

CHARLOTTE WRITERS GROUP
By Laws
Codified and Signed Unanimously in December 2014

1. All organizers and members of CWG are expected to behave to the highest professional standards during CWG events, adhering to the General Harassment Policy.
2. CWG is a group dedicated to cultivating authors of highly professional quality in the literary fiction and genre fiction categories. We, as a rule, will not accept work for critique that falls in the categories of poetry, non-fiction, creative non-fiction, or memoir/biographical work. Exceptions will be made if a “story” (a work of fiction) features poetry as a stylistic element.
3. All work submitted to CWG is protected under First Copyright by the author who has submitted the work. Any member who is found to engage in the plagiarism of another member’s work will be met with immediate dismissal and possible legal action.
4. Rules set for “live meetings”, which are events held at physical sites attended by members, will be adhered to in the strictest sense. Please refer to all appropriate material in regards live meetings.
5. CWG is under the management of the organizational staff and may only be represented by the Organizational Staff. No person outside of this staff is allowed to determine policy for CWG.
6. The Organizational Staff is to be made up for volunteers. No staff member is allowed to take tips, charge money, or receive material benefit from their position as an organizer. This includes any money devoted to CWG live meetings.
7. The Head Organizer is chosen by the most senior of the Assistant Organizers or, in the case of no organizers wishing to assume the position of Head Organizer, may be chosen by popular vote by the greater membership of CWG. Assistant Organizers are appointed at the Head Organizers discretion.
8. The Organizational Staff can be removed from their position on the grounds of violating By Laws, The General Harassment Policy, or by popular vote of the greater membership that exceeds 55% of the active membership body. These votes can only be called if the organizational staff violates any of the pre-mentioned policies and a contingent of (5) five members is formed to address grievances against the current Organizing Staff based on a violation of the By Laws, The General Harassment Policy, or any rules regarding the live meetings.
9. Members are prohibited from using CWG as a place to promote their own work using any/all of CWG’s channels, which include the main website and all social media outlets. An exception to this may be if the Organization Staff designates specific areas, such as certain Facebook posts, to do so. No solicitation from outside individuals will be allowed at CWG without express permission from The Organizational Staff.

10. Posts and discussions on the CWG website and social media outlets will be monitored to ensure the best standard of professional behavior possible. Please refer to all policies regarding usage of these forums.