

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
**HYBRID MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:** We are now in Hybrid meetings – Some members will attend at the Sentry Box and others can attend online.

**New Members:** Julian Quaglia – started writing sci-fi last year – Favorite authors include Ursula Le Guin and Arthur C. Clarke,

Devin & Lydia – Lydia: Education Major U of C – is a casual writer – Devin: sports medicine clinic – writes fantasy and sci-fi

**Attendance:** 29 (11 at Sentry Box) (18 Online)

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for March, 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Renee Bennett – SF Mystery with Noir Elements Crits by: Don Dietrich, Jim Sheasby</li> <li>• Crit 2: Angela Zowtuk – The Fence People – Crits by: Steve Swanson, Calvin Jim</li> </ul>	Selene O'Rourke
	<p><b><u>Crits for April, 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Steve Swanson – Children's Story (2500 words) – wants someone to read both versions or just final version Critiquers: Rachel Baird, Angela Zowtuk</li> <li>• Crit 2: Julian – spec fic 4600 words – Terminal Lucidity Critiquers – Michael Gillett, Jeannine</li> </ul>	
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodreads for Authors</li> </ul>	Rachel
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>• Ed - Signed first publishing contract</li> <li>• Celeste – signed contract for short story sale – 1<sup>st</sup> one since pre-COVID</li> <li>• Mark Watson – (a) release date of next book May 9, (b) podcast will launch in June +2 D&amp;D Broadcast</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Murray – wife bought online proofreading course – also have two boys who will be heading off to University – hope</li> <li>• David Worsick - Short Story will be put out in new Enigma volume being put out this summer</li> <li>• Ron Friedman – signed contract for short story – Enigma Front</li> <li>• Susan Forest – being interviewed for Clarkesworld for Life Beyond Us which is coming out very soon</li> <li>• JP Cooper - New Spaces</li> <li>• Michael – Short Story in Enigma and another being considered – Book 2 of Jacqueline Melrose is out on Amazon</li> </ul>	
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JP Cooper: Public Lending Rights Program. The deadline to register books/ebooks/audiobooks this year is May 1st.</li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summer 2023 Writing Retreat:</b> The W.O Mitchell Centre is booked for exclusive use on <b>June 12 - 15, 2023</b> for three full days. Those interested are to email Michael Gillett. Details to follow.</li> <li>• Aurora Awards are open for nominations. A list of IFWA members who are eligible will be forwarded later in March. If you have a work that is eligible, please email Calvin Jim ASAP.</li> </ul>	Michael
	<p><b><u>Calls for Submissions</u></b></p>	

**Next Meeting:** April 6, 2023

**Skills Session:** Michael Gillett – Filter Words and Their Affect on Mood & Voice

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)