

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 2, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Online**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:** none

**New Members:** Debbie Wilson (writes romance, but she likes having mystery or something else involved).

**Attendance:** 31

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for August</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Ryan – Spy novel Prologue (sequel novel) Crit by J. Paul Cooper / Rick Overwater (sick so will be done in October)</li> <li>• Crit 2: Kelly Derksen – campfire Horror short story Crit by Sandra Fitzpatrick / Selene</li> </ul>	<p>Selene O'Rourke J Paul Cooper / Rick</p> <p>Sandra / Selene</p>
	<p><b><u>Crits for October, 2021</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Ryan – Spy novel Prologue (sequel novel) Crit by J. Paul Cooper / Rick Overwater</li> </ul>	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <p>Michael Gillett – Second Thoughts About Internal Dialogue</p>	David Worsick
8:30 PM	<p><b><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><b><u>Braggs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael – Finished a book.</li> <li>• Susan – got a couple of short stories Only Road (Shapers of Worlds ed by Ed Willett), reprint of Right Chemistry and teaching a course on Novel Surgery (revision of novels)</li> <li>• Suzy – Asked to be part of She Writes Press in US (Book Coaching program), Sept 10-14 Virtual Writers Retreat. Live events etc with Fiction Bootcamp sneak peek.</li> <li>• Sandra – Got 2 Drabbles in Shawn Birds Advent Drabble Calendar.</li> <li>• Rick – Pitched Book at WWC, they took 2 chapters and asked for whole manuscript yesterday. Short horror / sci-fi story coming out in Abyss &amp; Apex magazine in US in October.</li> <li>• Randy – print version of Connecticut Gumshoe in Sherwood Forest came out this month. Book Launch in 2 weeks for Tyche on September 16, 2021 – Thursday evening. Go to Tyche to register.</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lareina – Finishing up in Banff, got a mentor. Working on a short story compilation.</li> <li>• Calvin – finished and submitted short story to “Astronaut Always Rings Twice.”</li> <li>• Celeste – submitted short story to “Astronaut Always Rings Twice.”</li> <li>• Ed – 100,000 words into novel (40% of way through it)</li> </ul>	
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returning LIVE to the Sentry Box (Revisited) – Discussion about how do we decide when and how we get back to SB. What is best way to decide? Room is bigger now. No partition anymore. IFWA’s FB page has it. Considerably larger. Section by door is gone. We do have that. Board needs to discuss and Dave will make survey. Calvin will send out email.</li> <li>• Committee for Zoom meetings – Rick, Selene (lead), Sulya, Val King, Dave Worsick – Date to provide something back to IFWA by October 7. Discuss technology.</li> <li>• Call for Skills Presentations</li> <li>• It is dues time. Send \$20 to Sandy Fitzpatrick. Her email address is in the email.</li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locus Magazines for giveaway – have 10 years. Most still in plastic. Contact Randy McCharles</li> <li>• Aurora Award voting ends on September 4, 2021.</li> </ul>	Michael
	<p><b><u>Calls for Submissions</u></b></p>	

**Next Meeting:** October 7, 2021 (AGM and Regular Meeting)

**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](mailto:glenezbrown@gmail.com)