

Speed City Sisters in Crime
Zoom Meeting Remote Access
Feb. 26, 2022

11 a.m. – Business Meeting

12 – 1 p.m. – Panel on cybercrime organized by Russ Eberhart, who writes as Ross Carley and whose fifth novel, *The Three-Legged Assassin*, was just released; Doyle Groves, a staff data scientist at one of the largest providers of corporate information security; Steve Lodin is the senior director of IAM and Cyber Security Operations in Corporate Security at Sallie Mae; and Judy Copek, who currently lived in Boston, is an information systems nerd, a survivor of Dilbert-like projects and other high-tech horrors, and shows technology’s humor and quirkiness along with its scary aspects in her writing. Janet Williams will moderate.

Call to Order – Janet Williams

Minutes – Diana Catt

(Motion to accept; all in favor; all opposed)

Treasurer’s Report – Brigitte Kephart

(Motion to accept pending audit)

Membership – Hawthorn Mineart

Website/Communications/Blog – Elizabeth San Miguel

Programs – Steve Terrell

Vice president/marketing – Carol Paddock

Welcome to new members and visitors

Old Business:

- Reminder: 2021 anthology cost for authors and members is \$9. Chapter cost is \$5.50 per book.
- Critique group continues to meet an hour before the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Send information to Russ Eberhardt.
- Good news. We have received our letter from the IRS certifying that we are what we said we are – a 501C6 organization eligible to meet at public libraries at no charge. We will look at meeting in person in the months ahead but will continue on Zoom for the foreseeable future because of Covid.
- Dues have increased. The national chapter is increasing dues from \$50 to \$60 for professionals and \$40 to \$50 for active. Lifetime memberships will increase to \$600 from \$500. Our local dues are now \$20 a year. We approved the increase at our October meeting.
- Events: We have applied to participate in the Hamilton East Public Library Author Fair on April 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. at FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Parkway, Fishers, IN 46037. If accepted, we will need volunteers to participate. Haven’t heard whether we are accepted yet.
- Strategy update: Members of the board met for a strategy planning meeting on Jan. 29.
 - We watched a video from the national chapter about strategic planning and are following their recommendations.
 - First step is finding out how we are meeting the needs of our members, which is why we sent a survey and asked you to fill out. If you haven’t already, please submit the second survey you received by March 2. It is a survey in Google. Ignore the Survey Monkey survey – we made a mistake using it because it limited the number of responses we could review.
 - We will report survey results in March and have more information about our next steps.
 - Members are welcome to attend the meetings or join the planning committee.

New business

- We will entertain a motion to move the November meeting from the fourth Saturday (Thanksgiving weekend) to the third Saturday.

Conferences and other activities

- Bouchercon is meeting this year in Minneapolis from Sept. 8-11. Several of us are planning to attend. Could be fun to have a strong Indiana contingent at this conference. Early registration deadline is March 1.
- Sisters in Crime events:

- March 1 1 p.m. – write-in for members
- March 5 noon – seminar on your writing career: past, present and future
- March 23 7 p.m. – learning craft tips from theater artists

Member announcements

Future Speakers and Meeting Dates

- Next SinC meeting: March 26 @ 11 a.m. with speaker at noon.
- Next SinC speaker: Mary Roach, the author of Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War; Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void; Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex; Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife; and Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers. Her writing has appeared in Outside, Wired, National Geographic, and the New York Times Magazine, among others.