

Writing about Writing
General Business Meeting

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Welcome attendees, identify any “new comers,” go over agenda.

- Newcomers:
 - Julie Pfeiffer (jpfeiffer@hollins.edu)
 - Marcela Hebbard (marcela.hebbard@utrgu.edu)
- Attendees: Samuel, Rebecca, Ryan, and Maria

Election results.

- **We still need to fill the position of Conference Coordinator (Diana is wrapping up her third year).**
- Voting will take place through electronic vote. Once results are available, the website will be updated: <https://writingaboutwriting.net/about/leadership/>
- Call for nominations for at-large members. We currently need additional volunteers to fill this important role.
 - Marcela Hebbard will serve as At-Large member for 2025-2027.

Discussion: State of the Standing Group and the Field.

- From 2020-2022 our group met virtually during the pandemic.
- In 2024, we met in Spokane, WA - Discussions focused on AI in WAW, led to the genesis of our sponsored panel this year
- Last year, we held 3 virtual events - attendance approx. 15-20 per event. Positive response to events.
- While the field may be slowing down in publications that explicitly mention WAW, the focus on understanding frameworks for talking about/studying “writing” as

well as approaches to teaching these frameworks (and to what effect), still continue – perhaps we need to look more closely at what terms and trends have emerged from WAW scholarship to understand how WAW is evolving??

Newest publications in the field:

- “WAW: A Snapshot in Time” (Rebecca Babcock, Cynthia Cochran, and Aliethia Dean) has been accepted for publication in the fall issue in *Composition Studies* 51.2 (Fall 2023) pp. 64-85.
- [Writing About Writing 5th Edition textbook](#) (2023)
- WAW-inspired textbook (2022): [Embodied Environmental Risk in Technical Communication](#)

Brief group discussion: What’s next for the Standing Group? What should the SG’s mission/vision be going forward?

- **Wikipedia editing initiative:** the Wikipedia page for Writing about Writing is now outdated and could use editing/revisions.
- **Citation Project:** Given the seemingly evolving state of the field, we could trace works that are citing key WAW scholarship (and works citing those works) in order to better understand the evolution of the field and identify future areas of interest.
- **WAW and Multilingualism:** How might we expand WAW frameworks if we consider multilingual contexts (e.g. how might we “rename what we know” when considering multilingual or translingual learners?)

Sponsored Panel/workshop for CCCC 2026 (upcoming)

- We will need to assemble our sponsored panel for CCC2026. Some ideas include:

- WAW and multilingualism -
- WAW and the state of the field
- Some combination of themes
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The Writing about Writing general business meeting provides a space for the following three agenda items: a brief presentation from an invited special guest (chosen closer to the time of meeting), announcement of steering committee election results, and on-site breakout groups focusing on newcomers, WAW research, advocacy, and online teaching.