

# **Authors Guild of Western New York**

## **Mission Statement and Membership Information**

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### **Mission Statement:**

The Authors Guild of Western New York is a marketing group of local artists that promotes writing, encourages reading, and believes in excellence. Guild members share their knowledge of writing with others and support area communities in various ways, especially through their donations at book signings.

### **Membership Information:**

To become a member, one must be a serious writer and have published at least one novel length work. The book must meet acceptable community standards as to content, readability and excellence. When approved, member candidates must agree to the following:

Members will, at all times, treat the Guild's goals, one another and the public and representatives of cooperating writers groups with deference and respect.

Members will share marketing tips, techniques, new contacts and event venues that will forward the success of our members' writing careers and the public image and community presence of the Guild.

Members' works are featured on the Authors Guild web site, along with book excerpts, information on the author and means of contact. One book is featured on MINDWEB.US for each two-month period. Members are urged to participate in festivals, although this is not a requirement. Members are encouraged to pursue individual book sales and promotions whenever and wherever possible. Bear in mind, however, that Guild membership is also a promotional tool and each media or public encounter is an opportunity to enhance the Guild's reputation and stature as well as your own career. By working together, members can do more, say more and cover more territory than by going it alone.

The Guild has no regularly scheduled meetings, but we meet on occasion. Communication between the members takes place during events and through email. There are no dues, but donations are accepted to cover some of our expenses. Government grants are a good possibility to provide us funding for what we do.

If you care to join, fill out the online form or complete the form that follows and send it to:

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email address: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

URL to your web site or page: \_\_\_\_\_

book title: \_\_\_\_\_

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