

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Online**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:** none

**New Members:** Nicole Wilson (writes science fantasy) in Lethbridge

**Attendance:** 24

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:30 PM	<p><b><u>Crit for October</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Cynthia Roebuck – “Fools Gold” – 5000-word short story – horror &amp; suspense Critiquers: Susan F. / Michael G.</li> </ul>	Selene O’Rourke  Susan / Michael
	<p><b><u>Crits for November, 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Mark Murray – prologue and 2 chapters of medieval fantasy / Crits by Sandy Fitzpatrick / David Worsick</li> <li>• Crit 2: Val – fantasy (very) short story (500 words) – Crits by Randall Thomas / Calvin Jim</li> </ul>	Selene O’Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lareina Abbott – Anatomy for Writers (see attached presentation)</li> </ul>	Lareina Abbott
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>• Calvin – (a) helped launch the anthology “The Astronaut Always Rings Twice” at Owl’s Nest Books in September – (b) Also a Judge for IPB</li> <li>• Lareina – (a) Received scholarship to Surrey Writers – (b) started volunteer position with On Spec magazine</li> <li>• J Paul Cooper – short story in issue 26 of Northword</li> <li>• Michael – Judge in IPB</li> <li>• Ron Friedman – YouTube Channel – video on radiation here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53JCVqSxh-I">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53JCVqSxh-I</a></li> </ul>	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bouchercon Conference – Karl – Bouchercon is largest convention of mystery writers – Susan Calder and Pamela Dewalt went and Calgary has been awarded October 21-25, 2026. Bid Committee is looking for Guests of Honour: Life</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<p>Time Achievement Award, Canadian GoH, American GoH, International GoH, Cross-Border GoH, kids Bouchercon GoH, Toastmaster, Fan GoH, Regional GoH &amp; Rising Star. for this convention. Attracts a lot of readers who want to be around authors who have a good history in mystery writing. Send Karl an email for Guest of Honour. Will put more info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid Meeting Update – still haven't made decision on how to do this. Had a line on a projector. No email back from one of members</li> </ul>	
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IFWA Memberships dues are due</b> – E-transfer – will email receipts – payments may be made to Sandra Fitzpatrick (email attached to minutes).</li> <li><b>Writing Retreat</b> - Dates: January 16-19, 2023 (4 nights) – at W.O Mitchell Centre (near Sundre) – link is here: <a href="https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/">https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/</a> - 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. As of now, we have 10 conformed with 4-5 possibles. June writer's retreat has similar numbers. Contact Calvin or Michael and get names to Karl.</li> <li><b>Writers in YOUR House - Special Pandemic Edition</b>– October 7-10, Location: Your Place, Time: Oct 7, 2022 @ 8:00 AM to Oct 10, 2022 @ 10:00 PM. Join other creatives this WIYH weekend for an online writing experience. Check in and out on this Facebook Event any time Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday. Work on your writing projects knowing others are as well. 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/817020626322915?ref=newsfeed">https://www.facebook.com/events/817020626322915?ref=newsfeed</a></li> </ul>	Michael
	<p><b><u>Calls for Submissions</u></b></p>	

**Next Meeting:** November 3, 2022

**Skills Session:** Sandy Fitzpatrick – Tax information 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](mailto:glenezbrown@gmail.com)