

International Writers Association

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"To educate, support, promote, encourage, and inform individual writers."

IWA CHAPTER BYLAWS & REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE X: Each chapter must have a minimum of five members.

ARTICLE XI: Each chapter is entitled to certain benefits. Chapters will use of the IWA logo that will include their chapter name. Chapters will obtain the same benefits listed in the constitution. Chapters will have a link of their local chapter to the main IWA website. Chapters may utilize IWA's leadership, reputation, values, networking and resources.

ARTICLE XII: Each extended chapter wishing to join IWA will pay an application fee of \$100.00 US dollars. Individuals will pay an annual membership fee of \$25.00 US dollars.

ARTICLE XIII: Chapters wishing to join IWA will be placed in a one year introduction period. The introduction period will be the time where potential chapters will become acclimated with the leadership, reputation, values, networking and resources provided by IWA. Potential chapters and the main IWA chapter will mutually decide on a permanent status. All chapters will abide by the guidelines set in the IWA constitution.

ARTICLE XIV: Additional chapters will be responsible for reporting back to the main IWA branch. Meeting minutes, membership rosters, meeting attendance numbers, financial statements, and calendars of events, projects, feedback and local newsletters will be reported back to the main branch.

ARTICLE XV: All members of all chapters will have contact information for all officers of the main branch. Members may report any discretion confidentially. A formal inquiry into any issues would be initiated through the main branch. If there is evidence of any wrong doings the offending branch will receive a warning. There will be a period of correction where branches will work with the main branch to resolve any issues. Failure to adjust during the period of correction may result in the voting of the removal of the chapter.

ARTICLE XVI: Each chapter is responsible for their own website. All websites must follow guidelines set by IWA. All websites must be approved by the main branch of IWA.

ARTICLE XVII: Each chapter will strive to accomplish the goals in the IWA constitution. Each individual chapter will have their own mission statement that must not conflict with the IWA constitution. Each chapter will have their unique reasons for forming a chapter that must not conflict with the IWA constitution. The purpose for the individual chapters will be shared during the application process.

ARTICLE XVIII: All chapters are to be non-denominational public forums.

ARTICLE XIX: Minors are welcome with parental permission. Members ages 13 and under will need to be accompanied by an adult to meetings. Members ages 13 and under will be exempt from membership fees. Members between the ages of 14 and 18 would need parental consent as junior members.