



**CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB**  
**Central Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes Sunday, July 19, 2020**  
**Online Via Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal, who welcomed those attending and issued ground rules for the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

President -	Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal
Berkeley -	Fred Dodsworth
Central Coast -	Joyce Krieg
Coastal Dunes -	Renee Geffken
East Sierra -	proxy held by Anthony Becker
Fremont -	Tish Davidson
High Desert -	Bob Isbill
Inland Empire -	Anthony Becker, Treasurer
Long Beach -	Allene Symons
Marin -	Mike Van Horn
Mendocino -	Doug Fortier
Mt. Diablo -	Elisabeth Tuck, Secretary
Napa Valley Writers-	Kymerlie Ingalls
North State -	Cathy Chase, absent due to death in the family
Orange County -	Jeanette Fratto, Member at Large
Redwood Writers-	Roger Lubeck, Vice President
Sacramento -	Kim Edwards
San Fernando Valley	Bob Okowitz
San Joaquin Valley -	Leslie Liberty
San Francisco Peninsula	-Carole Bumpus
South Bay Writers -	Bill Baldwin
Tri-Valley -	Jordan Bernal
Writers of Kern -	Sandy Moffett
NorCal Chair	Carole Bumpus

The president declared a quorum and business could legally be conducted.

Guests: Linda Brown, Berkeley; Adrienn Mendonca-Jones, Central Coast; Sarita Lopez, Napa Valley; Sue Andrews, Inland Empire; Era Martin, Long Beach; Shawn Langwell, Pres Redwood; Brian Gaps, V.P., Orange County; Marlene Dotterer, Mt. Diablo.

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President Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal (East Sierra) welcomed everyone and thanked Marlene Dotterer (Mt. Diablo), meeting Zoom manager, who gave some Zoom instructions.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Elisabeth Tuck (Mt. Diablo)  
**Motion to approve minutes of July 21, 2019 Central Board meeting.**

Moved by Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal  
Seconded by Sandy Moffett (Writers of Kern)  
Ayes 21 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1(North State) Passed unanimously.

**There has been no e-business since July 21, 2019.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT Fiscal Year 2019-2020** – Anthony Becker (Inland Empire)

See the report “Central Board Budget, 2019-20 July 1, 2019 to June30, 2020.”

No corrections. Filed for audit without objection.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – President Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal

See “CWC – Executive Committee Report Activities undertaken by the Executive Committee and president from July 22, 2019, through July 19, 2020.”

Bill Baldwin (South Bay) committed to find check numbers and receipts for the president and treasurer for checks written to pay state taxes during his terms.

**WEBMASTER** – John Byrne Barry (Marin)

See John Byrne Barry’s report: “Webmaster Update –June 25, 2020”

**MEMBERSHIP** – Sandy Moffett

See Sandy Moffett’s “Membership Summary (June 30, 2020 – 1:56 p.m.) (7/01/2019 – 06/30/20)”

Sandy will answer questions from branch treasurers and membership chairs regarding MRMS (661) 205-1045.

**MRMS** President stressed the importance of keeping branch MRMS data current.

**ADVERTISING and PROMOTION** – Bob Isbill (High Desert)

See Isbill’s report titled “CWC Advertising and Promotions Report 2019-2020”

**BULLETIN** – Bob Isbill for Rusty LaGrange (High Desert)

The deadline for the *Bulletin* is July 28.

Advertising revenue has covered the cost of FlipBoard.

**LITERARY REVIEW** - President Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal thanked all who volunteered information on “how to Lit Review,” those who worked on it this year, and submitters.

Fred Dodsworth (Berkeley) is doing the layout and is asking for sketches, photographs, etc.

Fred to send email to presidents and newsletter editors re his request for art.

Due out in October

**NORCAL GROUP** – Carole Bumpus (SF – Peninsula)  
See “CWC NorCal Board Report for State Board Meeting July 2020”  
Carole thanked volunteers who participated in the SF Writers Conference.

**CWC SOUTH** – Sandy Moffett see “SoCal Regional Report”

**FRIENDS OF JOAQUIN MILLER PARK (FOJMP)** Linda Brown (Berkeley)  
See Linda’s report “Friends of Joaquin Miller Park (FoJMP) Report for July 19, 2020 CWC-Central Board Meeting.”  
CWC has representation on the board of the Friends through all the work Linda does.

**BUDGET** Anthony Becker  
See “CWC Proposed Central Board Budget, 2020-2021”  
Joyce Krieg questioned paying insurance which covers attendance at meetings and events. The answer is that very little money goes to that. Most includes protection for officer and organizational liability, i.e., potential suits.

**The budget constitutes a motion on the floor.**

Seconded by Jordan Bernal (Tri Valley)  
Ayes 21      No 0      Abstain 0      Absent 1(North State)      Passed unanimously.

**Motion to increase the monthly payment to webmaster John Byrne-Barry from \$100 to \$150.**

Moved by      Sandy Moffett  
Seconded by      Bob Okowitz      (San Fernando Valley)  
Ayes      12                      No 5      Abstain 4      Absent      1(North State) Motion carries.

**Motion** “That CWC adopt an emergency measure for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to temporarily suspend the provisions of Policies and Procedures VII- Dues and Fees, B. and  
“That at the discretion of each branch, the deadline for members to renew is extended to December 31, 2020, and that delinquent members will not be dropped from the rolls until January 1, 2021, and  
“That any necessary adjustments be made to MRMS, and  
“That this emergency measure be reviewed by the CWC Central Board in early spring of 2021, taking into account any shelter-in-place orders or similar orders that may be in place that would affect the CWC branches’ ability to provide programming and services to its members, and that a decision be made at that time as to extending this this emergency measure into Fiscal Year 2021-2022.”

See “Motion by Central Coast Regarding Extension of Membership Renewal Deadline”

Moved by      Joyce Krieg (Central Coast)  
Seconded by      Kim Edwards (Sacramento)  
Ayes      12                      No 8      Abstain 1      Absent      1(North State) Motion carries.

Concern that MRMS drops members if not renewed by Sept 30. Can Dick Amyx fix the date in MRMS? Sandy Moffett must be notified by branches extending the deadline for their members.

**Motion:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, if requested Central agrees to give a branch, a one-time payment of \$150 to do publicity work to maintain or increase branch membership.

Moved by Bob Okowitz

Seconded by Fred Dodsworth (Berkeley)

Ayes 11 No 6 Abstain 4 Absent 1(North State) Motion carries.

**Motion for emergency powers.**

See "Conducting Business in an Emergency"

Moved by Jeanette Fratto (Orange County)

Seconded by Bob Okowitz (San Fernando Valley)

Motion withdrawn by Jeanette, withdrawal seconded by Bob Okowitz  
Motion to be revisited at the October Central Board meeting.

**12:40-12:50 p.m. - Break**

Slate of officers presented by Bob Isbill:

President	Donna Rosenthal (East Sierra)
Vice President	Roger Lubeck (Redwood)
Secretary	Elisabeth Tuck (Mt. Diablo)
Treasurer	Anthony Becker (Inland Empire)

**Motion to re-elect present officers:**

Moved by Sandy Moffett

Seconded by Kymberlie Ingalls (Napa Valley)

Ayes 21 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1(North State) Motion carries unanimously.

**Presidential appointments:**

Member at Large	Jeanette Fratto (Orange County)
Membership Chair	Sandy Moffett (Writers of Kern)
Advertising Chair	Bob Isbill (High Desert)
Bulletin Editor	Rusty LaGrange (High Desert)
Webmaster	John Byrne Barry (Marin)
MRMS Chair	Dick Amyx (South Bay)

**All confirmed by board.**

**Next CB meeting scheduled for October 18CB (probably to be held via Zoom.)**

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**Motion** to adjourn:

Moved by Bob Okowitz

Seconded by Doug Fortier (Mendocino)

Ayes 21 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1(North State) Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elisabeth Tuck Secretary, California Writers Club  
Central Board of Directors July 19, 2020