

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, August 1, 2019, 7:00 PM
Sentry Box
MINUTES

Information Items:

New Members: Jane - writes all kinds of fiction - larger dystopian piece / Shane - writes fiction - tends to go to weird places – self-pubbed short stories in collection

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Dale - fantasy - first chapter of novel Crit by Michael & JP • Crit 2: Mark - short story - science fiction - investigative journalist gets in over his head Crit by Bryce and Cameron 	<p>Shannon Michael & JP</p> <p>Bryce & Cameron</p>
	<p><u>Crits for September, 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Bryce - companion piece for novel - urban fantasy - Harry Dresden style Crit by Daniel and Chris Jessop • Crit 2: Chris Carolan - first 2 chapters of sequel to paranormal steampunk novel Crit by Celeste and Dale 	<p>Shannon</p>
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u> Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See handout appended to the Minutes 	<p>Leslie Scrimshaw</p>
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Magazine - workshop - Alberta magazine.com 	<p>Michael</p>
8:35 PM	<p><u>Braggs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan - book comes out on Tuesday - launch will be a panel • Brent - Got printing back for IPB and Writing Better Fiction - Will be at shared author's table • Chris Carolan - Tesseract 22 came out – he is mentioned in 2 reviews - Enigma Front is ready - will have copies at WWC • Ron - Will talk about Space Wars at presentation at and after WWC - Will be in Israel for ICon on October 15-17 • Steve - son born on Friday!!! • Calvin - RPG story sold to Green Ronin. I applied for writing project about Calgary's Chinatown 	<p>Michael</p>

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8:40 PM	<p>Discuss / Decide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy - James Allan Gardner - he is doing workshop on Monday - looking for people to hang out on Monday night and/or Tuesday. Want to keep him occupied. • Susan – Pre-WWC/IFWA BBQ at Susan Forest's 6:00 pm - BYOB and bring something to share • Sandy - Calgary Expo - turned out very well. Next opportunity is Christmas Market - Tables go on sale in September. Do we want to do this again? Get 2 tables. IFWA would pay for first one and the other can be split between the authors. \$370. Had 17 authors. The proposal is that IFWA buys both, and then the other authors buy a share of the second table. We earned over \$600 on Christmas Expo. Will table it for discussion for next month. • Renee - Shared authors table - talk with her. Get a volunteer hour as well. • Mail List - do we keep it in one spot? Make it accessible? Cloud service? Will discuss with executive 	Michael
8:55 PM	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWC – IFWA Friday Night Readings – Theme for 2019: “When I Regained Consciousness...” Bring your original stories to IFWA’s Friday Night Readings at the WWC. Shortest stories are read first, so if you have a long story, you may be reading at 2:00 a.m. in the morning. Content should be family friendly. • Aurora Award 2019 Ballot - The voter’s package is available for CSFFA members to download. Voting will occur between August 3 – September 14, 2019. • Writers in the House – hosted by Randy McCharles – will be held October 12-14, 2019 – Calgary Delta South – 135 Southland Dr. SW. Join local writers for a LONG weekend of writing (three days this time). Drop by any time from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, October 12, Saturday October 13 and Sunday, October 14. 	Michael

Next Meeting: September 5, 2019

Skills Session: Renee Bennett – Turbo-Charging Your Word Count