



# The Virginia Writers Club

*Fostering the art, craft, business, and advocacy of the literary arts throughout the Commonwealth.*

## Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2023 – 11:00am

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Attendance																			
<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Charles Tabb</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Paul Steinberg</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Joanne Ligen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Betsy Ashton</td> <td>Abbey Pachter</td> <td>Harry Heckel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jason Maddux</td> <td>Carlos Cutler</td> <td>James ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michelle McBeth</td> <td>Warren Groeger</td> <td>Musan Wakanongo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Bounds</td> <td>Traci Carter</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leslie Truex</td> <td>Dan Walker</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Charles Tabb	Paul Steinberg	Joanne Ligen	Betsy Ashton	Abbey Pachter	Harry Heckel	Jason Maddux	Carlos Cutler	James ____	Michelle McBeth	Warren Groeger	Musan Wakanongo	Dennis Bounds	Traci Carter		Leslie Truex	Dan Walker	
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<b>Call to Order</b>	President Charles Tabb called the meeting (via Zoom) to order at 11:00am.																		
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<p>President Tabb presented the agenda.</p> <p><b>Betsy Ashton motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Leslie Truex seconded. The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>																		
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	President Tabb presented the minutes from the 2022 annual meeting. No changes were offered. President Tabb will circulate the September 2022 minutes for an e-vote approval prior to the next BOG meeting.																		
<b>Correspondence</b>	To be discussed during New Business.																		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Treasurer Betsy Ashton presented the Treasurer's Report. The Club currently has close to \$9000 at the end of January 2023.</p> <p><b>Harry Meckel motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Warren Groeger seconded. The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>																		
New Business																			
<b>Virginia Writers Project Affiliation Request</b>	President Tabb shared the Virginia Writers Project's request to be affiliated with the club. Many questions were raised, but little information was available. Questions should be submitted to President Tabb in anticipation of having a																		

	<p>Project representative speak at a future BOG meeting.</p> <p><b>Paul Steinberg motioned to table the discussion until the May BOG meeting and invite the Project’s representative to speak at that meeting. Michelle McBeth seconded. The motion carried.</b></p>
<b>2023 Scholarship</b>	<p>President Tabb previously coordinated this initiative. Paul Steinberg has taken on the role. It is difficult to find a central location for getting the word out. Judges need to be solicited. Dan Walker volunteers to be a judge. Members should inform local jurisdictions. Are there guidelines for judges? Yes, President Tabb has those and will share with the judges.</p>
<b>2022 Symposium</b>	<p>This year’s symposium will be August 5. The prior venue, PVCC, has a conflict. Alternatives are being reviewed, including Randolph Mason in Ashburn, which is willing to provide a discount. More information will be sought from Randolph Mason. Consensus was it is preferable to cater lunch rather than have attendees find lunch on their own.</p>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<p>Maggiano’s where the 2022 annual meeting was held is already onboard for the same price.</p> <p><b>Harry Meckel motioned to approve having the 2023 VWC Annual Meeting at the same Maggiano’s as last year. Betsy Ashton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>
<b>Increasing Membership</b>	<p>President Tabb shared that increasing membership is a major initiative of his, especially bringing in younger members. There are many ways individual members can do this: public speaking opportunities, mention when promoting your book, and put on personal websites. Leslie Truex will coordinate this effort. Michelle McBeth mentioned that teens appear to want critique groups and guidance on the craft of writing.</p>
<b>Changes to Bylaws</b>	<p>President Tabb noted a couple of clean-up changes that could be made to the club’s bylaws as part of a larger review. It was noted that several years ago a non-profit lawyer had suggested changes. A committee was proposed to review the bylaws. Abbey Pachter and Secretary Jason Maddux volunteered to be on the committee. Additional committee members should email President Tabb with their interest, and he will coordinate.</p>
<b>Golden Nib Children’s Book Category</b>	<p>President Tabb raised the possibility of adding a children’s book category to the Golden Nib Writing Contest. Should Young Adult be a separate category? Would illustrations be included with children’s books? Should there be a separate screenplay category? The consensus was to survey the membership at the annual meeting for possible implementation in 2024.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>VWC Journals</b>	<p>President Tabb raised that the title of the Teen Nib journal (Golden Nib Teen Nib Winners 2022) sounded like one thing, rather than two. It was proposed that an “&amp;” be added to avoid confusion (i.e. Golden Nib &amp; Teen Nib Winners). The consensus was this change was acceptable.</p> <p>President Tabb shared that all contributors should have received their author</p>

	copy. None have been returned, so that is assumed to be the case.
<b>For the Good of the Order</b>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Abbey Pachter motioned to adjourn. Warren Groeger seconded. The motion carried unanimously.</b>  President Tabb adjourned the meeting at 12:44pm.
<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	The Board will meet at 11:00am on May 6, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jason E. Maddux, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Charles Tabb, President  
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