

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, March 4, 2021, 7:00 PM
Sentry Box
MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: Elvis is a writer from Beirut (and called in from there) and he writes science fiction and fantasy, Sulya Fenichel writes short stories and have two pieces of long form speculative fiction / urban fantasy.

Attendance: 30

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Ryan Lonergan – science fiction novel excerpt Crit by Rob Easton / Kelly Derkson • Crit 2: Dermot Byrne – “Down Side Up” – science fiction Short story – 2500 words Crit by Susan Forest / Jay Weber 	<p>Selene O’Rourke Rob / Kelly</p> <p>Susan / Jay</p>
	<p><u>Crits for April, 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Dan –Lovecraftian horror – novel excerpt (rough first draft) – Crits by David Worsick / Chris Carolan • Crit 2: Kelly – folklorish horror (rough draft) – short story – Crits by Shannon Allen / Jay Weber 	Selene O’Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <p>Susan Forest - Political Economic Geography and Map Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See presentation on our Skills Session page (the presentation was too large to email) 	Susan Forest
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"> • Calvin – short story “Disconnected” published in a Chinatown New Gallery publication and translated into Chinese • Ed Wilson – GrimDark mag in Australia – sent a story in • Randy – Connecticut Gumshoe in King Author’s Court is now out in paperback – sequel, Connecticut Gumshoe in Sherwood Forest, sent to publisher. Release in August(?) • Sandy – copies of latest shapeshifter novel out. • Susan – loved Prairie Gothic stories – lots of IFWA members wrote for this anthology. 	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWC Virtual Festival 2021 – Does IFWA want to do Writers at the Improv this year? Discuss how we are going to do it in Zoom next month – harnessing the technology – Will be 10- 	Michael

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	<p>12 streams. Need to reserve a spot. Normally do it at 12:00 on Sunday after Short Story Contest. Have to figure out how to do it. This year, IFWA hasn't put that effort in yet – would like to see IFWA jump in with both feet. Look at putting together a side group to get program together – Link to last year's WWC – Need to know ASAP – putting together first draft of program. Liz's submissions will be sent to Calvin for distribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop with Candace Jane Dorsey – if want update, send Susan email. • WWC – Bedtime Stories Subjects – announced it – think about a theme to write on – we will discuss next month • WWC - It would be great to see more IFWA members in this year's program. Check out the panel topics under consideration here: https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=0dda40ca394a26573fc05297b&id=2c742fb243 Link to 2020 program: https://www.whenwordscollide.org/archive/2020/program.php 	
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>In Places Between Short Story Contest</u> is open for submissions. You must be registered for When Words Collide for 2021 to enter. Max length: 4,000 words. Two entries per person. No entry fee. Prizes for Top 8 entries. Prizes: \$125 / \$100 / \$75 / 5 x \$25. Celebrity Judges will judge Top 8 entries. (<u>Judges</u>: Susan Forest, Robert Bose, Brian Hades) Top 8 published in In Places Between book. Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2021. Details here: https://ipbcontest.weebly.com/?fbclid=IwAR1isM2GvUxuq9WQrK1r2l8WJWq-23cfsrpytmFiP8l5yZS_8tXfxWDBT_8 • <u>Writers in YOUR House - Special Pandemic Edition 2</u>– March 19-21, Location: Your Place, Time: March 19, 2021 @ 8:00 AM to March 21, 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. <i>The next best thing to being there!</i> Link: https://fb.me/e/3sHwUBV8l • <u>Aurora Awards</u> – the nominations will be opened later this month. However, there was a glitch in the system. Email Shannon Allen (her email is in the email sent to members) if you have any questions. • <u>TOR Nightfire Horror Imprint</u> – Unagented Submissions – will be open for novel and novella submissions between June 15-June 22, 2021 – Guidelines: https://tornightfire.com/nightfire-slush-submission-guidelines/ 	Michael

Next Meeting: April 1, 2021

Skills Session: Swati Chavda – Emotion in Writing

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