

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, April 1, 2021, 7:00 PM
Sentry Box
MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: Sulya Fenichel & Elvis Mounzer

Attendance: 33

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for April</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 David / Chris Shannon / Jay
	<p><u>Crits for May, 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Jay Weber – horror short story (3500 words) Crit by Sulya Fenichel and Swati Chavda • Crit 2: Ryan L – first draft fantasy Crit by J. Paul Cooper & Cassandra Arnold 	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u> Swati Chavda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See presentation attached 	Swati Chavda
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><u>Braggs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan F. – 1) Ed Willett – does Volume 2 of Shapers of Worlds – 5 days away from finishing KS. Very close. Susan is scheduled to be in it. Alberta Foundation Grant for writing next novel – 3) Laksa will be doing anthology – will be editor – European Science Foundation and Astrobiology Inst. – Life Beyond Us – stories with science essays. Already has some amazing authors. • Calvin J – submitted new article about Japanese mythology to local Japanese Community magazine / Submitted and got accepted two poems to a Japanese Canadian society – will be narrating the poems on film. • Randy – Writers in Your House two weeks ago – extended his by two days. Current novel requires research during first draft. Got 25000 words in 6 days. 2) finished polishing manuscript for Tyche – took 6 weeks. Now waiting for editorial to come back 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen's novelette "A God's Power", in the Saturn-themed anthology "The Ringed Giant", is available for pre-order (May 1 pub). • David – received two responses to beta novel • Jay Weber – submitted a short story to a magazine for the first time, and I received his first rejection. • Kevin Weir – job ghost writing a book • Swati – her art was on cover of a magazine • Liz – invited to submit to Shannon's and Jeff's anthology for Tyche – to be written by August • Ron – released new video about how science fiction influenced Elon Musk to start SpaceX 	
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candas Dorsey workshop – details below • Writers at Improv – got volunteers – Kevin Weir, David Worsick, Renee can be Vanna, Katie Harse, Kelly, Jim Sheasby, (ask Ed Willet & Heather) – Will try this 15 minutes before next meeting – we need straw men to act as Audience • Bedtime Stories – theme will be discussed next month 	Michael
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. (Judges: 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-23cfsrpytmFiP815yZS_8tXfxWDBT_8 • IFWA Candas Dorsey Workshop: The Imaginative Fiction Writers' Association is hosting a presentation by phenomenal Canadian writer and editor, Candas Jane Dorsey: "Bringing Brilliance to Story: Why Our Reach Should Exceed Our Grasp" on Thursday, April 8, 7-9PM. The cost is \$10 (\$5 for IFWA Members) via Zoom. Message Susan Forest if you are interested in attending! Send money to Sandra Fitzpatrick. • Aurora Awards – The nomination forms are now open for all paid CSFFA account holders. You have until April 24th, 2021 (11:59pm EDT) to submit your choices. • Writers in YOUR House - Special Pandemic Edition 3 – April 30-May 2, Location: Your Place, Time: April 30, 2021 @ 8:00 AM to May 2, 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://www.facebook.com/events/199119811663697/ 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR Nightfire Horror Imprint – Unagented Submissions – will be open for novel and novella submissions between June 15-June 22, 2021 – Guidelines: https://tonightfire.com/nightfire-slush-submission-guidelines/ 	

Next Meeting: May 6, 2021

Skills Session: Ron Friedman – Chaos Theory

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