

GCWA Corporate Board Meeting

Fairfield Inn, Fort Myers, FL, July 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM. Attendees: Larry Stiles, Don Cappelli, Pat Janda, Judy Loose, and Tom Nelson.

Larry Stiles volunteered to conduct the financial audit for 2017. He will recruit two GCWA members to assist with the audit.

As of August, the general meeting format will be changed to try to make the early portion of the meeting more meaningful. One person will give quick reports — financial, membership, announcements, etc. Member readings of their work (poetry and short stories), collaborative writing, flash fiction/nonfiction contest, grammar and writing tips, etc. will be presented in the first half of meetings before the speaker. Early reading should have humor. Don Cappelli suggested placing small prizes under a few chairs at random meetings.

The executive committee needs to fill the positions of special projects and website manager. Larry suggested checking the volunteer and intern programs at FGCU and FSU to help with the website (estimate 20 hours per month).

We need to ask members to submit their writing to the website — poetry (40 lines or less) or short stories (1000 words or less). Email to website@gulfwriters.org. We also want to start a service directory of writing related services provided by members.

Questions:

Has the new photographer been asked to take photos of members?

Where is the indoor banner?

Tom Nelson suggested that we should contact new members for their opinions of the meetings and what they would like to see added or removed. Irene Smith, membership officer, has been contacting first time guests.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

~ Tom Nelson