

March 28, 2015 Program of Events

10:00 am – Meeting called to order

Announcements – President

Welcome Visitors

Officers Reports

Membership – 238 as of 1 March

Financial – \$12,096.37 as of 1 March

Attendance – 835 total for meetings

Meetings/Speakers 2014-15:

April: Jim Gustafson, et al —The seasons of poetry

May: Anne Dalton, Esquire—Legal issues for writers

June: Rodney Smith—Self-publishing: building a platform

July: Jeremy Pilarski—Mechanics of Writing

August: Mary Patton—Turning hardcopy into a digital book

September: Thomas Hayden—Writing for Newspapers

October: Critique Groups Workshop

November: Artis Henderson—Writing a Memoir

January: Kim Weitkamp—The Science of Storytelling

February: Marty Ambrose—Business/Politics of Publishing

March: Annual Meeting and Contest Awards

Events 2014-15:

Alliance for the Arts	October 18, 2014
Buckler Craft Fair	November 1, 2014
GCWA Writing Contest deadline	December 31, 2014
Digital Workshop	January 31, 2015
Southwest Florida Reading Festival	March 21, 2015
Writing Contest Awards	March 28, 2015

Election of Corporate Board members – Richard Georgian presiding

Outgoing:	Candidates:
Carol Drummond	Judy Loose
Richard Georgian	Larry Stiles
Pat Janda	Pat Janda

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Financial Report – Don Cappelli – 2015-2016 budget resolution. Open for discussion by members.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Estimated Expenses	Notes	Budget
Web Consultant Fees	175/mo. for 12 mo.	\$2,100.00
Web Costs	Historical	\$200.00
Facilities	\$125/mo. for 11 mo.	\$1,375.00
Coffee & Snacks	\$40/mo. for 11 mo.	\$440.00
Supplies	Historical	\$975.00
Publicity	Historical	\$44.00
Programs	Historical	\$1,375.00
Spec. Projects &		
Writing Contest	Historical	\$1,500.00
Memberships	Historical	\$150.00
Donations & Grants	New	\$100.00
Insurance	Historical	\$427.00
Professional Assoc.	Historical	\$120.00
Capital	Computer & Programs	\$600.00
Total		<u>(\$9,406.00)</u>
Estimated Income		
New Members	Three new members/mo.	\$1,440.00
Renewals	75% renewal rate	\$7,140.00
Contest Entry Fees	Historical	\$700.00
Donations	New	\$100.00
Returning guests	Two /mo.	\$110.00
Misc.	Historical	\$100.00
Total		<u>\$9,590.00</u>
Budget Surplus (Loss)		<u>\$184.00</u>

President's Annual Report

Outgoing Executive Committee – Appreciation

President – Gary McLouth
 Secretary – Cyndi Anthony
 Treasurer – Don Cappelli
 Membership – Irene Smith
 Programming – Denise Holbrook
 Publicity – Barbara Burnett
 Special Projects – Alice Oldford
 Webmaster – Judy Loose

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Election of new Executive Committee

Nominating Committee: Richard Georgian, Pat Janda, Martha Jeffers, and Gary McLouth will present the slate of candidates.

New Executive Committee candidates:

President – Gary McLouth
Secretary – Cyndi Anthony
Treasurer – Don Cappelli
Membership – Irene Smith
Programming – Michael Neal
Publicity – Barbara Burnett
Special Projects – Alice Oldford
Webmaster – Jennifer FitzGerald

Nominations from the floor (any member in good standing may be nominated & will be asked if they would serve).

Members elect the Executive Committee for the 21th season of GCWA

Break Networking

2015 Writing Contest

Thank you to our Sponsor & Judges

Ft. Myers & Southwest Florida Magazine – will publish winners

Fiction Judges: Alan Smith, Holly McIntyre, Susan Holly (Gary McLouth, chief judge)

3rd place in Fiction _____

2nd place in Fiction _____

1st place in Fiction _____ Author reads prose

Nonfiction Judges: Anonymous (Martha Jeffers, chief judge)

1st place in Nonfiction _____ Author reads prose

Poetry Judges: Joe Pacheco, Lorraine Walker Williams, Jim Gustafson (Joe Pacheco, chief judge)

3rd place in Poetry _____

2nd place in Poetry _____

1st place in Poetry _____ Author reads poetry

Children's Judges: Carla Webb, Sima Robins, Peg Lancioni (Carla Webb, chief judge)

1st place in Children's _____ Author reads prose

Next GCWA meeting April 18, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church
National Poetry Month – Jim Gustafson and Larry Stiles.

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2015 Annual Election Meeting

Awards Ceremony & Networking

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