

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 4, 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:** **Marika Smythe** (writes more literary, but interested in fantasy), **Shelley Campbell** (mostly grim-dark fantasy, horror, young adult – published 5 books), **Jake Epp** (psychedelic adventure novels), **Gail Barrington** (short stories with magical realism, started working on YA Fantasy novel)

**Attendance:** 26 (13 at Sentry Box) (13 Online)

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7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for May, 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Don Dietrich – Sci Fi Story - Of Ships, Siblings, Friends, and Trust (3700 words) Critiquers: Randall, Devin</li> <li>• Crit 2: Scott MacPherson – short story – 5000 words called Good Bones – Julian, Calvin</li> </ul>	Selene O'Rourke
	<p><b><u>Crits for May, 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Mark Murray – 2-page story – The Help (Science Fiction) Critiquers: Ed Wilson, Angela</li> <li>• Crit 2: Dave Worsick - Urban Fantasy - Critiquers: Chris Carolan, Scott MacPherson</li> </ul>	
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pantsing: The Undiscovered Country</li> </ul>	Calvin
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>• Chris Carolan – Final files of Enigma Front at Tyche</li> <li>• Ron Friedman – Comic Expo – Did panel on Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy – was packed</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NorWesCon / RadCon – Do we want to have a table at NorWesCon (Easter) Radcon or RadCon (President's Day Weekend) – Radcon is a 4500 person con – If interested, Ed has space in car.</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gail – writing into corners and getting out of them.</li> </ul>	
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Summer 2023 Writing Retreat: Writing Retreat</b> - Dates: <b>June 12 - 15, 2023</b> (3 full days) –at the W.O Mitchell Centre near Sundry (<a href="https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com">https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com</a>). There is one position available. Should you wish to attend, please email Michael Gillett. Subsequent applications are placed on a waitlist.</li> </ul>	Michael
	<p><b><u>Calls for Submissions</u></b></p>	

**Next Meeting:** June 1, 2023

**Skills Session:** Celeste Peters – Limina Symposium: Unidentified Arial Phenomena

If you have a Presentation you would like to give at an IFWA Meeting, please contact our Skills Session guru, Glen Brown: [glenzbrown@gmail.com](mailto:glenzbrown@gmail.com)