IFWA MEETING Thursday, August 5, 2021, 7:00 PM Zoom Online MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: n/a

Attendance: 23

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	Crits for August ■ Crit 1: Randall – Short Story – Magic Realism about Zebras (2000 words) – Crit – Sandra Fitzpatrick, Kelly	Selene O'Rourke Sandy / Kelly
	 Crit 2: Elvis Mounzer – Short Story (1000 words) Absurd SF – Crit: Sulya Fenichel, Rob Easton 	Sulya / Rob
	Crits for September, 2021 Crit 1: Ryan – Spy novel Prologue (sequel novel) Crit by J. Paul Cooper / Rick Overwater Crit 2: Kelly Derksen – campfire Horror short story Crit by Sandra Fitzpatrick / Selene	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	Skills Session David Worsick – Military History for Fiction See attached notes	David Worsick
8:30 PM	Call for Agenda Items •	Michael
8:35 PM	 Liz – Brag for IFWA – several IFWits volunteered for Robyn Herrington Contest – many came through and got contest finished. Got great feedback out – Thank you all. Lareina - Got accepted to Emerging Writers Intensive Course at Banff Centre Sandy – 2018 – got Gellis the Gargoyle in New Zealand anthology entitled Emerging Cryptids – 2 drabbles published as well J. Paul – Ebook, Hunting Teddy Bears, got picked up in libraries in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Pennsylvania & Tazmania. 	Michael
8:40 PM	Discuss / Decide ■ Return to Sentry Box – We are now free to go back to the Sentry Box – three topics: 1) Michael will not be at October Meeting for AGM. Discussion about moving AGM. AGM will	Michael

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	not be moved even if President can't attend. VP can run meeting. 2) Sentry Box has new policy. Cost for room is \$50/month or \$500/year (paid in advance) to reserve room for 1 night a month – Do we still want to use Sentry Box? Discussion about supporting SB. After 30 years of free room once a month, discussion about paying for room. Plus, it is still central. MOTION We will spend \$500 to Sentry Box starting October to guarantee 1 year rooms from AGM to AGM. Motion by Michael Gillett. Seconded by Dave Worsick. Aye – 21, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2. Motion Passes. Sandy will send cheques to Sentry Box and let them know. 3) We need to look into using Zoom at Sentry Box so out of town members can attend. We will table discussion until September Meeting (which will still be on Zoom). We will consider Zooming. Large monitor? Trial to see if we can Zoom it. Meeting Owl by Owl Labs. Allows Zoom attendees and in-person attendees. \$1700 for deluxe version. Look into it. • WWC Hosting – Will send out meeting over Zoom for early Sunday afternoon (1 or 2). We will do Webinar training at that time.	
8:55 PM	Announcements • none	Michael
	<u>Calls for Submissions</u>	
	CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO "EUROPEAN ASTROBIOLOGY INSTITUTE presents LIFE BEYOND US (An original anthology of SF Stories and Science Essays) 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). 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. 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	

Next Meeting: September 2, 2021

Skills Session: Michael Gillett – Second Thoughts About Internal Dialogue

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