

**IMAGINATIVE FICTION WRITERS' ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

Location: Sentry Box, After Hours Gaming Room, 1835-10th Avenue. S.W.. Calgary, Alberta T3C 0K2

Attendance: 36 Quorum: 8

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>  President and Chair, Michael Gillett, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>  Quorum is defined in the Bylaws as 8 or 15% of the membership. Membership for 2018-2019 is 78. Therefore quorum is 12.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Acceptance of Minutes of the 2018 AGM</b>  <b><u>MOTION:</u> To accept the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Imaginative Fiction Writers Association as submitted.</b>  <u>Moved:</u> Shannon <u>Seconded:</u> Susan F. <u>Vote:</u> Carried unanimously
<b>4.</b>	<b>President's Report</b>  President and Chair, Michael Gillett, gave his annual President's Report
<b>5.</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>  Treasurer, Sandy Fitzpatrick, circulated to members the Financial Statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year  <b><u>MOTION –</u> To accept the Financial Statements for the 2018-2019 year.</b>  <u>Moved:</u> Shannon, <u>Seconded:</u> Jeannette <u>Vote:</u> Carried unanimously  <b><u>MOTION:</u> to appoint the following IFWA Members as an Audit Committee to audit the Financial Statements for the IFWA 2017-2018 fiscal year: Adrian, Ed, Sandy</b>  <u>Moved:</u> Susan <u>Seconded:</u> Shannon <u>Vote:</u> Carried unanimously

6.	<p><b>Society Business</b></p> <p>No society business.</p>
7.	<p><b>Election of a New Board</b></p> <p>If nominations for the 2019-2020 Board are unopposed, an election will not be required. Here is the list of people nominated:</p> <p><u>Chair</u>: Michael Gillett</p> <p><u>Vice-Chair</u>: Renee Bennett</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u>: Sandy Fitzpatrick</p> <p><u>Secretary</u>: Calvin Jim</p> <p><u>Members-at-Large (3+)</u>: Shannon Allen, Chris Jessop, Dave Worsick, Rex Leniczek</p> <p>Shannon would like to step down as Member at Large</p> <p>Daniel Wright would like to put himself forward</p> <p><b>MOTION: to elect by acclamation the above slate of IFWA Members to be the Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.</b></p> <p><u>Moved</u>: Susan <u>Seconded</u>: Celeste <u>Vote</u>: Carried unanimously</p>
	<p>The New Board members officially take their positions at this AGM on Thursday, October 3, 2019.</p> <p>Here is the list of people elected by acclamation:</p> <p><u>Chair</u>: Michael Gillett</p> <p><u>Vice-Chair</u>: Renee Bennett</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u>: Sandy Fitzpatrick</p> <p><u>Secretary</u>: Calvin Jim</p> <p><u>Members-at-Large</u>: Daniel Wright, Chris Jessop, Dave Worsick, Rex Leniczek</p>
	<p>The following Board members are leaving in October, 2019, having completed their terms. The President, Michael Gillett, thanked them for their generous donation of time and talent:</p> <p>Shannon Allen</p>

8.	<b>Adjournment</b> <b>MOTION: to Adjourn the 2019 IFWA AGM</b> <u>Moved</u> : Selene <u>Seconded</u> : Rex <u>Vote</u> : Carried unanimously
	<b><u>Date of next AGM: October 1, 2020</u></b> Location of next AGM: unless otherwise noted, it shall be at the Sentry Box, After Hours Gaming Room, 1835-10th Avenue. S.W.. Calgary, Alberta T3C 0K2

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2019, 7:00 PM**  
**Sentry Box**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Shelley Kassian - write fantasy and romance and mystery (soon)

**Attendance:** 39

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:30 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for October</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit: Rick Overwater (short story, alternate history, weird tale with horror elements) Crit by Rex and Chris Carolan</li> </ul>	Shannon Rex / Chris
	<p><b><u>Crits for November, 2019</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Deanna (psychological thriller - novel excerpt with summary for context) Crit by Randy, Adrian</li> <li>• Crit 2: Rob (hard SF) Crit by Selene, Keith</li> </ul>	Shannon
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <p>Art of Critiquing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a critique?</li> <li>• I have a Piece, Now What?</li> <li>• IFWA Submissions</li> <li>• What Does A Critique Look Like?</li> <li>• What a Critique Should Not Be</li> <li>• What to Take From a Critique</li> <li>• At an IFWA Meeting</li> <li>• Splinter and Splitter Groups</li> <li>• Resources - Secret Handshake, Other writers, Online Sites, Critique Groups</li> <li>• See Shannon's presentation on the website</li> </ul>	Shannon
8:30 PM	<p><b><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon - informational point</li> <li>• Appoint Members-at-Large</li> <li>• JP - Writing Contest</li> </ul>	Michael

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8:35 PM	<p><b><u>Brag</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrian - wife was accepted into Swashbuckling anthology</li> <li>• Michael and Rob - Accepted in anthology</li> <li>• Rick - 1) Graphic Novel on Comixology - 2) first novel is being launched</li> <li>• Kevin Weir - Season finale of Season 1 of book series is complete and is now writing season 2</li> <li>• Dave - Getting story published in Fantastic Trains Anthology</li> <li>• Chris - Feb 25 is date of novel release, 2) invited to anthology, 2.5) Enigma Front - Got a review - was a massacre</li> <li>• Randy - August - launched soft-boiled detective novel series - second novel launched last week and third will be out in time for Christmas</li> <li>• Sandy - story "First Fatality" came out in Polar Borealis – "Hero Twins" is being re-printed in Gemini anthology - next novel "Lonely Together" is up on Amazon and Kobo - pre-orders up - Oct 13 - first one will be free</li> <li>• Calvin – 1) Green Ronin story now set to be part of Blue Rose Anthology, 2) Sold another story, 3) asked to be part of another anthology (turned down)</li> <li>• Susan 1) video come out on Sept 18 on YouTube 2) Also have 2 launches in October - reading at Chi-zine, co-launch at Can-Con</li> </ul>	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enigma Front 6: The Machines That Make Us - Robots, Replicas and Other Constructed Lifeforms – Announced – Will have sheet distributed soon</li> <li>• JP - Contest every 3 years BBC International Radio Play Competition - Free to enter - 4000 prize. Radio Play contest</li> <li>• Aurora Awards will be live-streamed at Can-Con on YouTube - Jeff Campbell and Rick Overwater will be there</li> <li>• Volunteer to Be Critique Master - does not have to be a member at large - Selene will take it on</li> </ul>	Michael

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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 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. Fireside Room</li> </ul>	Michael

**Next Meeting:** November 7, 2019

**Skills Session:** Rex Leniczek – Sensory Immersion /OR/ Conceptualization Techniques