

**GULF COAST WRITERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Location: Fairfield Inn, Fort Myers, FL**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

Executive Committee Members attending: Irene Smith, Michael Cole, Judy Loose, Geneva Kelly, Trish Wentling, Laura Nonemaker, Bob McCarthy, and David Aiken. Members absent: Al York and Susan Grunin. Corporate Board Members in attendance: Jan Nieman.

**President** Irene Smith called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**Minutes** - September minutes not available for approval. We are looking for a volunteer to fill the Secretary position. Al York took minutes at September meeting and was absent at this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** - Michael Cole:

September Report - 9/31 balance reported as \$6,614.87. Motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report was made by David Aiken and seconded by Bob McCarthy. Unanimous vote – motion carried.

A discussion followed about printing reimbursement. It was agreed that no changes would be made to the current policy:

Members who provide printed copies of material for use at a general meeting or GCWA activity may be reimbursed at a maximum of eleven (11) cents per black and white copy or twenty-two (22) cents for two-sided black and white copies. Reimbursement for color or for other special copies at a higher cost requires prior approval from the executive committee.

**Communications** - Geneva Kelly:

Geneva discussed the possibility of using Facebook boost. It was decided to try boost for the announcements of the November meeting and the GCWA 2020 Writing Contest.

**Programming** - Bob McCarthy:

Bob is checking members of affiliate groups for possible speakers.

**Membership** - David Aiken and Laura Nonemaker:

A headcount of 52 for September meeting. Three new members in September.

**Special Projects** - Trish Wentling:

Trish and Irene have contacted schools, libraries, coffee shops, and FSW about the writing contest by mail or in person.

Volunteers for head judges - GCWA 2020 Writing Contest:

Nonfiction — Mike Cole

Fiction — Judy Loose

Children's Stories — Geneva Kelly

Poetry — “open”

**Website - Judy Loose:**

Judy has added a new page to the website for “Writing Blogs, Podcasts, and Webinars.” Looking for input from GCWA members for their favorites or their own blogs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**Next Meetings:**

General Meeting October 19, 2019

Executive Committee Meeting, November 12, 2019

General Meeting November 16, 2019

Submitted by Judy Loose, Website Manager