

**MINUTES**  
**SLO NIGHTWRITERS BOARD MEETING**

Meeting Date: Sunday, November 2, 2014

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Place: Library at the United Church of Christ 11245 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo CA

Dennis Young, President

Contact: Cell: 805-540-1271

PRESENT: Dennis Young, Susan Tuttle, Andrea Chmelik, Hanje Richards, Shari Heber, Elizabeth Roderick, Randy Ross, Janice Konstantinidis

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:02PM

PREVIOUS MINUTES PRESENTED: Minutes accepted by voice vote

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Dennis Young): Everyone received Tom Snow's email regarding his proposal. Discussion followed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Carol Schmidt): Suggestion... When sending out the notice for renewal it might be helpful to state the dollar amount. Discussion followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Susan Tuttle): No report because she is having Internet problems.

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR REPORT (Andrea Chmelik and Becca Waddell):  
**Report covering *October 2014***

**Facebook:**

- We gained 14 new fans in the last month (from 223 to 237)
  - Days when fans are active – fairly consistent throughout the week
  - Times in a day fans are active – between 7am - 9pm
- Gender – 73% women, 26% men  
Age – 4% 18-24; 14% 25-34; 22% 35-44; 19% 45-54; 22% 55-64; 19% 65+

**Keep sending me any info/photos/quotes/articles you would like to share on the FB page – even if you don't use FB yourself!**

**LinkedIn:**

263 connections (256 previous month)

**Twitter:**

- # of followers – 143 (136 previous month)
- # of following – 250 (244 previous month)
- # of tweets to date – 189 (177 previous month)

**RSVP**

If you would like me to send a report to RSVP on your behalf, just e-mail me the number of hours and mileage and I will submit for you.

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If you are sending an e-mail report to RSVP directly, use this template:

TO RSVP: [rsvpslo@srvolunteer.org](mailto:rsvpslo@srvolunteer.org)

SUBJECT LINE: SLO NightWriter October 2014 Volunteer Hours

Hi RSVP,

*First Name, Last Name Reporting :*

Volunteer for SLO NightWriters - *specify board position*

Hours for October 2014 = *number of hours*

Miles = *number of miles*

No Mileage Reimbursement needed

*Remember that if you are interested in mileage reimbursement, I need to sign your report.*

**Online Book Club**

October – Tony Piazza – A Murder Amongst Angels; November – Tom Snow – The Pope Goes Speed Dating

**Tolosa Press**

- 1.) Dennis Eamon Young's story Halloween Is Forever published on October 29, 2014.
- 2.) Call for Holiday submissions went to membership

Andrea reported: Tolosa Press committed to Holiday special editions for November and December. They will publish eight stories. Andrea will meet with Tolosa Press in January. Will try to get a commitment as to what and when they will publish NW. Andrea would want someone with editorial experience to take Tolosa Press over for her. Sheri volunteered to go to the meeting and consider the possibility of maybe taking over Tolosa Press.

Andrea said she needs readers for the stories. Not editors but readers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Hanje Richards):

	<b>total</b>		
	<b>active</b>	<b>renewal</b>	<b>lapsed</b>
	<b>members</b>	<b>overdue</b>	<b>members</b>
<b>March 1, 2014</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>April 1, 2014</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>May 1, 2014</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>June 1, 2014</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>July 4, 2014</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>August 3, 2014</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>September 7, 2014</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>October 1, 2014</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>

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**November 1, 2014**

**229**

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After increasing membership numbers from May 1, 2014 to October 1, 2014, we have dropped by a few members in October. This appears to be a leveling off after our large increases in July, August and September. Several people requested membership information at our October meeting, which was well attended by members and guests.

NEWSLETTER REPORT (Susan Tuttle & Elizabeth Roderick): Not many submissions have been received. Andrea sent screen shots on how to use Facebook.

PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT (Dennis Young): Pictures of meeting were sent. He is taking pictures of writers for Tolosa Press.

PROGRAMS REPORT (Janice Konstantinidis): Acting Programs Director's Report

The **November** meeting is set to go.

Elections:

- Steve Kliewer has volunteered to make paper ballots. Dennis will contact Steve.
- Members will be given ballots as they check in. Andrea will come early to help Hanje.
- Only members in good standing can vote.
- Meeting will open with announcements, house keeping, and kudos.
- Next will be critiques
- Ballots will be collected at the beginning of the break.
- They will be counted at the break.
- The results will be announced at the beginning of the second half.
- Remainder will be Critiques.
- Those helping with critique are, Susan Tuttle, Sharyl Heber, Mark Arnold and Terry Sanville.

I will send out an email blast closer to the date reminding members that we need all hands on deck for the elections.

For the **December** meeting:

We need to ask Jeannie what she has in mind for the **December** meeting. My understanding is that it will be a Holiday Party, but we need to get down to specifics so this meeting can be organized.

Susan suggested have the members bring (word limit) something that they have written; a story or poem with a holiday theme to be read aloud. Five people/stories.

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Second half of the meeting will be a social with finger food potluck. Board to supply or members?

For the raffle each board member will bring a gift basket or something similar to be raffled off.

Bring a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots.

Janice reported that the program calendar is shaping up well for 2015. She said she is enjoying organizing speakers and panels.

We will continue to enjoy the Round Tables. We need to decide how these will be conducted and who will be there.

Sharyl confirmed with Terry Sanville that he would continue working on these. Sheri said she will do it sometimes but we need others to step it.

Janice said she would like to be kept informed of what we are doing each month given that we have multiple things go going on. It could be that we may need to change things if she happened to get two speakers, or a panel who may take more time. She doesn't see this happening, but she said she needs to be aware of what's going on at each meeting in case.

Janice will confirm with Mark Arnold about his ongoing attendance at the Round Tables.

Liz suggested putting a word limit on what people bring for the critique round table. Check to see if Terry and Mark Arnold would want a word limit.

Will we continue to have multiple things going on at the same time?

Susan would like to do the Saturday clinics. She is willing to work with both Round Tables and clinics.

Susan would like to continue with the "Let's write a Book" idea that Jeannie had in mind. She would like to have a 15-minute segment of the general meeting each month to talk about this.

Janice is concerned that we may not have time for this. To be discussed further. She said it was a huge undertaking.

Dennis expressed his opinion as to the enormity of the task of getting another anthology out so soon.

Janice thought it maybe best put on the back burner for the time being. Discussion needed.

Programs:

The meetings will begin with the Round Table Critique session beginning at 5:30

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The meetings will progress to announcements, kudos, speakers, break, question and answer and socialization where time permits.

Janice raised the question again as to whether we have time for the 'Let's Write a Book' activity as well.

This matter was not resolved. It was agreed that there needs to be an anthology committee to look into the feasibility of this.

Janice is waiting to hear from Alma Matrinez about her offer to provide refreshments. If Alma isn't able to help, she will organize the refreshments for the November meeting unless anyone else would like to do this.

**Andrea Chmelik made a motion that Janice Konstantinidis be Programs Director**  
**Hanje Richards seconded**  
**Passed by voice**

PUBLICITY REPORT (Randy Ross): He sent stuff out. Will send a screen shot or URL of the bookmark for board approval. He will submit receipts for reimbursement.

WEBSITE REPORT (Janice Konstantinidis):

Janice said she didn't have much to report this month, things are going well. She said she hadn't begun the training that was approved at the last meeting, but she had been in contact with the person who would facilitate the training.

No problems to report.

Janice will try to get the Webmaster training before January. She will meet with Sheri and Andrea to see what they would like to see on the website.

CRITIQUE GROUP/WORKSHOP/ CLINIC COORDINATOR REPORT (Janice Konstantinidis, Acting Temporarily): No report but a discussion was held

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bookmarks: see Randy's report
- Insurance: Susan will follow up.
- Revised bylaws to be reviewed and approved. Sher wanted to edit the matter of who sends out email blasts when the Webmaster was unable to do so. Janice said she would adjust the wording to say that the President or someone he delegates would do this in the absence of the Webmaster

**Carol made a motion to approve the revised by-laws via emails**  
**Andrea seconded**  
**Approved by voice vote.**

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom Snow's proposal discussed
- The next anthology. Need to create an anthology committee. At the beginning of the January meeting invite members at the to be on the committee.