

# KWI: KANSAS WRITER'S INK

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## KWI June Program

June's guest presenter is our very own Lily Anne Fouts. Lily will speak about traveling for writers. She says, "Many people wish they could travel, or travel more. The # 1 obstacle is money, but it doesn't have to be! The top two expenses for most travelers is airfare and lodging. In my talk, I'm going to share several strategies for drastically reducing both of these costs."

Lily has prepared a comprehensive overview of traveling 'how tos' without breaking the bank. As an accomplished world traveler Lily will tell us how to make the travel plans we've always wanted to try and how to do it successfully and affordably.

## Upcoming Writing Events at the Library

### Marketing Your Self-Published Book

Saturday, July 30, 2016 • Noon-2 p.m.

Marvin Auditorium

Plan promotions for marketing your book. Create timelines and implement strategies leading up to and following publication. Share ideas for success with consignment sales, fairs and events, giveaways, reader reviews, rankings, libraries, and other distribution channels. Register [attspl.eventbrite.com](http://attspl.eventbrite.com).

Save the Date for:

- Local Writers Workshop - Saturday, August 20, 2016 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Community Novel Project Book Launch - Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- Great Writers, Right Here Author Fair – Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

## 2015-2016 KWI Board Members

**President:** Billie-Renee Knight

**Vice-President:** Janet Stotts

**Secretary:** Leslie Galbraith

**Treasurer:** Shayne Sawyer

**Membership:** Carey Kennedy

**Newsletter:** Romie Chavez

**Advisor to the President:** Tish Glasson



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## Election Procedures Amendment

The following statement below is a proposal amending the election procedures the executive board approved last month. Please review as it will be voted on during this month's business meeting.

Be it proposed that the following changes be made to Article IV section 3 of the KS Writers, Inc. By-laws:

Section 3 sub-point B: No later than the close of the regular **March** meeting in years when the annual retreat is held in April or no later than the close of the **February** meeting when the annual retreat is held in March (dates based on August 1 – July 31 fiscal year) the Nominating Committee Chairman shall select a committee comprised of at least two off-Board members.

Section 3 sub-point C through F – The month of April be replaced with May and the month of May be replaced with June to accommodate the annual retreat months when a regular meeting is not held.

### The original wording of section 3:

#### Section 3. Nomination and Election of Officers

- A. This committee is chaired by the Advisor to the President.
- B. No later than the close of the regular **March** meeting (dates based on August 1 - July 31 fiscal year) the Nominating Committee Chairman shall select a committee comprised of at least two off-Board members.
- C. The committee shall solicit and recommend names for the slate of next year's officers, securing consent from each individual nominated, and present this slate at the **April** meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor, providing the nominee consents to serve if elected.
- D. Any changes to the slate must be made and forwarded to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline for publication in the **May** newsletter prior to the **May** meeting.
- E. At the **May** meeting, nominations can be made from the floor, providing the nominee consents. Voting shall be conducted by written ballot of members present, a majority being required to elect the officers. Absentee ballots shall be accepted if received by the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than one day prior to the **May** meeting.
- F. Absentee ballots shall be sent to any member in good standing upon request. Applications for absentee ballots shall be sent to members in the **May** newsletter, or by US Mail, if the member has no access to e-mail. Absentee ballots shall be numbered by the Nominations/Elections committee and shall coincide with the requesting member's name. A member who requests an absentee ballot, but decides not to vote his/her absentee ballot, must notify the Nominating Committee Chairman either in writing, by telephone, or in person of such intent no later than one day prior to the **May** meeting. Said member must return his/her absentee ballot, where upon it will be accounted for. Only then will a new ballot be issued to that member. No exceptions will be made.
- G. The new officers, prior to taking office August 1, shall **meet 30 minutes before the start of the August Board meeting**, to determine goals for the coming year and to appoint committee chairpersons for the coming year.

**KS Writers, Inc**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 28, 2016 @ 12:30**  
**By: Leslie Galbraith**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Romie Chavez, Lily Fouts, Leslie Galbraith, Susie Graber, Bobbie Johnston, Billie-Renee Knight, Shayne Sawyer, Janet Stotts, Kevin Wilson

The April 2016 minutes were approved as published in the May newsletter.

Treasurer Shayne Sawyer reports the current financial status:

Starting Balance: \$3,557.62

Income: \$320.00

Expenses: \$612.45

Ending Balance: \$3,265.17

There was no correspondence.

**Unfinished business**

Author Reading event – Classic Bean still has made no effort to return calls regarding the proposed event.

President Billie-Renee Knight contacted Dick Nelson, public relations manager at Barnes & Noble.

They will be happy to host the event in late July. A date will be firmed up when Mr. Nelson returns from vacation at the end of June.

Retreat – Leslie Galbraith, the chair of the retreat committee, reported on the success of this year's event.

The Executive board has recommended we return to Basswood Lodge again for next year's retreat.

Missouri Writers Guild Annual Conference – Romie Chavez & Lily Fouts gave a brief overview of the conference in advance of the 1:00 p.m. program.

Open Mic Speakeasy Poetry – First Wednesday at Bunker Coffee Company on Kansas Ave – June 1. Several members have attended and presented in the past few months, including Shayne Sawyer & Janet Stotts.

Reminders for newsletter, blog, & website information

**New business**

Elections – Ballots were distributed and the 2016 – 2017 executive board will be comprised of the following officers:

President – Billie-Renee Knight

Vice-president – Morgan Chilson

Treasurer – Shayne Sawyer

Secretary – Leslie Galbraith

Newsletter – Romie Chavez

Membership – Bobbie Johnston

Adviser to the President – Tish Glasson

Group writing project – Shayne Sawyer gave a brief overview of a proposed round robin group writing project to be discussed further at the June meeting.

Kudos – Congrats to Lily Fouts and her mother for participating in the Missouri Writer's Guild Shark Tank presentations. Both writers generated interest from a publisher who is eager to work with the authors on their Non Fiction book. Best of Luck to the both of them!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

## KUDOS

None Submitted.

### *Further Reading*

**Recommended by Shayne Sawyer, this blog post gives helpful insight and tips on self-publishing.**

[http://blog.reedsy.com/self-publishing-tips-adam-croft?utm\\_source=mailchimp&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=adamcroft](http://blog.reedsy.com/self-publishing-tips-adam-croft?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=adamcroft)

**What Every Writer Should Know About Book Covers (Plus: A Reveal!)**

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/what-every-writer-should-know-about-book-covers-plus-a-reveal>

**Detailing the Past: 4 Authors on the Pleasures & Perils of Writing Historical Fiction**

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/detailing-the-past-4-authors-on-the-pleasures-perils-of-writing-historical-fiction>

**9 Tips and Strategies for Promoting Your Book Locally**

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/9-tips-and-strategies-for-promoting-your-book-locally>

**5 Writing Tips to Creating a Page Turner**

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/5-writing-tips-to-creating-a-page-turner>

**How to Become a Professional Ghostwriter**

<http://www.freedomwithwriting.com/freedom/uncategorized/how-to-become-a-professional-ghostwriter/?2>

## KWI Blog

Are you interested in writing a blog for KWI? Contact Tish 'Bear' Glasson by e-mail: [bearwmnkwi@gmail.com](mailto:bearwmnkwi@gmail.com).

### KWI Meetings

#### Next Meeting

When: June 25th, 2016

Room: Anton (Upper Level)

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library

Program: Traveling Writers Presentation

#### July Meeting

When: July 23rd, 2016

Room: Anton (Upper Level)

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library

Program: Memoir Writing (tentative)

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All meetings begin as follows:

Time: 10:00am –2:00pm.

Board meeting: 9:00am-9:30am

Writing: 9:30-10:00

Critique :10:00am-1:00pm

Program Topic: 1:00pm –2:00pm

### Financials

None submitted

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