

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Meet the New MEs of the CWC *Literary Review*

The future is bright for CWC's *Literary Review* as **Elisabeth Tuck** and **Scott Evans** have volunteered to be co-Managing Editors of our annual literary journal. As your president and acting under the provisions of the Policies and Procedures, I am delighted to make the appointments official and am thrilled that the publication is in such good hands.

Elisabeth is CWC Secretary and the most recent Jack London honoree for her branch, Mt. Diablo. She has been closely involved in the *Literary Review* since its inception six years ago as part of the acquisitions and editing team, so this step up is a real natural for her. Scott is president of our newest branch, San Joaquin Valley, and is editor of *Blue Moon Literary and Art Review*, so he likewise is a natural to take on a leadership role in our own *Literary Review*. CWC is lucky to have such talented, qualified, and dedicated individuals as Elisabeth and Scott at the helm!

Submission guidelines are posted on calwriters.org. Look for them in the news roll on the right-hand column of the Home page.



The submission window is open from September 1 to November 30, 2017. Please get the word out to your members and encourage submissions via your branch newsletters, email blasts, announcements at meetings, Facebook pages, drones—whatever methods you normally use to communicate with your members.

A New *Bulletin* Is Hot Off the Electronic Press



Congratulations to **Rusty LaGrange** of the High Desert branch for delivering another edition of the our member newsletter, the *CWC Bulletin*, this one a whopping 31 pages full of news!

Rusty has worked tirelessly to produce a quality newsletter for our members three times a year, essentially functioning as a one-woman band, ever since the decision was made to revive *The Bulletin* in electronic format back in the summer of 2015. Thank you, Rusty!

By now, the person who has been designated as the Advertising and Promo volunteer at your branch should have received a copy of the newest *Bulletin*. Hopefully, that person has forwarded it on to your members by now. If that hasn't happened, please do some checking around and figure out where the snag might be. I am making a personal plea to the branch presidents to see to it that the newsletter gets sent on to your members in a timely manner. If nothing else, we owe it to the members who have paid to advertise their books and literary services in *The Bulletin*—and to Rusty.

Could Your Branch Use an Extra \$2K?

I admit, I was pretty darn suspicious when I was contacted by the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards last fall and told about their offer of \$2000 *each* if I could line up CWC branches to provide preliminary judges for their national high school writing contest. Too good to be true, right? There's got to be a catch! I am happy to report there is no catch; this is completely legitimate and above-board, and a terrific way for your branch to earn extra money and give back to the next generation of writers. My home branch, Central Coast, did it this past year and found it rewarding on many levels.

Well, OK, there is a catch—you have to round up 15 members to be judges, plus 5 alternates, each willing to commit to doing 8-10 hours of reading in late December-early January. It's all done online so, yes, a computer is required. But still—two thousand dollars!!

If your branch participated last year, you've probably already been contacted by the Scholastic folks about the upcoming round of judging. If this is new to your branch and you'd like to be considered, get in touch with Daniel Embree, DEmbree@scholastic.com and let him know you were referred by the president of California Writers Club.

