

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, September 1, 2022, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online
MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: Mark Murray (Science-fantasy story started 10 months ago)

Attendance: 21

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: “AI-Care” by Randall Thomas – Crit by Calvin Jim and David Worsick • Crit 2: Kelly Derkson story – Crit by Val King and Celeste Peters 	<p>Selene O’Rourke</p> <p>Calvin / David</p> <p>Val / Celeste</p>
	<p><u>Crits for October, 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Cynthia Roebuck – “Fools Gold” – 5000 word short story – horror & suspense Critiquers: Susan F. / Michael G. 	Selene O’Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selene O’Rourke – On the Shoulders of Giants – Critiquing the Masters 	Selene O’Rourke
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"> • Selene – did very first skills session • J Paul Cooper – article published in Westword • Jeff – 1) has a book launch coming up – Shannon and Jeff – the Astronaut Always Rings Twice – Adria Laycraft’s Jumpship Dissonance – 2) new publisher for Sherlock Holmes Gaslight series – Gaslight Ghouls will be published later this year 3) releasing a collection of Jeff’s Sherlock Holmes short stories called “Improbable Remains”. • Randy – Aurora Award for WWC 	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid Meeting – Update: Selene – We have done a number of different tests. Sentry Box Wifi is NOT good. Should bring our OWN network. Will need subscription to think about. We have tested out sound. Materials we have will do a great job 	Michael

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	<p>for transmitting and receiving. One other element to optimize – specific speaker in person – microphone for in person. Discussion of doing one or more laptops dedicated. Next step is to use rental equipment to see what else we need to purchase. Next week or so hybrid committee will meet to discuss when we will do this next.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Fees - \$20 dues are now due – send to Sandy Fitzpatrick (email address in the email) • Anyone have anything for the AGM itself, please send it to Michael within the next week (September 7) hard deadline. 	
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Retreat - Dates: January 16-19, 2023 (4 nights) – at W.O Mitchell Centre (near Sundre) – link is here: https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/ - All those interested would email Michael Gillett and then pay Karl Buchner directly (Karl will pay centre). Right in foothills – 25 miles north of Cochrane. Shared accommodation and bedrooms. Booked for an early start Monday morning. \$104 per night and includes 3 meals a day. Do writing in a loft with room for 60 people. Wonderful social experience. Karl will try to get 16-20 people from IFWA to come out. We'd love to have the whole facility for 13 - which will give us enough for exclusive use. • Tyche Book Launch at Owl's Nest on September 7, 2022 (THIS WEDNESDAY) starting at 7:00 PM. Book launches will include "The Astronaut Always Rings Twice" anthology edited by IFWA members Shannon Allen and Jeff Campbell and including the short story "A Night on Jishu Shan" by Calvin Jim. Also, Adria Laycraft (a former IFWA member) will also launch her latest novel "Jumpship Dissonance", her latest novel and sequel to Jumpship Hope. There will be readings and snacks. Owl's Nest located at 815A – 49th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB. See you all there. 	Michael
	<p><u>Calls for Submissions</u></p>	

Next Meeting: October 6, 2022 (AGM)

Skills Session: Lareina Abbott – Anatomy for Writers

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