannon</li>   <li>• Crit 2: Mark Harmon Crit by Ed and Dave W.</li> </ul>	<p>Shannon</p>
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Aaron's 'How to Write 10K Words a Day'</li> <li>• She had hard time getting words per day even with a lot of time</li> <li>• Why and where is she spinning her wheels.</li> <li>• She did five minutes of outlining every day and did 4000 or more words a day for many days.</li> <li>• She thought she could find more efficiencies.</li> <li>• But no idea how she writes. So she made an Excel spreadsheet and in this spreadsheet she takes notes and notices patterns. She did more in afternoon, in a four hour block and not when tired.</li> <li>• Other efficiencies - enthusiasm - some days she got 5000 words and others she got 12,000. Difference was whether she was enthused about scene she was writing.</li> <li>• Asked "why not just do exciting scenes?" Skip the boring stuff.</li> <li>• Knowledge - what will she do</li> <li>• Timing - when will she do it?</li> <li>• Enthusiasm - does she want to do it?</li> <li>• When all three are there, she writes 10K words a day</li> <li>• Not everyone gets these spectacular results, but they do get results.</li> <li>• Outline a scene and then write it. Outline for five minutes and that is it.</li> <li>• Get some metrics to see when you write best.</li> </ul>	<p>Renee Bennett</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No one can do 10K a day every day. Give time to rest.</li> <li>Discussion of how to increase word count</li> </ul>	
8:30 PM	<p><b>Call for Agenda Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rick Overwater - IFWA Reading List - What are IFWA members reading - always curious</li> </ul>	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><b>Brag</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard - entered 2 novels for unpublished adventure novel competition</li> <li>Ed - joined Circle Critique, also successful in getting some Alpha readers for one novel</li> <li>Suzy - selected as one of 14 touring artists for Cenovus - touring northern Alberta schools</li> <li>Sandy - two short novellas at Kobo under Lee Patrick</li> <li>Chris - guest blog published at DMR books</li> <li>Calvin - got contract with RPG company</li> </ul>	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><b>Discuss / Decide</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on Calgary Expo Table (Sandy Fitzpatrick) - we are in - 6 foot table - so need to know how many titles people are bringing</li> <li>In Places Between Short Story Contest and IPB Fundraiser (Brent Nichols) - current idea - create a craft book - want craft articles - will try to have it for sale at WWC - still working out exact details. Somewhere between 500-1000 words per article. Will be donated, non-paying. Looking for suggestions. Writing Better Fiction is current title.</li> </ul>	Michael
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 June 1-2, 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, June 1 or 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday, June 2.</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> <li></li> <li><b>Enigma Front</b> - has met and determined their table of contents. Will be official announcement in May.</li> </ul>	Michael

**Next Month's Meeting:** April 4, 2019

**Skills Session:** Theme (Ann Cooney)