

IFWA Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 6, 2020, 7:00 PM sharp
Sentry Box, After Hours Games Room (at the back of the store, upper level)

Information items: NONE.

A reminder to late comers: If someone is reading aloud, please stand by the entrance and wait a few minutes for a break before finding a seat.

A reminder to IFWITs: Sentry Box has a discount for IFWA members' purchases on Thursday evening. Please consider supporting our friends who have graciously supported IFWA by providing us with free space to hold our monthly meeting.

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<u>Crits for February</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Jackson Prather – The Power Within (High Fantasy) Crit by Shannon / Calvin 	Selene Shannon / Calvin
7:30 PM	<u>Writing Craft Books</u> A short roundtable discussion about your favorite writing craft book and why	Calvin
7:45 PM	<u>Skills Session</u> Craig DiLouie – This is Your Brain on Words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Craig DiLouie
8:30 PM	<u>Call for Agenda Items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Michael
8:35 PM	<u>Brag (Please say your name before announcing your Brag)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Michael
8:40 PM	<u>Discuss / Decide</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for IFWA Workshop: Vote on whether to do this and discuss possible workshop topics. Needs a co-chair. • Shannon Allen moves IFWA produce a plaque of appreciation - Ann seconds. Discussion – quote? 	Michael Ann Shannon
8:55 PM	<u>Announcements</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writers in the House – hosted by Randy McCharles – will be held April 24-26, 2020 – Calgary Delta South (Fireside Room) – 135 Southland Dr. SW. Join local writers for a weekend of writing (three days). Drop by any time from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 24, Saturday April 25, and Sunday, April 26. • Aurora Awards Eligibility List is now open for submission. If you published something in 2019, don't forget to put your work there: https://prixaurorawards.ca/ 	Michael
If you wish to no longer receive agendas, minutes, and other IFWA announcements, please email: michaelgillett1@gmail.com and/or xiaolung88@yahoo.com		

After Meeting Pub: Buffalo Bob's – Address: 3715 51 Street SW (Sarcee & Richmond) - Phone: (403) 686-1404 – **Directions:** Bow trail to Sarcee South - left on Richmond and left on 51st **OR** Bow trail to 17th - left on 37 - right to Richmond - right on 51st.

THE MACHINES THAT MAKE US

Robots, Replicas, and Other Constructed Lifeforms Enigma Front 6

NEW DEADLINE: Sunday, February 16, 2020 (midnight Sunday night)

2020 marks 100 years since the publication of Karel Čapek's *R.U.R.: Rossum's Universal Robots*, the play which introduced the word 'robot' into the lexicon. Of course, the idea of artificial life predates robotics, with examples appearing in myth, folklore, and literature dating back thousands of years (consider: Frankenstein, Pinocchio, the Golem of Prague). Meanwhile, real-life robots have advanced far beyond what Čapek presented on the stage. This edition of Enigma Front will challenge the writers of IFWA to think about robots and other constructed lifeforms in new ways.

Some examples:

What if archaeologists working in Greece unearthed the automaton Talos in the modern era?
What if P.T. Barnum's claims that Joice Heth was actually an automaton turned out to be true?
What if the AI in your Smart Fridge developed a fondness for chocolate milk and refused to stop ordering it by the gallon?

The anthology is open to all current members of IFWA in good standing.

Stories can be any speculative genre; SciFi (hard or soft), all varieties of fantasy, any of the _____punk genres, horror, etc. We're aiming for a YA to Adult readership, so stories with excessive gore and explicit sex will not be a good fit. Maximum length for stories is 6000 words.

We'll consider a small number of reprints (ideally less than 10% of the anthology contents) but we would rather publish new works from IFWA writers. As in the past, IFWITs can submit two pieces for consideration with responses being Hold, Revision Request, or Not for Us.

SUBMISSION PERIOD: Extended to February 16th. Please submit your MS in .doc, .docx, or .rtf in standard short story format: <https://www.shunn.net/format/story.html>

SUBMIT TO: ExitZeroSF@gmail.com with the header "SUBMISSION: Title by Author Name"

Cheers,

-Chris Patrick Carolan-

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