

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, March 7, 2024, 7:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES

Information Items:

New Members: Liberty Charissage (from Lethbridge – writes speculative fiction – mostly horror – first novel written – looking for beta readers).

Attendance: 34

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Meeting Place – Discussion and Decision – ZOOM POLL VOTE – Sunalta 28/36 (78%), Hillhurst 4/36 (11%), Scenic Acres 4/36 (11%) 	Michael
7:30 PM	<p><u>Crits for March, 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crit 1: Ed Wilson (middle chapter of composite book– speculative fiction) - Critiquers: Steve Swanson, Selene O'Rourke – MOVED TO APRIL Crit 2: Ryan Sekula (WIP High Fantasy chapter 1) Critiquers: Chris Carolan, Julian Quaglia 	Selene O'Rourke
	<p><u>Crits for April, 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crit 1: Ed Wilson (middle chapter of composite book– speculative fiction) - Critiquers: Steve Swanson, Selene O'Rourke (MOVED FROM MARCH) Crit 2: Jeanette Dover (Ch 1 of YA Novel – Critiquers: Val King and Gail Barrington 	
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craig DiLouie – Confessions of a Mid-Lister 	Craig DiLouie
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"> Susan: will be Writer in Residence at AWC retreat in June Rick Overwater: Submitted Short Story twice now and after 10 years of slogging, finally applied at guest table at Comic Expo in Calgary and Edmoton Ed Wilson: RadCon – did 10 panels and 2 presentations and is going to NorWesCon 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael – went to Rainforest Writer's Retreat where finished editing half a novel and networked with a ton of cool publishers, editors and writers 	
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Wilson is going to Seattle for Norwescon (March 28-31). If someone wants to attend Norwescon and get a lift for 'share of gas' then let me know and we'll set it up. Mind I'm getting to Seattle a day early as I have a friend to visit. July 8-11, 2024, Summer Writing Retreat: W.O Mitchell Centre, about 30 km NW of Cochrane (https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com). Monday arrival after 09:00 and Thursday departure following breakfast for three full days of writing. This is an ideal environment for creativity among fellow writers with each day culminating around a covered fire pit. We have exclusive facility use for \$130 / day including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. A deposit of \$195 is required for booking confirmation. There is an attendance limit of 16. Please contact Michael Gillett for a detailed information bulletin. Wordbridge in Lethbridge is coming up April 13-14, 2024. Could be a good time. Aurora Awards are now open for Nominations – Nominations closes April 6, 2024 	Michael
	<p><u>Calls for Submissions</u></p>	

Next Meeting: April 4, 2024

Skills Session: Randall Thomas – Opening Lines Through the Ages

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