

## **GoToMeeting.com Central Board Report by Bob Isbill**

On December 8, 2015 I sent out the following email:

All Central Board Reps:

RE: GoToMeeting.com

This is to announce that there will be two scheduled GoTMeeting.com meeting that will take place:

Wednesday      December 9      5:00 pm

Purpose: An online "test" meeting to iron out wrinkles and technology challenges. No substantive issues will be discussed; however, it will be a chance to get online and test your equipment.

Wednesday      December 16      4 pm

Purpose: An informal discussion on anthology production. Submitting, evaluating, editing, publishing, and marketing your book.

Guests are High Desert Editors Jenny Margotta, Roberta Smith, and Rusty LaGrange. CWC Board Tech Chair, Ray Malus will help coordinate the hookups for both meetings. No substantive Central Board issues are on the agenda, and no minutes will be taken. A report to the Central Board on the outcome of these meetings will be made in January.

If you would like to be notified with an invitation, please respond to this email that you are available and would like to be included.

Thanks,

Bob Isbill

GoToMeeting Exploration Chair

On Wednesday, December 9, we had our technology-testing meeting and it had several challenges, most of which were overcome with expertise of our Technology Chair, Ray Malus. The exception being the leader of the group not being able to get on line with a camera. It was a simple keyboard fix but not discovered until after the meeting. There were seven participants.

On December 16 we had an anthology discussion with representatives from High Desert, San Fernando Valley, San Francisco Peninsula, Redwood, and Napa. Various approaches to anthologies were discussed and it was very well received by all participants. Subsequently, Sandy Baker furnished a timeline

and editorial duties document plus an evaluation form that they use. There was some audio difficulties and one participant could not get his camera to cooperate, which was fixed by his next meeting. Good feedback from all involved.

On December 18 I sent out an all CB Rep invitation for Wednesday, January 30 from 4 to 5 pm on “GoToMeeting possibilities.”

As all CB Representatives were invited, no reminder was sent out, and in addition, I invited Doug Brozell from Napa, and Ray Malus from SFV. I attended en-route with my smartphone, which was not ideal. There were five participants including CWC President David George.

Suggestions for salon topics included Fundraisers, Guest Speakers, and Publicity. Further exploration with anthologies was suggested.

All these meetings have been done at no expense to the CWC as I have operated on a 30-Day free trial basis.

The more we experience usage, the more technical problems will be diminished. Recommendation is to continue trials so that at some point we can implement online discussions in virtual face-to-face informative meetings. Cost is \$24, \$39, or \$49 per month (if paid annually) for the Starter, Pro and Plus packages. It can be purchased monthly with no contract, and subject to cancellation at any time. Annual prices are \$288, \$468 and \$588 respectively. Possibilities are interesting for actually having conversations and virtual face-to-face meetings with individuals from other branches.

Branches could do 30-Day trials for more experimentation before buying. Or the CWC could buy a monthly membership using one person as a meeting scheduler. CWC individuals could request meeting times through the scheduler who would facilitate the meeting, but not necessarily attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Isbill  
GoToMeeting Exploration Chair