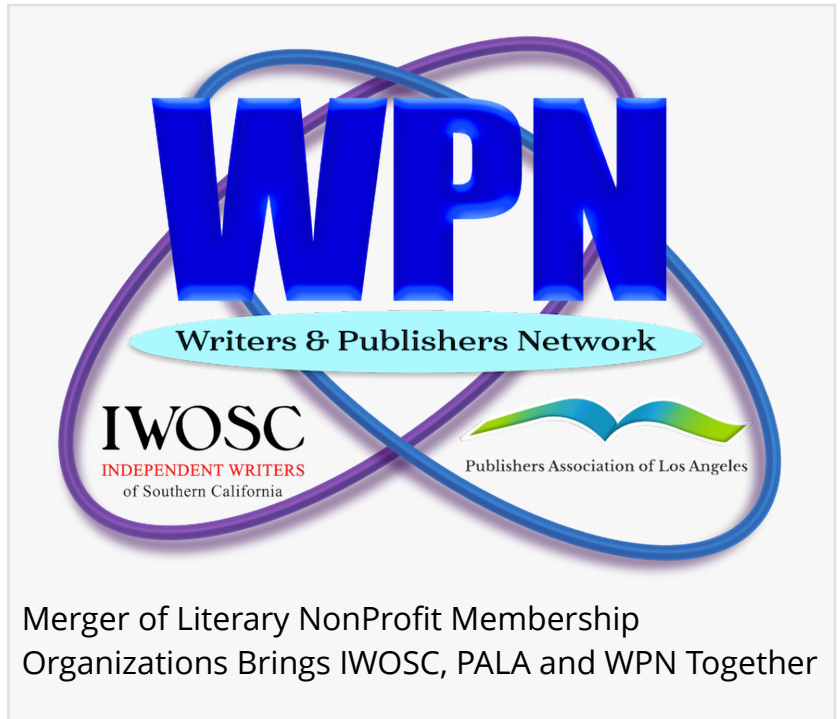


Merger of Literary NonProfit Membership Organizations Brings IWOSC, PALA and WPN Together

The Independent Writers of Southern California (IWOSC) and the Publishers Association of Los Angeles (PALA) merge with the Writers & Publishers Network (WPN).

OJAI, CALIFORNIA, USA, April 4, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Writers & Publishers Network, a national literary nonprofit, is merging the Independent Writers of Southern California (IWOSC) and the Publishers Association of Los Angeles (PALA) into its organization. This will almost double WPN's membership and expand its educational offerings through monthly online meetings, satellite meetings, seminars, and webinars.



“When I started my adventures in book publishing in 2008,” said Kathleen Kaiser, WPN’s President, “IWOSC was one of the first groups I joined. Flo Selfman, then the group’s president, introduced me to many people I still work with. Having been on IWOSC’s board for some years, I know all participants’ quality and commitment to providing education and support to writers. The WPN board is excited about the opportunities this will bring to our national membership.”

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This joining of three literary nonprofits will benefit the groups’ members by offering more seminars, webinars, book fair participation, and meetings to a national audience of WPN members.

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The next logical step is to expand our programs exponentially with the merger with WPN, and we are not done yet. I want our members to enjoy the expanded resources and opportunities and take an active part in the collaboration with WPN. The merger has been complicated but exciting and worth every second."

An expanded board of directors will incorporate members of the IWOSC/PALA board, and new committees will be formed from members of all three groups to support these efforts. Gary Young, IWOSC president, and Steven Sanchez, IWOSC vice president, will join WPN's Advisory Board along with Flo Selfman, IWOSC's past president. Sharon Goldinger, PALA president, will join the WPN board, assuming responsibilities for small publishers, replacing publisher Jay Hartman, who has moved to WPN Vice President.

About WPN, IWOSC and PALA:

The merger is effective immediately. All business will occur through WPN,

located in Ojai, California. The websites will be unified soon, but they are three independent sites for now. To learn more about each group, [visit: IWOSC, the PALA and WPN](#)

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