



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Good Ol' Bob Steps Up to the Plate Once Again



Is there anything Bob Isbill won't do for the good of CWC? This guy is truly amazing when it comes to volunteering. At the January 28 long-range planning summit, the topic arose as to a Nominating Chair for the annual election of officers. And who stepped up the plate to take that on? Who else but good ol' Bob!

Now, there is one teeny, tiny issue. According to the CWC Policies and Procedures, the appointment of a Nominating Chair must be approved by the Central Board. I was afraid we would have to do a motion and vote on The Forum, but after consultation with the members of the Executive Committee and former president Dave George, the consensus is that approval can be secured by simply notifying all the CB reps and if no one objects, the appointment stands. So, if you have an issue with Bob chairing the Nominating Committee, this is the time to speak up. Share your concerns via email to president@calwriters.org.

For those of you unfamiliar with how we do business here at CWC World Headquarters, we hold elections for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer at the annual Central Board member in July. The Nominating Committee puts a slate together, but nominations may also be made from the floor.

And for those not familiar with Bob Isbill, he pretty much single-handedly brought his branch, High Desert, back from extinction a few years back. At the state level, he has served on a variety of committees and is currently the Forum Moderator/Administrator and in charge of Promotion and Advertising for our two publications, *The Bulletin* and *The Literary Review*. He's the recipient of both the Jack London and Ina Coolbrith awards for his tireless spirit of volunteerism. You rock our world, Bob!

Be Sure Your Branch is Represented in *The Bulletin*

February 28 is the deadline to submit both editorial and advertising material to our digital news publication, *The CWC Bulletin*. It's always my hope that all 22 branches will be represented with an update on their activities and achievements. And please remind your members that advertising in *The Bulletin* is a terrific way to get the word out to nearly 2,000 readers about their latest books.

For submission guidelines for both editorial copy and advertisements, go to calwriters.org and click on the news roll on the right side of the home page.

Several of you have mentioned to me a desire to see more articles on writing craft in *The Bulletin*. To which I say—why the heck not? If you or someone at your branch have advice or inspirations on writing or the literary life that you'd like to share with your fellow CWC members, my recommendation would be to contact *Bulletin* Editor Rusty LaGrange, rusty@rustylagrange.com, ASAP and work out the details when it comes to length and space availability.



Since You Asked: Can We Give Out Honorary Memberships?



Yes, but. There's always a "but," right? Yes, the CWC Policies and Procedures do allow for honorary memberships. A branch wishing to give one out must petition the Central Board, and the CB must approve. Honorary membership is limited to "persons who are of such eminence that the CWC, in honoring them, honors itself." Now, if this isn't quite what you had in mind, there's always a work-around. The PnP allows for patron memberships for those who have made a significant contribution to your branch. Then there's a courtesy membership category to be used as a thank-you to unpaid speakers. Or do like my branch did when faced with this issue: create an impressive-sounding title of your own. Do up a fancy-schmancy certificate. Present same at a meeting and let everyone applaud and thank the individual. No, the honoree won't be a member per se, but they'll feel all warm and fuzzy—and that was the whole point, right?