

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, January 7, 2021, 7:00 PM
Sentry Box
MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: Andrei Preida - gotten into writing recently – is an actor – has written plays – loves dialogue – has written science fiction novella – has 3-novel series in mind

Attendance: 35

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for January</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Ryan – novel excerpt – science-fiction Crit by Shannon / Michael • Crit 2: Channie – novel excerpt – science fiction / memoir crossover - Crit by Susan and Glen Brown 	<p>Selene O'Rourke Shannon / Michael</p> <p>Susan / Glen</p>
	<p><u>Crits for February, 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Lareina Abbott – indigenous fantasy / magical realism YA – 4000 words Crit by Shannon and Sandy Fitzpatrick • Crit 2: Rob Easton (Valkyrie and Slave Pits of Modular 4) – 3500 words Crit by Jim Sheasby and J. Paul 	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u> Reading, Writing & the Brain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See presentation attached in email 	Craig DiLouie
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><u>Braggs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selene – wrote Part 1 of novel for Nephew – bound it – he loved it • Randy – Tyche released new book in series – Connecticut Gumshoe in King Arthur's Court • Randall – Zombies Needs Brains story submitted • David – Time Travel Story almost ready for beta readers • Chriss M – 2021 Entangled Soul Novella will be published – will have some new short stories in there • Craig – Horror book doing well – will self-pub new military fiction – agent was able to sell new story to audio in Blackstone • Chris Carolan – 1) Nightshade Cabal now available in audio 2) Prairie Gothic anthology story is in • Sandy F – Next novel in shapeshifter series came out on December 31, 2020. 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob – 1) Story in Prairie Gothic – 2) Sarah Johnson co-wrote in Food/Body Horror – Meat or Be Meaten. • Susan – New book video for Flights of Marigold • J Paul Cooper – Reached 600 libraries with his book 	
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarion Workshop – Susan – everyone who has signed up has paid – only 11 writers – we are short one spot, IFWA will have to pick up that last \$100 – due Monday Feb 1, 2021 – send to Susan Forest • IFWA Facebook Page – if you want to be a member of the IFWA Facebook Page, please request membership in Facebook 	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Writing Seminars / Lectures - Reminder</u> (Ann) January 16, 2021 – Lisa de Nikolits will do first lines and then she will react to them. Great feedback for that. Naomi Davis – really excited. Will spend 40 minutes on talk and then spend rest of time answering questions. Proceeds going to Short Story contest - A Zoom link will be sent to those registered a few days before. Fees are a donation to the Short Story Contest. • <u>Writers in YOUR House – Special Pandemic Edition</u> – January 22-24, <u>Location:</u> Your Place, <u>Time:</u> January 22, 2021 @ 8:00 AM to January 24, 2021 @ 10:00 PM. Join other writers for an online writing experience. Check in and out on this Facebook Event any time Friday-Saturday-Sunday. Work on your writing projects knowing others are as well. Occasionally note your progress in the discussion comments. See what other writers are doing knowing they support you in your efforts. The next best thing to being there! Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/452378439274400/ 	Michael

Next Meeting: January 4, 2021

Skills Session: John Paul Cooper – Be Your Own Motivation Guru

If you have a Presentation you would like to give at an IFWA Meeting, please contact our Skills Session guru, Glen Brown: glenezbrown@gmail.com