

Association of Writers & Writing Programs



ANNUAL REPORT





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FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Dear AWP Membership,

Our organization's 2020 annual report covers a tumultuous year. As we faced the same challenges of other nonprofits who hurried to adapt when face-to-face activities nearly ground to a halt because of a worldwide pandemic, the AWP staff and board of directors, despite enormous challenges in their day-to-day lives, were able to adjust quickly to teleworking and telemeeting in our new virtual world.

Within days of the national shutdown, AWP created and began to present Virtual AWP, a variety of programs that included book discussions, author interviews, readings, craft convention workshops, and panels on pedagogy that addressed online teaching and racism in our creative writing workshops. This programming provided much-needed services for our membership in a time of local and state stay-at-home orders and campus prohibitions on face-to-face classes. Our community building and ongoing literary advocacy for more inclusive opportunities for all writers was also shifted to virtual platforms.

Though AWP faced significant financial losses due to the pandemic, we have been fortunate that Cynthia Sherman, who took the helm as AWP's executive director in 2020, expertly tapped into a number of financial resources that helped keep AWP's staff intact to continue serving our members in this especially challenging time.

In the audit that accompanies this annual report, those resources are noted under footnote 12, Risks and Uncertainties. Although AWP has not yet received the funds, management believes they are forthcoming and will significantly offset losses in 2020. These resources include a Payroll Protection Plan loan that we expect to be forgiven and an expected claim payment from our insurance coverage, which should help recoup partial losses from reduced participation at the 2020 San Antonio conference.

But, frankly, as with most other organizations, it will take AWP some time, years perhaps, to recover from the financial losses incurred due to the pandemic. The good news is that AWP is in capable hands and up to that task. Our strong foundation and experienced leadership—our staff and with our board of directors—will help us weather the pandemic shortfalls and continue our work to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization for writers and writing programs.

In closing, I want to say given all the potentially catastrophic challenges we faced in 2020, I marvel at and have deep appreciation for AWP's resiliency, tenacity, and continued enthusiasm. These qualities and AWP's deep roots ensure that our organization will continue the necessary work that supports our literary communities, especially in times of hardship.

Yours,

Kathleen Driskell, AWP Chair 2019–21

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear AWP Membership,

AWP, an organization so many of us treasure, was faced with a multitude of difficulties this year: changes in leadership, a conference that happened on the very eve of the pandemic, and the many personal and professional losses our members experienced. The arts were hit hard, so many lost work, and programs shrank and shifted to online instruction. All of us struggled to build literary community in the digital space. We turned to Zooming, which is also what we seemed to be doing on every level to keep up with the pace of change!

We found our way forward, and I'm so grateful that together, AWP's board and staff were able to take steps to stabilize and align the organization around our core value of service to our membership. Our financial outlook was difficult in 2020; nevertheless, we offered discounted memberships to answer the needs of the writers we serve. We put together a successful virtual conference for #AWP21 in record time, and we initiated new, dynamic online programs through Virtual AWP that speak to the professional development needs and concerns of our members.

We launched individual and program member surveys and created space for member groups to connect, including virtual meeting spaces for program directors and writers' conferences and centers. We also introduced an online directory of community writing groups for all writers seeking connection. Most importantly, we recognized what has made AWP the incredible resource it has been for fifty-three years: our commitment to the field of creative writing by serving those who keep it so vibrant, diverse, and alive.

I'm especially excited to share that we recrafted our mission statement to fit this vision. Our new mission reads: "AWP amplifies the voices of writers and the academic programs and organizations that serve them while championing diversity and excellence in creative writing." We are committed to continuing to provide support, advocacy, resources, and community to nearly 50,000 writers, 520 college and university creative writing programs, and 120 writers' conferences and centers.

With this mission as our guiding star, we look forward to sharing the next part of this journey with you, our members. The AWP team offers you clear-eyed commitment to connecting you with the services and resources you need, including ongoing updates to the website to make our wealth of content more readily accessible.

I invite you to join us as we lean into creating equity and inclusion in the creative writing community. Let us move forward with renewed strength and commitment together.

Warmest regards,

Cynthia Sherman





2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BOOKFAIR

While we had hoped the 2020 Annual Conference & Bookfair would be the normal celebratory gathering of writers in San Antonio, the meeting was scheduled the first week of March, coinciding with developing news that COVID-19 was a growing concern in the US. Based on the advice we received at the time from local health authorities, national CDC guidelines, and the World Health Organization, the Board of Directors decided to move forward with the 2020 Conference & Bookfair, as many attendees were already onsite.

Working under the advice of the CDC and local public health officials, we made adjustments to onsite preparations to protect public health based on their recommendations. The no-refund policy was lifted for this meeting, and all attendees were given the option of canceling. We did our best to ensure a positive experience for the 5,000 people who did attend. The meeting was smaller than anticipated, yet AWP staff and board heard positive feedback from a majority of the attendees. The smaller meeting allowed for a more intimate conference with more in-depth conversations, community building, and supportive exchanges.

Over 200 events took place at the conference, representing over 700 presenters. We livestreamed the #AWP20 keynote with Helena María Viramontes and featured programming from Red Hen Press, Seattle Arts & Lectures, National Book Critics Circle, CantoMundo, and Gemini Ink, including such writers as Ada Calhoun, Louise Erdrich, Aimee Liu, Kristen Millares Young, Ellen Meeropol, Deborah Paradez, Rigoberto González, Carmen Tafolla, Octavio Quintanilla, and Jenny Browne, among others. AWP hosted and livestreamed an international featured event, featuring Ambassador Rick Barton, Alex Deghan, and Lola Shoneyin.

The bookfair was host to hundreds of exhibitors, including Vermont College of Fine Arts, Dzanc Books, Omnidawn, Autumn House Press, Kickstarter, CavanKerry Press, Main Street Rag, Lambda Literary Foundation, the University of Iowa, the Rumpus, Austin Bat Cave, Foglifter Press, the Georgia Review, and Mizna, among many others. We continued the \$5 Bookfair Saturday pass for local attendees and offered free exhibit space to local community organizations to exhibit in the bookfair. We featured the community organization Fiesta Youth as our #WritersServe project this year, which is a nonprofit organization serving LGBTQ+ teens, young adults, and their allies.



SERVICES

AWP provides resources and builds community for writers at all stages of their careers. Our e-newsletters, website, and social media presence encourage engagement and strengthen networks, and our membership programs are carefully designed to meet member needs.

E-NEWSLETTER

Sent to members twice a month, the e-newletter is our community voice, informing members of the latest news, content, and AWP services.

WEBSITE

In 2020, AWP's website saw more than 643,000 impressions and 442,000 unique visitors. The site continues to serve as a trusted source of writing news, advice, and opportunities—for members and nonmembers alike. It houses archived resources for writers, such as craft and appreciation articles in The Writer's Chronicle and the Writer's Notebook, and celebrates literary achievement with members highlighted in AWP's In the Spotlight and in News & Celebrations for Writer to Writer participants.

Some of the content added in 2020 included

- 7 conference event videos (6 live captioned, 1 close captioned)
- 12 Virtual AWP videos (close captioned)
- 11 spotlighted members
- 24 exclusive Q&As with conference presenters and event organizers
- 32 articles in the Writer's Notebook (from career advice to pedagogy)
- 48 articles from The Writer's Chronicle
- 124 Writer's News pieces
- 6 press releases
- 268 grant and award opportunities
- 199 jobs listings

VIRTUAL AWP

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AWP launched Virtual AWP, a series of interviews and discussions programmed year-round, announced in the Writer's News and made available to all via the Videos page.

BOOKSHELF

The online Bookshelf, introduced in 2020, provides a platform for members to promote their newly released books, free of charge, on the AWP website.

WRITER TO WRITER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This year, AWP's mentorship program matched 73 upcoming writers of creative nonfiction, fiction, playwriting, screenwriting, and poetry with exceptional mentors. Some of the mentors who served with us this year included Marie Myung-Ok Lee, Richard Terrill, Soniah Kamal, Erica Trabold, Marlena Chertok, Xu Xi, Alex Lemon, Sandy Coomer, and Shikha Malaviya.

LIFE AFTER THE MFA

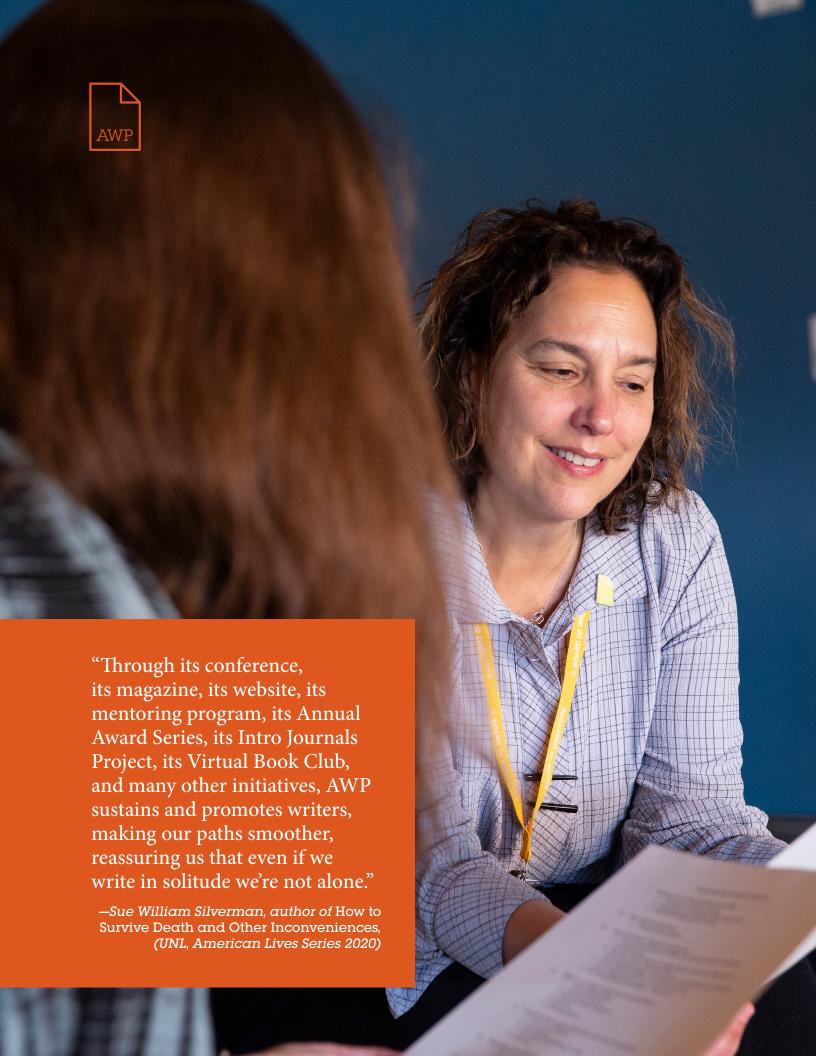
This year, AWP launched the monthly Life after the MFA email series and a website archive of these emails. Devoted to the concerns and questions graduates have as they prepare to leave their creative writing programs, this series delivers the sage advice of accomplished writers to new and emerging writers. This email series has had an average 72.15 percent open rate against a national average of 15-25 percent.

ONLINE COMMUNITY

AWP hosts a thriving and engaged community of writers across its various social media platforms. In addition to promoting events and services via these channels, AWP spotlights individual writers and organizations, boosts news relevant to its stakeholders, sparks discussion among followers, and celebrates accomplishments in the writing world. On Facebook, AWP facilitates focused conversations in specialized groups such as Faculty & Mentors, Friends of AWP, Community of Writers, Program Directors, and Writer to Writer mentees and mentors. Our social media community continues to grow, and we currently have more than 98,000 followers on Facebook, 35,000 on Twitter, and 5,000 on Instagram.







AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARD SERIES

AWP sponsors the Award Series, an annual competition for the publication of excellent new book-length works. In addition to the award and publication, winners receive significant promotional support, including paid advertisements and featured readings at the conference.



The 2020 Donald Hall Prize in Poetry went to **Tracy Fuad**'s about:blank. The Donald Hall Prize includes a \$5,500 honorarium and publication by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Claudia Rankine, the judge for 2020, wrote: "This stunning collection performs a consciousness' struggle with the limits of language,

acknowledging its own porousness in the process. The writer's journey from object to subject is alive with the unsteadiness of the book's own project. Like Venn diagrams, these poems overlap the poet's Kurdish positionality with cyberfeminist codes, seeking possible relations and pathways of communication. Half-written sentences, abandoned thoughts, stutters, and impenetrable utterances exist alongside detailed and astute observances, plaintive statements of loneliness, joy, or frustration. Language must know even as it crosses from one country into another, from one mouth into an other's. Like the course of a life, not every moment in this innovative collection yields to its reader; but about:blank's collective force trembles with formal brilliance and originality."



The 2019 Grace Paley Prize in Short Fiction was awarded to John Weir for his collection Your Nostalgia is Killing Me. The Grace Paley Prize includes a \$5,500 honorarium and publication by Red Hen Press. The judge, Dr. Amina Gautier, said this about the work: "Your Nostalgia is Killing Me is a witty short story collection. Eleven linked first

person short stories tell the story of a protagonist whose early adolescent experiences of homophobia in a small town and whose adult loss of his best friend to AIDS during the height of the epidemic write the script for his life, propelling him in and out of relationships with friends, loved ones, and lovers who expect too much or too little. Taking place at acting classes, cinemas, funerals, high school graduation ceremonies, plays, public protest demonstrations, retirement homes, and sex parlors, these eleven linked stories pull at the thin line between erasure and exposure, all the while skillfully highlighting the performative nature of death, grief, illness, love, masculinity, and sexuality against the backdrop of late-twentieth-century US culture."



Caroline Crew won the 2020 AWP Award Series in Creative Nonfiction for her book Other Girls to Burn. The Creative Nonfiction Prize includes a \$2,500 honorarium and publication by the University of Georgia Press. The 2020 judge, Alexander Chee, said, "The world turns in Crew's vision, essay by essay, renewed or revealed

in ways only she can provide, and all of it brought to us in a voice I'd follow into any topic—propulsive, lyrical, able to turn on a dime, as the expression goes. The result is a guide to the trap doors this culture sets up for women, and the landscape only visible once you fall through. An unforgettable debut."



The AWP Award Series in the Novel was awarded to Christie Hodgen for Boy Meets Girl. The Award in the Novel comes with a \$2,500 honorarium and publication by New Issues Press. Salvatore Scibona, the 2020 judge, wrote: "During the 1992 presidential primary, a girl—friendless for now—is closing a sandwich shop in

New Hampshire. In walks Bill Clinton, bigger than life. She makes him a chicken salad on rye. The novel that ensues from these few minutes is a transfixing plunge through twenty-five years of American history: not Clinton's history, but the girl's and others like her, who stand just outside the spotlight of political power but whom this novel makes glow with their own significance. Boy Meets Girl is also an absorbing story of an enduring male-female friendship, written with confidence and great comic flair by a writer at the top of her game."



GEORGE GARRETT AWARD



The award recognizes individuals who have made notable donations of care, time, labor, and money to support writers and their literary accomplishments. The award is named for George Garrett (1929-2008), who made exceptional contributions to his fellow writers as a teacher,

mentor, editor, friend, board member, and good spirit. Garrett helped many young writers who are now major contributors to contemporary letters. The award includes a \$2,000 honorarium in addition to travel, accommodations, and registration to attend AWP's annual conference, where the award is publicly announced and conferred.

At the 2020 Annual Conference & Bookfair, AWP awarded its George Garrett Award for Outstanding Community Service in literature to Margaret Randall, New Mexico-based poet, feminist, photographer, oral historian, and social activist. She is the author of over 150 volumes of poetry and prose. Some of her notable books include To Change the World, My Years in Cuba (2009), Sandino's Daughters: Testimonies of Nicaraguan Women in Struggle (1981), Gathering Rage: The Failure of 20th Century Revolutions to Develop a Feminist Agenda (1992), and the poetry collections Ruins (2011), The Rhizome as a Field of Broken Bones (2013), and The Morning After: Poetry and Prose in a Post-Truth World (2017). Randall has been a figure in writing and social justice circles since the 1960s, when she took part in the Mexican student movement of 1968. She founded and coedited the iconic bilingual literary journal El Corno Emplumado / The *Plumed Horn.* Due to her involvement in the student protests, she was then forced to flee Mexico—moving to Cuba after a brief sojourn in Prague. Randall credits her time in Cuba, where she spent 11 years, with teaching her about the problems and benefits of revolutionary society and giving her the idea that "another world is possible." A tireless advocate for women's power and voices and a staunch environmentalist, Randall is a poet who asks hard questions about what we can do to build a better world.

THE KURT BROWN PRIZES

The 2020 Kurt Brown Prizes (formerly the WC&C Scholarship Competition) was judged by Suzanne Farrell Smith for creative nonfiction, Angie Kim for fiction, and Shikha Malaviya for poetry. Three emerging writers received \$500 each to attend a writers' conference, center, festival, retreat, or residency of their choice. Claire Agnes won for creative nonfiction, Emily Flouton won for fiction, and Leigh Lucas won for poetry.

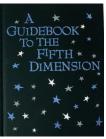
INTRO JOURNALS PROJECT

Several emerging writers were selected for the 2020 Intro Journals Project, which helps young writers find publication in established journals. Judges for the 2020 competition were Terry Ann Thaxton (poetry), Dave Housley (fiction), and Tom Bligh (creative nonfiction). Participating magazines were Colorado Review, Hayden's Ferry Review, Iron Horse Literary Review, Mid-American Review, Puerto del Sol, Quarterly West, Tahoma Review, and Tampa Review. Winners for poetry were Alexa Quezada, Lindsay Lake, Jessica Ram, Jean Buehler, Sydney Minnehan, Samayak Shertok, and Kathryne David Gargano. Winners for fiction were Lacey Rowland, Christopher Vanjonack, Mark DiFruscio, and Audrey Hollis. Creative nonfiction winners were Matthew Morris, Caroline Woodwell, Rebecca Brill, and Mary Henn.

NATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS' PRIZE







Instituted by the directors of AWP's member programs, two National Program Directors' Prizes for undergraduate literary magazines are awarded annually to outstanding journals in the categories of content and design. Each winning magazine receives a \$1,000 cash award. This year's prize for content went to *North Texas Review* (University of North Texas), selected by Kim Chinaquee (SUNY Buffalo State), and the prize for design went to Abington Review (Penn State Abington), selected by Stephanie Vanderslice (University of Central Arkansas).

SMALL PRESS PUBLISHER AWARD

AWP's Small Press Publisher Award is an annual prize for nonprofit presses and literary journals that recognizes the important role such organizations play in publishing creative works and introducing new authors to the reading public. The award includes a \$2,000 honorarium and a complimentary exhibit booth, including two complimentary conference registrations, at the AWP Conference & Bookfair in the year following the recipient's recognition. In even years, the award is given to a journal, and, in odd years, to a press. The 2020 winner was Birmingham Poetry Review.





PUBLICATIONS

Published continuously since 1970, The Writer's Chronicle appears four times during the academic year and provides diverse insights into the art of writing that are accessible, pragmatic, and idealistic.

The *Chronicle* is an indispensable forum for serious writers. Each issue features in-depth essays on the craft of writing, as well as extensive interviews with accomplished authors. Readers can also find news on publishing trends and literary controversies; a listing of grants, awards, and publication opportunities available to writers; and a list of upcoming conferences for writers, including AWP's Annual Conference & Bookfair. Distributed to more than 35,000 writers, the Chronicle is one of the most widely

read journals on contemporary literature in North America.

The Writer's Chronicle is available as an app for both Android and Apple iOS platforms. The magazine also enjoys national distribution through newsstands.

As the 2019–2020 issue contents demonstrate, the magazine continues to enhance its features and interviews, publishing work by and about contemporary literature's most important writers. Writers published or featured in the Chronicle's more recent issues include Martin Lammon, Kwame Dawes, Chris Abani, Colson Whitehead, Sonya Huber, Bernadine Evaristo, and Sue William Silverman.

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Kwame Dawes & Chris Abani: A Conversation About Mentorship by Heather Sappenfield

A Woman Alone in a Room Realizing Something by Alice Mattison

A Conversation with Sinéad Morrissey by Chapman Hood Frazier

On the Tip of the Tongue: **Cognitive Poetics & Expressive Sound Patterns** by E.P. Fisher

Graceful Exits: The **Endings of Five Grief Memoirs**

by Carrie Shipers

Drunk on Words: Matwaala Festival of South Asian Poets of the Diaspora, 2019 by Zilka Joseph

NOVEMBER 2019

I Have Been on a Fried **Chicken Journey:** The 2019 AWP Annual **Conference & Bookfair Keynote Address** by Colson Whitehead

Within Two Cultures, With Two Languages: An Interview with Margarita Engle by Padma Venkatraman

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Une Femme Du Monde & a Life in Letters: An Interview with Patricia **Spears Jones**

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An Interview with Eleni Sikelianos by Khadijah Queen

Speculative Nonfiction: A Composite Interpretation

by Susanne Paola Antonetta, Amy Benson, Sabrina Orah Mark, & Elissa Washuta

Auto-Fictional Short Stories & Choices in Craft: A Close Look at the Work of Mary Lavin by Kristin Burcham

The Lyric Mode: Crip Time and Its Metaphors by Emily Rose Cole

"Embracing my tribe of writers": A Conversation with Sue William Silverman by Supriya Bhatnagar





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Membership and conference fees only cover a portion of the expenses associated with AWP's programs and services. Our treasured donors play a vital role in keeping AWP's services and programs affordable and accessible. In appreciation of your generosity, we gratefully recognize these gifts with tangible benefits.

All Friends of AWP receive

- recognition on our website, The Writer's Chronicle, and in our annual report
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Friends of AWP at higher levels also receive additional benefits, including tickets to conference VIP receptions, preferred seating at select conference events, and invitations to social events.

For more information about becoming a friend, please reach out to AWP Development Director Sheila Black at sheila@awpwriter.org. We are always eager to hear from our donors and friends about our programs and services.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Association of Writers & Writing Programs Riverdale Park, Maryland

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Association of Writers & Writing Programs, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Association of Writers & Writing Programs as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Adoption of New Accounting Guidance

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, Association of Writers & Writing Programs adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), and all subsequently issued clarifying ASUs and ASU No. 2018-08, Not-For-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made, as of July 1, 2019. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Restatement of Net Assets

As discussed in Note 13 to the financial statements, certain errors resulting in an overstatement of previously reported net assets without donor restrictions were discovered during the current year. Accordingly, amounts reported for beginning net assets without donor restrictions have been restated. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Wegner CPAs, LLP Alexandria, Virginia March 31, 2021

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AWP STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

		2019
Program service revenue		
Annual conference	1,204,407	2,134,299
Membership services	733,200	784,344
Advertising income	113,274	376,138
Publications	35,972	24,021
Award series fees	28,495	38,394
Mailing list rental income	624	5,785
Other income	667	5,912
Contributions		
Individual donations	17,631	21,932
Grant revenue	70,500	75,000
Investment return, net	105,283	139,086
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,310,053	3,604,911
EXPENSES		
Program services		
Annual conference	1,514,988	1,466,379
Membership services	417,547	614,352
Publications	414,676	626,248
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	2,347,211	2,706,979
Supporting activities		
Management and general	698,072	751,175
Development	185,544	217,392
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,230,827	3,675,546
Change in net assets	(920,774)	(70,635)
Net assets at beginning of year (as restated)	4,408,757	4,479,392
Net assets at end of year	3,487,983	4,408,757





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- Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- Antioch University Los Angeles
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- Auburn University Augsburg University
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- Austin Peay State University
- Baldwin Wallace University
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- Baylor University
- Beloit College
- Bennington College
- Berry College
- Binghamton University
- Bloomsburg University
- Bluegrass Writers Studio Low-Res MFA
- Bluffton University Writing & English
- Boise State University
- Boston College
- Bowling Green State University
- **Bradley University**
- Bridgewater State University
- Brigham Young University
- Brookdale Community College
- Brown University
- **Bucknell University**
- Buffalo State College
- **Butler University**
- California College of the Arts
- California Institute of **Integral Studies**
- California Institute of the Arts (CalArts)
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- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Northridge
- Cameron University
- Canisius College
- Cardinal Stritch University
- Carleton College

- Carlow University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Connecticut State University
- Central Michigan University
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- Century College
- Chapman University
- Chatham University
- The Chicago High School for the Arts
- Christian Brothers University
- Christopher Newport University
- City College of New York
- Clackamas Community College
- Claremont Graduate University
- Clayton State University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Cold Mountain Review
- College of Charleston
- The College of Saint Rose
- College of St. Benedict & St. John's University
- College of William & Mary
- The College of Wooster
- Colorado College
- Colorado Mesa University
- Colorado State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Columbia University
- Concordia College, Minnesota
- Converse College
- Cornell College
- Cornell University
- Creighton University
- CUNY, The Graduate Center
- Davidson College
- Denison University
- DePaul University
- DePauw University
- Dickinson College
- Dominican University of California
- Drexel University
- Duquesne University
- Dutchess Community College
- East Carolina University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Eastern Oregon University
- Eastern Washington University
- Eckerd College
- Edinboro University
- Elmira College Elon University
- Emerson College
- **Emory University**
- **Emporia State University**
- Etowah Valley MFA at Reinhardt University
- Fairfield University

- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Finger Lakes Community College
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- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Fort Hays State University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Franklin Pierce University
- Frostburg State University
- Furious Flower Poetry Center
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia College & State University
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Gettysburg College
- Goddard College
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Valley State University
- Hamilton College
- Hamline University
- Hampton University
- Harvard University
- Hendrix College
- Hiram College Hofstra University
- Hollins University
- **Humboldt State University**
- Hunter College / CUNY
- Idyllwild Arts Summer & Auxiliary Program
- Illinois State University
- Indiana University
- Indiana University East
- Indiana University Purdue University (IUPUI)
- Institute of American Indian Arts
- Iowa State University
- Ithaca College James Madison University
- John Hopkins University Online MAs in Writing, Science Writing & Technical Writing
- Johns Hopkins University MA in Writing Program, DC
- Johns Hopkins University: MA in
- Writing Program, Baltimore Johns Hopkins University: The
- Writing Seminars Kansas City Art Institute
- Kansas State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Kent State University Kenyon College
- Kenyon Review
- Knox College Kutztown University
- Lafayette College



- Lake Superior State University
- Lakeland University
- Lamar University
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lesley University
- Lewis University
- Lindenwood University
- Linfield College
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
- Long Beach City College
- Longwood University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Maryland
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Lycoming College
- Marquette University
- Marshall University
- Marymount University
- Maryville University
- McNeese State University
- Mercer University
- Metropolitan Community College
- Miami University, Ohio
- Michener Center for Writers (UT Austin)
- Michigan State University
- Mills College
- Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Mississippi State University
- Mississippi University for Women
- Missouri State University
- Missouri Western State University
- Monmouth University
- Monroe Community College
- Montana State University, Billings
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- Murray State University
- Naropa University
- Naropa University—Low Residency
- Nassau Community College
- New England College
- New Mexico Highlands University
- New Mexico School for the Arts
- New Mexico State University
- New Orleans Center for Creative Arts
- The New School
- The Newport MFA
- Normandale Community College
- North Carolina State University
- North Hennepin Community College
- Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts (NEOMFA)
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Northern Michigan University

- Northwestern University
- NYU Creative Writing Program
- Oakland University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University, Main Campus
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Oklahoma City University
- Oklahoma State University
- Old Dominion University
- Oregon State University
- Oregon State University, Cascades
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Otterbein University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Pacific University
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Pasadena City College
- Penn State Abington
- Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
- Penn State, Altoona
- Penn State, University Park
- Perimeter College at Georgia
- State University
- Phoenix College
- Pikes Peak Community College
- Pine Manor College
- Pittsburg State University
- Ploughshares
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Portland State University
- Pratt Institute
- Purdue University
- Queens College, CUNY
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Randolph College
- Reed College
- Rhode Island College
- Rhodes College
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- Roger Williams University
- Rogers State University
- Roosevelt University
- Rosemont College Rowan University
- Rutgers University, Camden
- Rutgers University, Newark
- Saint Joseph's University
- Saint Lawrence University
- Saint Leo University
- Saint Mary's College
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Salem State University
- Salisbury University
- Sam Houston State University
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Seattle Pacific University
- Shippensburg University
- Sierra Nevada College Slippery Rock University

- Smith College
- Sonoma State University

- Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville
- Southern Methodist University
- Southern Utah University
- **Spalding University**
- St. Olaf College
- Stanford Creative Writing Program
- Stanford Creative Writing Program
- State College of Florida

- Stony Brook Southampton

- SUNY, Albany
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- Southeast Missouri State University
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- Stonecoast, University of Southern Maine
- Suffolk County Community College
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY, Geneseo
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- University of Denver
- University Of Denver University College
- University of Evansville
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Hartford
- University of Hawaii, Manoa
- University of Houston
- University of Idaho
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- University of La Verne
- University of Louisiana, Lafayette
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- University of Lynchburg
- University of Maine, Farmington
- University of Maine, Orono
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)
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- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
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- University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- University of Nebraska at Omaha BFA
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- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Reno
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- Western Connecticut State University

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- The Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing
- The Mastheads
- Maximum Impact
- Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference
- Mendocino Coast Writers Conference
- Midwest Writing Center
- The Millay Colony for the Arts
- Mineral School
- Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference
- Murphy Writing of Stockton University
- The Muse Writers Center
- Napa Valley Writers' Conference
- New York State Summer Writers Institute
- North Carolina Writers' Network
- North Words Writers Symposium
- Odyssey Writing Workshops
- Palm Beach Poetry Festival
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- The Porches
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