## ROMANCE WRITERS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

# Annual General Meeting Minutes August 26, 2023 Virtual

President Clair Brett called the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Romance Writers of America, Incorporated, to order at 12:23 p.m. CST, Saturday, August 26, 2023.

In attendance were: President Clair Brett (the Chair), Secretary Jacki Renée, Treasurer Brooke Wills; Directors-at-Large Louisa Cornell, Marian H. Griffin, Mary Karlik, Anita Learned, and Ursula Renee, and Executive Director Leslie Scantlebury, Sr. Project Manager Erin Fry, and Accountant Jackie Padilla.

# **CREDENTIALS REPORT/QUORUM PRESENT:**

Jacki Renée reported that there were 1,516 General Members on the rolls of RWA. Of that number, 7 General Members were present as of the start of the meeting at 12:25 p.m. CST.

President Brett reported that the total voting strength of the meeting, comprised of those General Members present in person was 7, which did not constitute a quorum of 151.

The Chair declared a quorum was not present.

#### REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Secretary Renée reported that the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were approved by the Board of Directors and were published in the members-only section of RWA's website.

The meeting continued with the presentation of reports.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brett reviewed the Board's goals over the last year and the goals that the Board has going forward for the organization.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Wills presented the Balance Sheet and Budget report as of June 30, 2023.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President Brett** announced the names of qualified members who have declared for office for the 2023-2024 RWA Board of Directors.

## DISCUSSION

President Brett and the rest of the Board of Directors, and the Executive Director answered member's questions about the new RWA forum on GroupsIO; and responded to members' acknowledgement of the positive work the Board is doing for the organization.

**ADJOURNMENT:** By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. CST.