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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, guess what? I'm back! So are board members Liz Schulte (now treasurer) and Larry Wood (continuing historian). Why? Because we want to continue our work from last year and the members present at the annual meeting had no objections.

New board members are George Sirois (St. Louis), vice-president and conference chair; Sharon Buzzard (Columbia); Christine Taylor-Butler (Kansas City), publicity director; and Richard Snelson (Illinois), board liaison officer.

Contact information is on our newly revved up website, missouriwritersguild.org. If you haven't yet added your profile to the members' only section, you really should stop by and do so. You can read our bylaws and meeting notes and contribute blog posts—all kinds of things. Most importantly, you can keep up with Guild activities.

Last year, we used our time to organize things and set a few new precedents, as well as amend the bylaws to be more inclusive. This year, our plan is to grow the Guild.

We added one chapter last year, and already this year there are two more in progress.

Our current chapters need to be brought up to speed—this is what Richard will be doing. Chapter officers should be hearing from him shortly, and he's available for speaking engagements.

Our bylaws state that MWG chapters should have at least one officer as a MWG member, and that the organization of each chapter follow that of the Guild: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer. Chapters should also remember that, as part of the Guild, all ads and events should include the words, "Your Chapter Name, Chapter of the Missouri Writers Guild."



Fall Writing Contests

Unpublished First Chapters

or

Flash Fiction

Deadline 9/15/2016

Entry Fee \$10

Romance

Horror

Christian

Sci-Fi

YA

Mystery

Historical

Western

See Page 3 for Contest Rules and Instructions.

SHOW ME BOARD NOTES:

The 2016-2017

MWG Officers

President

Robin Tidwell (St. Louis)

VP/Conference Chair

George Sirois (St. Louis)

Treasurer

Liz Schulte (Columbia)

Historian

Larry Wood (Joplin)

Member At Large

Sharon Buzzard (Columbia)

Publicity

Christine Taylor-Butler (Kansas City)

Board Liaison

Richard Snelson (Illinois),

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

President's Message (continued from page 1):

We ask that you keep us informed of meetings and events, post your chapter information on our website, and encourage members to join the Guild. YOU are a part of the Guild.

Chapters exist for all who are interested in the craft of writing, published or not.; chapters are responsible for regional events and meetings in their respective areas. These things are also included in our bylaws.

The Guild itself is a professional organization; this has been so for over one hundred years. Yes, we are exclusive—not everyone can become a member. Think of it as serving an apprenticeship, as a chapter member, and studying and learning the craft before entering the Guild as a professional writer.

We've had several Board meetings, every month, and we meet online in a Facebook group. We're planning to meet in October at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, where we'll be having the 2017 MWG Conference! The membership voted for the conference to be held in Columbia for the next two years; it's a nice central location for the entire state.

The Fall Contest is underway—less than two weeks to get your entry in—and we have genre categories for both flash fiction and your novel's first chapter. See our website for details, please.

We'll have more detail on the President's Contests for next year—which include most categories open to non-members as well—but the website is, again, up-to-date and you can find answers to most of your questions there.

I look forward to serving this year, and am excited about the potential we have to make the Missouri Writers Guild a goal for all writers across the state, in the tradition in which it was intended by our founders.



*Holiday Inn Executive Center,
Columbia, Missouri*

Hold The Date:
2017 101st Annual
MWG Writers Conference
May 5-7, 2017
Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia Missouri

SHOW ME OPPORTUNITIES



Fall Writing Contests

Deadline:
Sept. 15, 2017

1. FIRST CHAPTER:

Send us the first chapter of your UNPUBLISHED novel

2. FLASH FICTION:

Send us your flash fiction, a complete story, with maximum word count of 500!

GENRES ACCEPTED:

Romance
Horror
Christian
Sci-Fi
YA
Mystery
Historical
Western

RULES: Entry fee is \$10 per entry, no limit to number of entries!

Entries close at midnight September 15, 2016, and winners will be announced November 1, 2016.

Entries accepted by email only and payment by PayPal only.

You do NOT have to be a MWG member to enter!

PRIZES:

First place: \$25
Second place: \$15
Third place: \$10

For details and payment go to:

www.MissouriWritersGuild.org



November 5-6, 2016

**University of Missouri Campus.
911 E. Rollins Rd
Columbia, MO 65211**

A partnership with Columbia Writers Guild and Mizzou Publishing in partnership with Missouri Film Office.

Featuring Chuck Sambuchino, Writers' Digest Author/Editor (keynote) as well as Playwrights, Agents, Graphic Novelists, authors, Poetry and more.

<http://www.showmewriters.com/>



Johnson County Library Annual Writers Conference

**October 27, 28, 29, 2016
Central Resource Library
9875 W 87th Street,
Overland Park, KS**

Some events require advance registration, see:

www.jocolibrary.org/events/writers-conference

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Submissions Are Open

Rocking Horse Publications

Illustrators

Please send an email that includes one sample of a sketch, attached as a .jpg, as well as your rates.

Authors

We accept submissions of full manuscripts, e.g., 70K or more words for novels. We are interested in all fiction genres and sub-genres. We will consider non-fiction on a case-by-case basis. If you are submitting non-fiction, please send a proposal. See website for full details:

www.rockinghorsepublishing.com

Manuscripts should be **emailed** as an attachment to:

submit@rockinghorsepublishing.com

Seeking Baseball Themed Plays

Award and festival winning playwright and poet seeks scripts. Looking for short, 1-20 minutes, baseball themed plays to accompany my play, DUGOUT MEMORIES, to make a complete evening of baseball theme plays. Currently have not set a deadline. No restrictions on content except plays must have a baseball theme. Contact Jerry-Mac Johnston with questions or submissions. Hard copies submit to 1438 S. Arcadia, Springfield, MO 65804 or email attachments to wurdriter@gmail.com. Jerry-Mac is a member of the Springfield (MO) Writer's Guild

Book Club Companion

Formerly a Christian educator, newspaper reporter and playwright, I have been a freelance blogger for over five years. My site: <http://www.bookclubcompanion.com/> is

your place for book reviews and book club discussion questions.

I would be happy to feature your book on [bookclubcompanion](http://bookclubcompanion.com) in return for a link from your website or a share from your Facebook page. I prefer fiction, but have included a few nonfiction in the past. I am willing to work with most genres except erotica and violent crime novels.

Edits By Alex

I have been working as a freelance editor for over a decade, since pursuing my PhD studies in Literature. I work across a range of genres and have assisted authors who are self-published, have agent representation, as well as those who have been published in traditional publishing houses.

I offer a complimentary trial edit (\$145 value) for members of Missouri Writers Guild. See details about what a trial edit includes at: www.editsbyalex.com.

Got news? A new book release?

Know of a verified opportunity or contest for members?

Send news to:

pubdirector@missouriwritersguild.org



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

- November 15th: (December newsletter)
- February 15th: (March newsletter)
- May 15: (June newsletter)
- August 15: (September newsletter)

SHOW ME CONTESTS

St. Louis Writers Guild

Annual Short Story Contest Opens October 1. Deadline December 1

Since its founding in 1920, St. Louis Writers Guild has sponsored an annual short story contest. The contest is one of the oldest in the country, and is certainly one of the most prestigious. Tennessee Williams won first place in 1935 for his story, "Stella for Star."

Annual Short Story Contest opens for submissions every October, the deadline is in December, and prizes are awarded in January. Historically, entries have come from all across the nation and Canada. Stories are blind-judged by an expert in the fields of writing and literature.

Young Writers Award Two Divisions: 4th-5th grade or 6th-8th grade Deadline October 1

Who is eligible? Any young writer may enter so long as they are in 4th – 5th grade or 6th – 8th grades during the fall of the calendar year of the contest.

Write an original story that begins with the sentence: "It came from the fog..." The story may be scary, adventurous, humorous, or just plain fun. Judging will be based on originality, cohesiveness, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

A separate contest entry form must be attached to every story you send us. You may download and photocopy the entry form.

For guidelines and entry forms go to:

www.stlwritersguild.org/

Rock Springs Review Announces Contest

Judy Stock, editor/publisher of Rock Springs announces a contest for fiction, nonfiction, and poetry with the intent of publishing a 200-plus page anthology in mid-2017.

Many of you know Judy, who worked on an anthology of this size, doing the computer work for five years, one of them as managing editor. Many of you were published in that work.

She has it set up to give MWG members an extra chance at publication during 2017. If selected, it could set them up for the MWG President's Contest the following year.

Judy likes to think big. She is looking for a lot of entries.

For details or guidelines contact:

rockspringsreview@gmail.com



Flash Fiction Writing Contest Deadline: November 30, 2016

Minimum 250 words
Maximum 750 words

Guest Judge:

Shannon Powers , Literary Agent at McIntosh and Otis.

Limited to first 300 entries.

Entry fee \$10

Entry and Critique \$20

For details and guidelines see:

<http://www.wow-womenonwriting.com/>

SHOW ME CHAPTERS



**October 2, 2016
Critique Sessions**

**November 5 - 6, 2016
Show Me Writers
Masterclass**

The 2nd annual ShowMe Writers Masterclass will take place at the MU Student Center located on University of Missouri campus.

911 E. Rollins Rd,
Columbia, MO 65211

Featuring pitchfests, workshops, agents, editors and roundtable discussions with mentors.

<http://www.showmewriters.com/>

**December 4, 2016
Fellowship of Writers
Annual Open Mic**

<http://ccmwg.org>

Marshall Writers Guild

**Next Meeting: September 15
Marshall Public Library**

www.sullivanfarms.net/writersguild/news.htm



**Next Meeting: September 17
2pm - 4pm
Woodneath Library,
Independence, MO**



Workshops for Writers
1st Saturday each month
10-12noon

Station Open Mic
2nd Tuesday of each month.
7pm - 9pm

SLWG Author Series
3rd Thursday of each month
Interviews posted online

SAVE THE DATE!
**Gateway to Publishing
Conference & Convention**
June 16-18, 2017



Regular meetings are held on the last Saturday of most months in the Saint Peters Cultural Arts Centre located at the West Entrance of Saint Peters City Hall in Saint Peters, Missouri.

<http://www.saturdaywriters.org>

Springfield Writers Guild

**Next Meeting: September 24
Veda Brotherton, speaker**

McAlister's Deli, 1711 W. Battlefield,
corner of Battlefield and Kansas
Expressway

www.springfieldwritersguild.org

**More chapter news in next
addition. Got news now?**

Send to:
PubDirector@missouriwritersguild.org

Or Tweet us at:
[@MoWritersGuild](https://twitter.com/MoWritersGuild)

MISSOURI WRITERS' GUILD

What is the Missouri Writers' Guild?

The Missouri Writers Guild is an organization for professional writers in all genres. The Guild is open to all writers anywhere in the world.

We offer benefits to writers at all levels from beginners to best-selling authors. These benefits include:

- Annual Conference
- Networking opportunities
- Speakers Bureau
- Online Bookstore
- Contests
- And more!

Questions? Contact our President at president@missouriwritersguild.org.

For more information and
membership application
please visit

<http://missouriwritersguild.org/>

Levels of Membership

Associate membership:

One publication, paid in cash or copies, in newsletter, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, anthology, Web site, or a self-published book.

Full membership:

- author or co-author of a traditionally published book
- a self-published book earning more than \$1,500 in one year
- the sale of three articles, stories, poems, anthologies, or trade publications.
- the sale of a play, screenplay, radio or television script.
- sale of one serial or novelette.
- editors and publishers of non-subsidy books and other publications.

Student membership:

Open to full-time or part-time college students.

For questions, contact Sharon Buzzard at Secretary@MissouriWritersGuild.org.