

# WSFA JOURNAL

## MARCH-APRIL 2024

### FIRST FRIDAY MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Zen Lizard, Alex Rosen, Perianne Lurie, Bob MacIntosh, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, Sam Lubell, Rodger Burns, Angela Pound, Aaron Pound, Sophie Pound, Kim Hargan, Paul Haggerty, Judy Newton, Frances Holland, Mark Roth, Gayle Surette, Michael Ikeda, Walter Miles, Judy Kindell, Bill Lawhorn, Sarah Mitchell, Sam Scheiner, Greg Key, Mike Taylor, Anthony Payne, Madeleine Yeh, Elizabeth Twitchell, Gaetane Burkolter, Courtni Burleson, Jim Thomas

Meeting called to order at 8:15pm by Bob MacIntosh  
Previous meeting minutes read by Aaron Pound

Treasurer reported \$87K+ significant year over year increase. So far 30 people have paid their dues.

Capclave present: membership numbers are down.  
Capclave future: will need new treasurer/registrar

Committee to actually discuss SF: tonight Asimov's current issue. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday  
February Lightspeed, April 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Jan/Feb F&SF, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – April  
Clarkesworld

WSFA Small Press Award: Rodger will make cookies for WSFAns who nominate.

WSFA Press: contract signature issue. Gayle was declared authorized agent for signing purposes

Websites are fine.

Entertivities: Games with Trains is 3/2. Game Days will be in April.  
"Constellation: is a new series on AppleTV. Bill L recommended Chicken Nugget Korean dramedy coming to Netflix 3/15. Like The Fly only a chicken nugget.  
Cathy G mentioned AwesomeCon. Sam L said Dune 3 as out. Elizabeth finally

got around to watching The Expanse and is loving it and recommends it to those who have not yet watched it.

Old Business: there is a 5<sup>th</sup> friday. We could do it in person or virtual.

New Business: Sam L should he start to talk to authors to do virtual readings at WSFA

1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: Gaetane Burkolter -Aussie in DC due to husband's posting (1<sup>st</sup> meeting). Anthony Payne (2d meeting) is in Florida panhandle

Announcements: we lose an hour next weekend. Sam L: Words of IF has been revived. BSFS book club 4<sup>th</sup> Sat will discuss LE Modesitt's Magic of Recluse. Elizabeth twitchell wants to roll off as trustee and reminded people to let trustees know if they want to be an officer next year. Gayle Surrette: Steve Miller died (Liaden Universe). Secretary will send condolence card.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

### **THIRD FRIDAY MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Carolyn Frank, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Gayle Surrette, Perianne Lurie, Zen Lizard, Jim Thomas, Rodger Burns, Bob MacIntosh, Ellen Montgomery, Mark Roth, Frances Holland, Judy Kindell, Sam Lubell, Kim Hargan, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Sophie Pound, elizabeth, Twitchell, Bill Lawhorn, Michael Ikeda, Apurva Deseai, Mike Taylor, greg Key, Sarah Mitchell, Rich ?

Meeting called to order at 8:15pm. Minutes of previous meeting read.

Capclave present: Talked about AwesomeCon. Discussion re: timing of meeting once Mike Nelson becomes available. No issues with the hotel as far as we can tell, Maybe 2d weekend in April for the meeting. Will be virtual meeting.

Capclave future: Colette has spoken with the hotel, they are interested in having us back for 2025.

Committee to actually discuss SF: Tonight will be reading Febraury Lightspeed. In April will do Jan/Feb F&SF.

Trustees remibded everyone that elections are First Friday May.

Small Press Award: around 170 stories submitted so far. 102 in January, 43 in February. Rodger will bake cookies for WSFAns who nominate.

Entertivities: Kim H: free zoom lecture 3/19 7pm Smithsonian on glaciers.  
Bit.ly/smithsonianwebiner Smithsonian also having an Eclipse fest on the Mall April 8 noon to 4pm

Perianne: <https://gamedays.gamesclubofmd.org> Game Days at Annapolis Crown Plaza. Also, she'll be going to view Cherry Blossoms on Thursday and to say goodbye to Stumpy and 130 other trees.

Michael Ikeda: Artomatic is back. Unjuried art show/installation in DC at 2100 M St NW. Artomatic.org Last day is April 28.

Old Business: There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday. Crickets.  
New Business:our d/b/a trade name filing needs to be renewed.

Announcements: secretary made usual announcement. Mark Roth – his author copies of becoming Terran arrived. Ellen and Mark will make it official Friday night at Balticon. Judy Kindell: if you need more books, Arlington County Library is having its Spring sale April 18-21. Sam Lubell: BSFS book club 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday will read LE Modesitt's Magic of Recluse. Balticon's rate is going up April 15. Elizabeth Twitchell: Alexandra library on Duke St having its sale this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

## **FIRST FRIDAY APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Sarah Mitchell, Cathy Green, Bob MacIntosh, Sophie Poubnd, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Jim Thomas, Mark Roth, Allison Brown, Zen Lizard, Sam Lubell, Paul Haggerty, Carolyn Frank, Rodger Burns, Frances Holland, Michaelm Ikeda, Sam Scheiner, Michaelm Nelson, David Keener, Bill Lawhorn, Mike Taylor, Judy Newton, Elizabeth Twithell, Gayle Surrette, Donna Royston, Madeleine, Yeh, Deirdre & Bosley, Greg Key, Apurva Desai

Meeting called to order by the President at 8:15pm.

Secretary : Minutes read.

Treasurer: We have a little over \$87K. Dues are due and you can pay by paypal, check, credit card over the phone. If you don't pay your dues you can't vote or run for office.

Capclave Present: there are issues with wordpress and paypal due to a paypal security update they didn't tell anyone about. There will be a Capclave meeting April 14 on zoom at 1pm. There is some progress on the book, the contract has been signed. Need to get the manuscript by the middle of the month. Tentative cost numbers have been worked out but can't say anything definite until have the manuscript. David and Michael will be looped in on specs for Amazing and Pittsburgh convention. Hotel links sent to social media and websites.

Capclave Future waiting to here from hotel liaison. Tentative dates are Sept. 19-21, 2025.

Allison Brown will be emailed the info about Shore Leave.

Committee to Actually discuss SF: Will discuss March/April Asimov's. Due to publication and delivery delays will need to sub in something else for F&SF. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday will discuss Clarkesworld.

Websites: Hotel link is up on Capclave site. All but 4 stories are up on WSFA Small Press Award site. Paul is going to rip out and replace registration page on Capclave site.

WSFA Small Press Award: Carolyn reported 219 stories submitted. This year 88% were shorter than 9500 words.

Entertivities: Eclipse on Monday. Deidre reported that the Star Trek cruise was amazing but pricy.

No old business.

No new business.

No one volunteered to host 5<sup>th</sup> Friday.

Announcements:

Secretary made usual announcement.

Sam Lubell reminded people that Balticon was next month.

Allison Brown reminded people that the BSFS amateur writers contest opens April 15<sup>th</sup> and needs readers.

David Keener's latest book, "Jonelle Cross" came out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

**THIRD FRIDAY APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting called to order at 8:15 by President Bob MacIntosh

Reading of the minutes was waived.

The Trustees announced the slate for officers and committees (and reminded people that nominations could also be made from the floor during the elction meeting in May):

President: Bob MacIntosh

VP: Kim Hargan

Treasurer: Sam Scheiner

Secretary: Cathy Green

Trustees: Apurva Desai, Sam Lubell, and Frances Holland

WSFA Small Press Award Committee: Cathy Green, Kim Hargan

Capclave 2026: current empty

Elections will be held next meeting.

Capclave present was at JordanCon. Capclave present will have a fan table at Ravencon

Capclave Future had nothing new to report

WSFA Small Press Award: all the stories submitted are up on the website now.

Committee to actually discuss SF: Winter issue of F&SF finally showed up, so first Friday May will read that issue. Third Friday May will be Lightspeed. June 1<sup>st</sup> Friday will be Hugos short fiction. June 3<sup>rd</sup> friady will be all the Hugo novels.

Websites: Because of the changes to paypal secritu and it not playing well as a plug in with wordpress at the moment and it being important to get obnline registratrion back up and running, Paul proiposed buying a commercial wordpress plugin to do the job until paypal security fix gets fixed for wordpress. Club voted unanimously to allocate up to \$300 for Paul to buy an appropriate wordpress plugin for registration.

Entertivities: The Olney Theater has a play called Islander which is an interesting fantasy in which 2 actresses are electronically looped to play all parts

and stuff gets played back later to layer sound to interesting effect. Kensington Day of the book is this Sunday and former Capclave GOH Michael Dirda will be there. Gaithersburg Book festival is next month May 18. We will have an exhibitor table.

No old business. No new business.

Announcements: Sam Lubell – BSFS book club is doing Starplex last Saturday of the month at 7:30pm on zoom and at the BSFS building. Balticon is Memorial Day weekend and needs more volunteers.

Mark Roth invited everyone to his wedding at Balticon Friday night at 8pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm