

# CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

**Central Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Roger Lubeck, who welcomed those attending and issued ground rules for the meeting.

# ROLL CALL

President - Roger Lubeck (Redwood)

Berkeley - Keith Gaboury

Central Coast - Joyce Krieg

Coastal Dunes - Carole Wagener

East Sierra - Donna McCrohan Rosenthal CWC South chair

Fremont - Evelyn LaTorre

High Desert - Bob Isbill, Vice President

Inland Empire - absent

Long Beach - Allene Symons

Marin - absent

Mendocino - Notty Bumbo

Mt. Diablo - Elisabeth Tuck, Secretary

Napa Valley Writers- Kymberlie Ingalls

North State - absent

Orange County - Brian Gaps

Redwood Writers- Judy Baker

Sacramento - Bernard Wozny

San Fernando Valley - Bob Okowitz

San Joaquin Valley - June Gillam

San Francisco Peninsula Geri Spieler

South Bay Writers - Bill Baldwin

Tri-Valley - Connie Hanstedt, Treasurer

Writers of Kern - Sandy Moffett, State Membership Chair

Guests: Barry Hampshire (Mt. Diablo president) Anita Holmes (High Desert) Colleen Jenssen (Orange County membership chair)

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

1:35 p.m. President Roger Lubeck (Redwood) welcomed everyone.

**MEMBERSHIP** –

see **Membership Summary (07/01/2022 - 11/08/2022)**

and **Remittance Summary** Sandy Moffett (Writers of Kern)

Clarification: the remittance amounts are the $20 paid to central from each branch member’s dues.

**TREASURER’S REPORTS**

See **Revised Budget** “Current Balance as of 11 9 2022: @$122,000” Connie Hanstedt (Tri Valley)

Although it looks as if we have a lot of money, we spend $40,000 annually on one in-person meeting per year, the *Literary Review*, and the Jack London Award ceremony.

Accounting costs seem to have gone down. It may be that we over budgeted.

The insurance cost was questioned. Roger explained that it is statewide coverage for all branches for meeting locations and special event liability. If a branch changes their meeting location, they must notify our insurer. The **address** is on the special event insurance form available here:

<https://calwriters.org/resources-for-branches/>

The special event form is to be used for one-time, special events not regular meetings

Prior to Covid Central asked each branch where they meet and sent that list to Diablo Valley Insurance, our insurance company for non-profits, who then sent a certificate of coverage to each branch. Branches should share this document with third parties as needed. Now that branches are meeting in person again, Roger will reinstate the process of notifying our insurer where each branch meets.

If a branch has a volunteer driving for CWC, they must sign a form available from Bob Isbill saying they have insurance. When that form is on file, we show that we have done due diligence if the CWC driver is at fault in an accident that exceeds their coverage.

Being no objections, the treasure’s report will be filed for audit.

**LITERARY REVIEW**

See: ***CWC LITERARY REVIEW REPORT FOR NOV. 13 CENTRAL BOARD MEETING***

Joyce Krieg (Central Coast) and Elisabeth Tuck (Mt. Diablo):

We are using the same printer as last year. Printing was originally quoted as $17,000. Four quotes were obtained and the price was whittled down to $9,000 because the company has affiliates around the country who bid on printing and mailing. Printing was done in Colorado and mailing will be from New Jersey. In spite of the shipping cost, this quote was the least expensive.

The printer has been sitting on the printed copies awaiting payment, but didn’t communicate this until Joyce Krieg (Central Coast) checked recently.

**BULLETIN**

**See: REPORT TO THE CENTRAL BOARD – NOV. 13, 2022 JOYCE KRIEG** (Central Coast)**, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Copies of the *Bulletin* are posted on the state website: <https://calwriters.org/bulletin/#current>

Sandy Moffet (Writers of Kern) accepts articles from statewide membership and now has a form that must be used to submit. See <https://calwriters.org/bulletin/> for the types of information being solicited.

**NORCAL**

See **NOVEMBER 13, 2022 – STATE BOARD MEETING NORCAL REPORT**

Carole Bumpus (SF Peninnsula)

The October 2022 Building Better Branches conference had to be cancelled since an affordable site could not be located.

The San Francisco Writers Conference is planned for February 2023.

**CWC SOUTH** – Donna McCrohan Rosenthal (East Sierra) CWC South Chair

Go to [**socalwritersshowcase.com**](http://socalwritersshowcase.com/) for southern branches. This link is the first item on [www.calwriters.org](http://www.calwriters.org) the state website’s list of southern California branches.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

## See **four proposed changes to the P & Ps.**

Bob Isbill (High Desert)

**(PLEASE REFER TO A COMPLETE COPY OF THE P&Ps. The copies distributed to Central Board members are not necessarily complete sections of the P&Ps and there may be layout issues.)**

**First** proposed change: Change to Article X ELECTIONS B) 3) President and Vice President

Donna McCrohan Rosenthal (East Sierra) proposed the following amendment to the proposed change:

“Candidates for CWC state president and vice president must have served at least one year in the last five years on the Central Board or as president or vice president of their branch.”

**Moved** by Donna McCrohan Rosenthal (East Sierra)

**Seconded** by Bernard Wozny (Sacramento)

This motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change Article X. A) 3) of the P&Ps as amended above

**Moved** by Bob Isbill (High Desert): Change to the Language on President and Vice President

**Seconded** by Keith Gaboury (Berkeley)

This amendment passed unanimously.

**Second** proposed change: Change to the meeting frequency of the CWC CENTRAL BOARD MEETINGS and note that reference to the Forum has been removed.

Prior to this November meeting, several reps also suggested removing “Zoom” and leave the wording as “via the Internet” since technology evolves and changes so quickly.

Motion to change wording in III, A), 1) 2) and 3) of the P&Ps

**Moved** by Bob Isbill (High Desert): “Change to the Meeting Frequency”

**Seconded** by Bob Okowitz (San Fernando Valley)

This motion passed unanimously.

**Third** proposed change: Change to the Jack London Award

Kymberlie Ingalls (Napa) **moved** an amendment to remove “(July or October)”

**Seconded** by Notty Bumbo (Mendocino)

This amendment passed unanimously.

Additionally the word bi**a**nnually is incorrect. It should be bi**e**nnially but will be replaced with “every other year” which is what is intended.

Motion to change wording in XXI, A), 3) of the P&Ps as amended above.

**Moved** by Bob Isbill (High Desert) Change to Jack London award

**Seconded** by Sandy Moffett (Writers of Kern)

This motion passed unanimously.

**Fourth** proposed change: Change to the Literary Review

Elisabeth Tuck (Mt. Diablo) **moved** an amendment to **remove** the second sentence of the last paragraph under XXIV, E “Submissions must be ready to publish or will be rejected.”

**Seconded** by Evelyn LaTorre (Fremont)

The amendment passed: 18 yea 0 nay 1 abstention

Kymberlie Ingalls (Napa) **moved** an amendment to **leave in** the crossed out line in XXIV, E second paragraph that says “Previously published work may be submitted.”

**Seconded** by Elisabeth Tuck (Mt. Diablo)

This amendment passed: 18 yea 0 nay 1 abstention

Kymberlie Ingalls (Napa) **moved** an amendment to **leave in** the crossed out lines in XXIV, G regarding advertising in the Literary Review. “Display paid advertising of a variety limited to interests germane to the craft of writing may be permitted.”

**Seconded** by Judy Baker (Redwood)

This amendment passed unanimously.

Motion to change wording in XXI, A), 3) of the P&Ps regarding the Jack London award

**Moved** by Bob Isbill (High Desert) to change “The president shall present the awards at the annual corporate membership meeting in the corresponding year.” to

“The president shall present the awards at special luncheon following a quarterly CWC meeting in the corresponding year.”

**Seconded** by Sandy Moffett (Writers of Kern)

This motion passed: 18 yea 1 nay 0 abstentions.

By this time the meeting was running overtime and 3 voting members had left. There was still a quorum.

**DIVERSITY**

The ad hoc diversity committee members Gloria Pierrot-Dyer (Sacramento), Brian Gaps (Orange County), and Karen Gorback (San Fernando Valley) proposed a CWC Policy Statement on Fairness and Diversity.

**Motion** by Brian Gaps (Orange County) to accept the diversity statement as presented.

**Seconded** by Bob Okowitz

Kymberlie Ingalls (Napa) **moved** to amend the statement by eliminating these first two sentences:

*As writers, we recognize the immense and storied power of the written word to inspire or crush, save or destroy, enrich or mislead, and to contribute to the advancement of peace and understanding. However, past inequities have served to exclude or limit the voices of certain segments of our society, a practice which has deprived our world of valuable perspectives*

and begin the statement with “We encourage individual branches. . .”

**Seconded** by Geri Spieler (SF Peninsula)

The amendment failed: yea 4 nay 12 abstentions 0

The failure of the amendment means the policy is accepted as written.

**Next CB meeting TBD.**

Rogeradjourned the meeting at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Tuck Secretary, California Writers Club Central Board of Directors July 23, 2023