

**IMAGINATIVE FICTION WRITERS' ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

Location: Online

Attendance: 25 Quorum: 19

1.	<b>Call to Order</b> President and Chair, Michael Gillett, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2.	<b>Roll Call</b> Quorum is defined in the Bylaws as 8 or 15% of the membership. Membership for 2019-2020 is 23. Therefore quorum is 19
3.	<b>Acceptance of Minutes of the 2019 AGM</b> <b><u>MOTION:</u> To amend the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Imaginative Fiction Writers Association to change Michael Gillette to Gillett.</b> <u>Moved:</u> Selene <u>Seconded:</u> Shannon <u>Vote:</u> Carried unanimously <b><u>MOTION:</u> To accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Imaginative Fiction Writers Association as submitted.</b> <u>Moved:</u> Shannon. <u>Seconded:</u> Susan <u>Vote:</u> Carried unanimously
4.	<b>President's Report</b> President and Chair, Michael Gillett, gave his annual President's Report
5.	<b>Financial Report</b> Treasurer, Sandy Fitzpatrick, circulated to members the Financial Statements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year <b><u>MOTION</u> – To accept the Financial Statements for the 2019-2020 year.</b> <u>Moved:</u> Michael, <u>Seconded:</u> J. Paul Cooper <u>Vote:</u> Carried 23 of 25 <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: Sandy, Ed Wilson, Randall Thomas</b>

	<p><u>Moved</u>: Michael Gillett <u>Seconded</u>: Dave Worsick <u>Vote</u>: Carried unanimously</p>
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>: Selene O'Rourke, Dave Worsick, Glen Brown</p> <p>Rex Leniczek, Chris Jessop, Daniel Wright would like to step down as Member at Large</p> <p>Elizabeth Grotkowski would like to put herself forward</p> <p><b><u>MOTION</u>: to elect by acclamation the above slate of IFWA Members to be the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.</b></p> <p><u>Moved</u>: Shannon <u>Seconded</u>: Susan Forest <u>Vote</u>: Carried 24/25</p>
	<p>The New Board members officially take their positions at this AGM on Thursday, October 1, 2020.</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>: Selene O'Rourke, Dave Worsick, Glen Brown</p>

	<p>The following Board members are leaving in October 1, 2020, having completed their terms. The President, Michael Gillett, thanked them for their generous donation of time and talent:</p> <p>Rex Leniczek, Chris Jessop, Daniel Wright</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><b><u>MOTION:</u> to Adjourn the 2020 IFWA AGM</b></p> <p><u>Moved:</u> Renee <u>Seconded:</u> Selene <u>Vote:</u> Carried unanimously</p>
	<p><b><u>Date of next AGM:</u> October 7, 2021</b></p> <p>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</p>

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**Sentry Box**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Lareina Abbott

**Attendance:** 25

Time	Topic	Person
7:30 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for October</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Kevin Weir – YA Superhero novel – chapter 1 – Liz and Suzy will critique</li> </ul>	Selene Liz / Suzy
	<p><b><u>Crits for November, 2020</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Glen Brown (flash fic) Crit by Celeste, Michael Gillett</li> <li>• Crit 2: Ron Friedman (short story/prequel) Medical Thriller in Space Crit by Jim Sheasby, Paul Cooper</li> </ul>	Selene
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b> Importance of Story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to make your story important</li> <li>• See attached notes</li> </ul>	Michael
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>Brag</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selene: submitted to Onyx Path Games to be a freelancer</li> <li>• Michael: finished first novel edit (Mary Poppins novel)</li> <li>• Ellen: made short list for Ring Giant (write novella in 1 week contest)</li> <li>• Susan F: won Aurora, put out new video, launched book: Flights of Marigold. New book got recommended in prominent literary magazine</li> <li>• Sandy: nice rejection this morning – really enjoyed – didn't fit. Also up to 30 short fiction submissions this year. With those sent out last year, 5 taken. Lots left in waiting pile</li> <li>• Ed Wilson: finished 2 short stories – will have 2 more ready soon</li> </ul>	Michael

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8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional IFWA Meeting Over Zoom (after pandemic)– people can think about it. Renee – some ideas – basic idea – discussed having 2<sup>nd</sup> IFWA meeting – one on Zoom. Meetings we do have are getting a bit crowded. Second meeting by Zoom. Gets rid of physical space requirement. Keep people who cannot make meeting to keep in touch. Having Zoom meeting. Good to be prepared after pandemic. Do we want option? Need to discuss. If we do have second meeting, and we lose the Sentry Box, we can still have a meeting. Issue of having Zoom meeting AT the live meeting. But someone needs to have equipment. May be technical or financial issues. Or single meeting with Zoom component. Worry about splitting group. Also, main meeting could be for voting on matters of importance. Zoom meeting would be secondary. With Zoom, we have possibilities. Inviting people who can normally not make it. Like idea of Zoom Secondary meeting for those who want to talk about something else. TABLED FOR NEXT MONTH.</li> <li>• IFWA Lecture Session - Possibility of our own IFWA Lecture Session later this fall via Zoom (Pro Author to be paid) – Ann Cooney spearhead – one item is a Clarion workshop and other was lecture. Wants them set up in January – Lisa Nikolits 3-4 hours will do workshop about publishing and her experiences – Naomi Davis is 1-2 hours – Role of Literary Agents – Cost would be \$10 – first \$200 to speaker – rest to short story contest. Are we still interested (by Zoom). Second, if in January, which day – one or two half days? Ann will do Doodle Poll – add name to next line and checkmark for all dates we want and we pick the one with most checkmarks. Okay with all on one day.</li> <li>• There is other Clarion Workshop? Run via Zoom. Little intimate Zoom meeting. Could we get that PRO writer to do half day talking about in general stuff the Pro writer wants to talk about. \$45-50 range and have 6-12 people in 2 groups over 2 days. Don't have to pay hotel, air, etc. Asking Nancy Kress. Who has her email. Patrick or Randy could make introduction. Put together proposal and then get it nailed down. Suggest – Nancy Kress would be great, but ask her first. Then if no, lets get someone else. Think of who we want. Michael will contact Nancy.</li> </ul>	Michael

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8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFWA Memberships due – E-transfer – will email receipts – payments may be made to Sandra Fitzpatrick (email attached to minutes).</li> <li>• Joshua Palmatier has 3 different anthologies ongoing:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Modern Deity's Guide to Surviving Humanity (modern time UF; pref. for seldom-used gods/deities),</li> <li>2) Derelict (abandoned ships; 1/2 F,1/2 SF), &amp;</li> <li>3) When Worlds Collide (culture collisions, such as first contact. Both SF/F).</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Anthos Deadline: Dec 31 2020. Please send submissions mail to: <a href="mailto:contact@zombiesneedbrains.com">contact@zombiesneedbrains.com</a> For more info, see: <a href="https://www.patreon.com/posts/40888189">https://www.patreon.com/posts/40888189</a></p>	Michael

**Next Meeting:** November 5, 2020

**Skills Session:** Randy McCharles – Productivity