

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

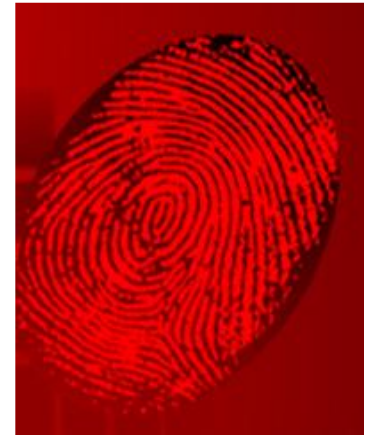
Membership in ACWL requires the publication of at least one full-length book or three short stories, the most recent published within two years of application. The work(s) must be **published in the USA in print form**. The publisher of the works must be on ACWL's Approved Publisher List, found on the website. [Guidelines for self-published authors available](#).

ACWL reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone.

Dues are \$25 per calendar year. For new members joining after October 1, the \$25 pays for the last three months of one year and the entire next year.

A membership application may be found at [https://acwl.org/ACWL Membership Application 6.20.2022.pdf](https://acwl.org/ACWL%20Membership%20Application%206.20.2022.pdf).

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*Are you a
professional writer
currently active and
published in the
USA in crime
fiction or true
crime?*

*Have you ever
wanted to talk to a
group of similar
professionals and
know that whatever
you say, whatever
you ask, will be
strictly
confidential?*

*If so, the American
Crime Writers
League is for you!*

The American Crime Writers League was formed in the

late 1980s by a group of writers who wanted a private forum for exchanging ideas.

We have a confidential Internet discussion group. Talk over your contract (or lack of contract), how you're being treated by your publisher/editor/agent, your frustrations and joys with writing.

Post your mistakes and your successes, and learn from those of others.

We can talk freely because we know that whatever's said among us won't go any further. Period. We prize our confidentiality and have a bond of trust. If you have loose lips, try some other organization.

We're all professional, active (recently published) writers in crime fiction or true crime. You have to show your stuff to get into the American Crime Writers League.

American Crime Writers League



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The Ellen Nehr Award was established by the

American Crime Writers League to show appreciation for mystery reviewers who demonstrate a solid knowledge of the field and provide unbiased and informed criticism. We also wish to recognize people who sign their reviews, allowing both reader and author to know who is commenting on the work.

Past Winners

Hallie Ephron
Boston Globe

Robert Wade
San Diego Union-Tribune

Dick Lochte
Los Angeles Times

Katy Munger
Washington Post

Jon Breen
Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine

Oline Cogdill
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