

GCWA February President's Letter

For all of you who have renewed for 2021, we thank you. We hope that the remainder of you will do so this month.

Our February 20 meeting will be conducted via Zoom again. An onsite meeting for February is still not determined. Plans are in the works for a panel discussion on how to make the right decisions when looking for a publisher, and how to make sure your book meets the publishers' qualifications. Details will follow.

For those of you who missed January's meeting with Eric Simmons, there is valuable info on the website. Eric has spent years compiling spreadsheets that include names of whom to contact if you want your book to be placed in libraries. This was most informative and impeccably detailed.

GCWA is currently looking for persons to fill vacancies of three officers for 2021.

Elections are held in March. The positions open on the Executive committee are:

- **Secretary:** Minutes for executive committee meetings and occasionally minutes for the general meetings are approved at the following month's executive committee meeting.

The minutes shall be emailed to all committee members and board members for review within ten days after the meetings. Any corrections should be submitted to the secretary before the next executive committee meeting. Finalized (approved) minutes with any corrections shall be emailed to the website editor to post on the GCWA website within ten days of approval.

- **Special Projects Officers** administer the annual writing contest. This is currently a two-person position, and one officer will remain. All paperwork for the writing contest has been professionally created in Excel. A working knowledge of Excel is necessary.

2. The special projects officers organize non-recurring events, if any, in coordination with the executive committee.

3. The special projects officers shall inform the website manager and communications officer at least two months in advance of all special events and contest details.

- **The Officer at Large** shall be available to assume the role of any other officer except the President for a short term until said office can be filled by appointment or election.

If you are willing to consider any of these positions, please contact me at:
president@gulfwriters.org.

Just a reminder that entries for the 2021 Writing Contest must be postmarked no later than January 31. Due to the slow delivery of mail recently, I will pick up entries until mid-February that may have arrived late. However, they still must be postmarked January 31, 2021.

We are looking forward to a productive and informative year for our writers.

Sincerely,

Irene Smith, President GCWA