

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, June 3, 2021, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online
MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: n/a

Attendance: 27

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for June</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: J. Paul Cooper – short story – alien race that wants to do a closer study of humans – transfers consciousness to a cat - Crit by Rob Easton & Randall Thomas 	<p>Selene O'Rourke Sulva / Swati</p> <p>Rob / Randall</p>
	<p><u>Crits for July, 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Kevin Weir – First Chapter of novel – Plains Trains and Automobiles meets GoT – fantasy – Crit – David Worsick, Glen Brown • Crit 2: Swati Chavda – Opening of novel – fantasy – similar to Hitchhikers Guide – Crit – Michael Gillett, Celeste Peters 	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u> Michael Gillett – Reading Aloud Skills</p>	Ron Friedman
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz • Randy 	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><u>Braggs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeannette – second novel in Atlanta series nominated for an Aurora Award • David Worsick – second version of time travel story done – looking for readers • Rob – started a YouTube channel for Table Top RPGs • Randy – first novel in Connecticut Gumshoe series has been nominated for Aurora Award – second book is being laid out and should be out in August at WWC • Swati – best artist nomination in Aurora Award • Rick – 1) finished Masters in Creative Writing – wrote novel to finish was short story – lemon-lime crime story – 2) Sold Short Story – 3) Now on editorial staff of Prism Magazine 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Paul – released Ebook (Hunting Teddy Bears) – Brent Nichols did cover design – redid first chapter after crit • Selene – finished Middle Grade novel at 62,000 words – included a non-binary character • Calvin – Short Story “Breathe” from Prairie Gothic nominated for Aurora – anthology “Prairie Gothic” was also nominated • Liz – launched second book, had an interview with 13-year old, short story “Grass Gods” from Prairie Gothic short listed for Aurora Award • Ron – marketing – publisher did 99 cent promotion on novel – 13 in Germany for romance?. Sold well in US, UK, Canada, Aus. 	
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-opening – IFWA Live Meetings at Sentry Box – talked to Sentry Box – August may be pushing it, September we can be sure to get back in that room. MAYBE • WWC – Hosts and IFWA Stream • Liz – In Places Between – opened for young story writers – Brent said we got 150 subs as of May 31. Need prejudice readers. Not much of a critique. If anyone interested, get 6-10 stories and then have a short turn-around. Get them back to school kids before end of June. Final decision at WWC. Away from competition and contact Liz – separated by age. • Randy – WWC – we have Writers in Your House – 2) Festival schedule will be online when formatted – this weekend – schedule will be there. We have 2 manuscript workshops in master classes. One for YA which is run by Lisa Morrison (was exec dir of Penguin Random House Canada) – 1 seat left. Morgan Rhodes/Michelle Roan – author – does these workshops all the time. Trying to get them filled because takes time to do crits. They are not on weekend – either Thursday or Monday 3) Who is doing Writers at the Improv – Calvin will send list to Randy • Creative Edge will do presentation on Marketing – what a publicist does. One of persons from Market who will bring it up to three big name authors who are his clients. It will be a great session. Should not be a skills session. People are all over North America. Do it on a different night other than meeting night – a following Thursday. • 	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writers in YOUR House - Special Pandemic Edition 4 – June 25 – June 27, 2021, Location: Your Place, Time: June 25, 2021 @ 8:00 AM to June 27, 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/1443183949372270 	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://tornightfire.com/nightfire-slush-submission-guidelines/ 	
	<p><u>Calls for Submissions</u></p> <p>CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO "EUROPEAN ASTROBIOLOGY INSTITUTE presents LIFE BEYOND US (An original anthology of SF Stories and Science Essays)</p> <p>An opportunity to be included with Eugen Bacon, Stephen Baxter, Gregory Benford, Renan Bernardo, Jana Bianchi, Tobias S. Buckell, Eric Choi, Julie E. Czerneda, Tessa Fisher, Simone Heller, Valentin Ivanov, Mary Robinette Kowal, Lisa Jenny Krieg (SF in translation), Geoffrey A. Landis, Rich Larson, Lucie Lukačovičová, Premee Mohamed, G. David Nordley, Malka Older, Deji Bryce Olukotun, Tomáš Petrásek, Arula Ratnakar, DA Xiaolin Spires, Bogi Takács, Peter Watts, and Liu Yang (SF in translation).</p> <p>Genre: SF (preferably, not necessarily leaning toward hard SF) Payment: 0.08 USD/word Submission period: July 1 - August 20, 2021 Length: 1,000 - 5,000 words, firm Originals only. Translations welcome.</p> <p>Edited by Julie Novakova, Lucas K. Law, and Susan Forest Publisher: Laksa Media Full guidelines/contact: https://laksamedia.moksha.io/publication/european-astrobiology-institute-presents-life-beyond-us/guidelines</p>	

Next Meeting: July 1, 2021

Skills Session: Sandy Fitzpatrick – Three Pipelines for a Successful Author

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