

Hawaii Writers Guild Meeting – February 28, 2017
Potluck at Cece Johansen's home

Present: Eila Algood, Cece Johansen, Eliza Cahill, Duncan Dempster, Julia Pace, Paul Bryant, Ray Pace, Jim Gibbons, Tamara Hynd, and Mark Gordon

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Election of officers: There was some discussion about the length of service but no determination was agreed upon and no motions were made. There was also discussion about how many board members we wanted to have and what a quorum would consist of but no motions were made.

Ray Pace, President
Cece Johansen, Vice President
Duncan Dempster, Treasurer and Website Officer
Julia Pace, Secretary
Eliza Cahill, Membership Chairman
Eila Algood, North Island Representative
Brian Furer, South Island Representative

Collection of development funds:

Ray Pace - \$40
Cece Johansen - \$40
Duncan Dempster - \$40
Julia Pace - \$40
Eliza Cahill - \$20
Eila Algood - \$40
Jim Gibbons - \$20

Total collected \$240 given to Duncan to fund setting up a website.

Duncan will begin working on setting up the website. He has done some preliminary work already and believes that he can get a domain name for us and set up a site for a few hundred dollars. We decided that connecting a Facebook page to our website might be a possibility with Eila taking the lead on this.

Julia and Duncan will set up Hawaii Writers Guild Google account in a joint management arrangement.

Eliza presented Stars Awards System from the American Writers Guild as a guide in qualifying members for HWG. There was a general discussion concerning vetting methods for membership and need for officers and/or founding members to evaluate new members. There was also discussion about membership fees and different levels of membership and if memberships were lifetime for some and renewed yearly in some situations.

Eila, Ray and Julia will meet with a representative of North Kohala Resource Center, Megan Solis at a time arranged by Eila. The Resource Center is a group that assists new business and groups with structural and organizational issues.

Duncan volunteered to work on by-laws which all agreed that we need. Paul will get by-laws from two groups that he serves on as a board member. Duncan has some by-laws already. Duncan will review the

by-laws and present to the group. There was general consensus that we would start as a for-profit organization for now and may at some point move towards a non-profit.

There was general discussion about need for further events such as the Kahilu Theater Reading we had last year. Ray suggested open meetings in the community. He also mentioned that he had gotten Bearstone Blackie, and two other authors who write about Hawaii, Cece and Frannie into Wishards Gallery in Waimea and is hopeful we can open new markets in the area since bookstores are so rare on the island.

The date of our next two meetings are March 14 at 12:30 – at either Frannie or Cece’s place
March 28 at 12:30 - at Eliza’s place