

# KWI: KANSAS WRITER'S INK

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Join us for our March 28 meeting!

Last month, Karla Hall did a terrific presentation on getting started on social media. During this discussion, the term "author platform" came up and this month both myself and Mark Bouton are tackling a discussion about what that means and how you can start putting yours together. In addition, we'll examine traditional publishing—what it looks like today, why the author platform is important to publishers, and online resources to learn more about traditional publishing.

Please bring any resources that you've found helpful in developing your author platform or in learning about traditional publishing (how to write query letters, synopses, etc.).

Don't forget that we've been starting the day with an opportunity to critique each other. For that, we meet at 10 a.m. The regular meeting, though, starts at 12:30 p.m. with a business meeting and 1:00 p.m. program.

Morgan Rothenberger

## 2015 KWI Board Members

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## **April Online Workshops**

**By Angela Johnson**

### **How To Be A Successful Self-Published Author**

**Dates: April 1–29, 2015**

**Presenter: Eliza Knight. FMI, <http://www.marylandromancewriters.com/how-be-a-successful-self-published-author/>.**

### **The Big Picture: Plotting and Production**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Maria Connor. FMI, <http://www.rwamysterysuspense.org/coffin>.**

### **Deep POV Workshop**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Laurie Sanders. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#APR4>.**

### **Plotting from Character**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Shannon Donnelly. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#APR2>.**

### **Raising Your Private Eye's IQ**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Steven Brown, former Special Agent FBI. FMI, <http://www.rwamysterysuspense.org/coffin>.**

### **Swear to Tell the Truth: How to Write Realistic Courtroom/Legal Scenes**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Jody Lebel. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/events/>.**

### **Write in Passive Voice and Be Passed Over by a Publisher**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: MM Pollard. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#APR1>.**

### **WriteSEX–The Industry, Writing and the Business Of Erotica**

**Date: April 1–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Sascha Illyvich. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#APR3>.**

### **Deep Story Techniques II**

**Date: April 3–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Carol Hughes. FMI, <http://www.starrwa.org/> or [carolhenry@frontiernet.net](mailto:carolhenry@frontiernet.net).**

# April Online Workshops (continued)

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**By: Angela Johnson**

## **Writing from the Male POV**

**Date: April 6–12, 2015**

**Presenter: Sascha Illyvich. FMI, <http://heartofcarolina.org/calendar/>.**

## **But I Have A Day Job**

**Dates: April 6-17, 2015**

**Presenter: Sherry Peters. FMI, <http://www.neorwa.com/online-workshops/>.**

## **Sins Against the Sentence and How to Atone for Them**

**Date: April 6–30, 2015**

**Presenter: MM Pollard. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#APRIL>.**

## **Incorporating Humor Into Your Writing**

**Date: April 6–May 1, 2015**

**Presenter: Ally Broadfield. FMI, <http://fthrw.com/online-workshops>.**

## **Gearing Up To Pitch**

**Date: April 6–May1, 2015**

**Presenter: Scott Eagan, Greyhaus Literary Agency. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/events/>.**

## **Whose Head Are We I? The Nuts and Bolts of POV**

**Date: April 6–May 1, 2015**

**Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, <http://crw-rwa.ning.com/page/crwonlineworkshops>.**

## **Secondary Characters: The Good, the Bad and the Quirky**

**Dates: April 6–17, 2015**

**Presenter: Beth Cornelison. FMI, <http://www.rwaonlinechapter.org/campus.htm>.**

## **Intensive Journey Cycle Workshop**

**Date: April 6–May 15, 2015**

**Presenter: Robin Matheson. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#APRIL>.**

## **Behind Bars: A Look Inside a Federal Penitentiary**

**Date: April 13–May 10, 2015**

**Presenters: Nancy J. Farrier and Gerry Legg, Jr. FMI, <http://www.occrwa.org/onlineclasses.html>.**

## **Writing Naughty New Adult (18-21)**

**Date: April 16–30, 2015**

**Presenter: Avery Aster. FMI, <http://www.passionateink.org/workshops/>.**

## Kansas Writers, Inc

### Regular Meeting

February 28, 2015

Present: Romie Chavez; Morgan Chilson; Leslie Galbraith; Jason Glasson, Tish Glasson; Reed Holweger, Angela Johnson, Billie-Renee Knight; Shayne Sawyer

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Published in January newsletter. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$3091.10

Receipts: \$0.00

Expenses: \$321.00

Ending balance: \$3412.10

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

Newsletter – Please send items to Romie. He will send out a reminder the week before articles are due.

Website – Billie-Renee will be updating the Members' page on the website. Members are encouraged to send her a short bio, a photo and a link to their websites if available. Her email is knightdrk2@yahoo.com.

Updated membership list – We're six months into the new year and the membership list needs to be distributed to the newsletter manager and the website mistress.

Bloody Gavel – Shayne gave update on status of the stories for the anthology. One author is trying to get her story back from an outside publication and has asked if we would accept a heavily edited story that is longer than it was originally. Further discussion revolved around what platform will be used to publish and it was decided it would be Amazon. Also those who submitted first and last line stories need to send their entries to Shayne.

Retreat – April 17 – 19. Eleven people have signed up and there is still room.

New Business:

KWI goals for new year –

Finish KWI community novel started some time ago.

Increase membership.

Increase visibility in the community – (brochure and business cards; Festival of Trees)

Increase participation of the KWI membership in the community novel

Finish Bloody Gavel project

Committee Reports: None submitted.

Kudos:

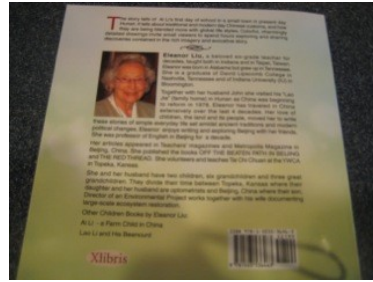
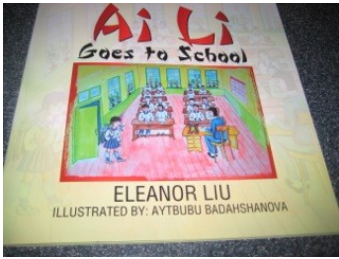
A special Kudos goes out to Eleanor Liu who was recently featured in Expat, The Wall Street Journal's hub for expatriates and global nomads. Expat spans the globe in expat hotspots like London, Paris, Hong Kong, Beijing, Sydney and many more. Check out the article Dragon Boats & Dominoes: Life As An Expat Trailing Spouse in Beijing. Congrats Eleanor!! You can find the link here:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/expat/2015/02/12/dragon-boats-dominoes-life-as-an-expat-trailing-spouse-in-beijing/>

Kudos to Tish for being able to find her notes from January!

## Kudos

A special Kudos goes out to Eleanor Liu for publishing her third children's book, *Ai Li Goes to School*. Congrats Eleanor!!!



## Further Reading

### How to Take Feedback (And Trust It, Too!)

<http://writerscircle.com/2014/09/how-to-take-feedback-and-trust-it-too.html>

### How to Publish a Book on Amazon

<http://writerscircle.com/2014/08/how-to-publish-a-book-on-amazon.html>

### The Amazing Benefits of Creative Time

[http://blog.theliteracysite.com/health-creativity/?utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=twc&utm\\_campaign=health-creativity&utm\\_term=20150319](http://blog.theliteracysite.com/health-creativity/?utm_source=social&utm_medium=twc&utm_campaign=health-creativity&utm_term=20150319)

### The Top Ten Elements of a Book People Want to Read

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/the-top-10-elements-of-a-book-people-want-to-read>

### 6 Tips to Writing a Bestselling YA Series

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/6-tips-to-writing-a-bestselling-ya-series>

## 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 Next Meeting

When:

March 28th, 2015

Where:

Topeka Shawnee County Public Library

Topic: Creating an Author Platform

### Future Meetings:

When:

April 17th-19th

Where:

KWI Retreat @Basswood Resort in Platte City, MO

### Next In-house Meeting

When:

May 23rd, 2015

Where:

Topeka Shawnee County Public Library

Topic: TBA

## Financials

None Submitted

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