

**California Writers Club - E-Business Minutes**  
**Nomination to award Ray Malus with Ina Coolbrith Award**  
**September 2015**

I, Bob Isbill, High Desert Branch, move that that the Central Board award Ray Malus the Ina Coolbrith Award for his exceptional service to the California Writers Club.

Ray recently retired from the Executive Board serving as Member-At-Large. That office is one designated to serve and represent the membership, and one that he did not take lightly.

In his own branch, he designed the San Fernando Valley website, and serves as webmaster on that very sophisticated and informative Internet site. He edits the Valley Scribe, the branch newsletter, and served as the Central Board Representative of SFV.

He “retires” from CB Rep and EC member, not to retire, but to offer his special gift for technology as our volunteer consultant to guide us through whatever unknowns we may encounter, and do it ably.

In 2011, he was the recipient of the Jack London Award in his home branch. He is the author of at least three books, and has had ten plays produced.

Ray has many strings to his bow, and I'm sure I am not mentioning most of his skills and talents.

But if you put all that aside; if he had accomplished none of the things I mention here, he has provided this club with an invaluable tool for tracking the club's membership in a way that has saved each branch numerous hours of drudgery and painstaking work. It's called Member Record Management System, or MRMS.

I go back with this organization only to late 2008, which is long enough to remember the tedious and time-consuming work each Membership Chair and each Treasurer had to do with dreaded regularity. Now it's done, thanks to Ray, with a click of the mouse. Data entry has been enormously simplified, and accuracy vastly improved. Moreover, MRMS facilitates communication between branch members — through its on-line member directory and email lists — and between branches with Peer email lists. In addition, its USPS mailing list supports other major projects such as the Literary Review and Bulletin.

He did this with an investment of time and talent to the tune of hundreds of hours. He has further provided four years of user support on this system, responding to suggestions and requests for filling the needs of the membership and the MRMS users.

And for that alone, he deserves the highest recognition and honor possible. That's why it is my honor to make the motion that the CWC award Ray Malus the Ina Coolbrith Award.

**Made by** High Desert

**Seconded** by Mendocino Coast

**Motion approved:** Ayes: 15, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 1, Absent: 5

**Ayes:** Berkeley, Coastal Dunes, Fremont, High Desert, Inland Empire, Long Beach, Marin, Mendocino Coast, Orange County, Sacramento, SF Valley, SF/Peninsula, Tri-Valley, Redwood, Writers of Kern

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** South Bay

**Absent:** Central Coast, East Sierra, Mt. Diablo, Napa, North State