

UPC 2/28/2025

Meeting Minutes

Present: Santiago Vaquera-Vasquez, Durwood Ball, Brenton Woodward, Michael Millman, Katya Crawford, Bruce Gjeltema, Sonia Dickey, Stephen Hull, Mason Parrish, Lori Townsend, Justin Bendell, Elise McHugh, James Ayers

Absent: Emily Jones, Margaret Jackson

Approval of previous minutes

Voting:

KC moves

JB seconds

Director's comments:

Many new books this month, including *The Jemez Mountains* by Thomas Swetnam; *The Problem You Have* by Robert McBrearty; our High Road title *Aliens Like Us?* by Anthony Aveni; *Airstream Country* by Neil Mathison; *Off Izaak Walton Road* by River Teeth Prize Winner Laura Julier, judged by Lacy Ann Johnson; *Growing a Sensational Garden in the Southern Rocky Mountains* by Nan Fischer; *Delusions and Grandeur* by Mark Sundeen; *Dichos en Nichos* by Sage Vogel; and lastly, *Johnny Geronimo: Art of Darkness* by Gary Robinson and Dale DeForest.

Chair's comments:

Really happy to see these books getting cranked out, they look fantastic.

**Final approval memos:**

Dungan, Hard Work

Discussion:

JB: I love very short essays, they're a good thing in this post-Twitter world. What is with all these writer dudes and fishing? Not that I have a problem with it.

LT: Did the dog story make it into the final manuscript?

BW: Yes, it's in there, not to worry.

SPH: The Press does have something of a history of fly-fishing books, which this fits into. We've thought about revising some of the extant guidebooks, because of how much the locations and landscapes have changed.

Voting:

JB moves

DB seconds

All in favor, motion passes

Scliar, *The Woman Who Wrote the Bible*

Discussion:

KC: Looks fabulous, I laughed out loud more than once reading it. Seems very original.

DB: Looks fantastic, like Katya I had a lot of fun reading the excerpt. Always great to have Ilan Stavans on the list.

Voting:

DB moves

BG seconds

All in favor, motion passes

Bennett et al., *Footsteps in White Stands*

Discussion:

EJ (via email): I was trepidatious but this project is amazing and well-executed.

DB: I've supported this project from the outset, from an archaeology standpoint it doesn't get better than this. It will fly off the shelves at the bookstores and SAA. Hopefully we'll get a follow-up book as well. Congratulations Sonia.

Voting:

JB moves to approve

BG seconds

All in favor, motion passes

### **Info memos**

Beck and Mullan, *The Cartouche*

Discussion:

DG: Makes a good addition to the colonial history.

Fridman, *The Occluded Territory*

Discussion:

SVV: Very exciting project.

JB: Agreed.

Pappas, *The Great Blizzard*

Discussion:

KC: Sounds cool. Michael, you should consider recording audiobooks.

DB: The first thing I ever read about the blizzard of 1967 was in a UNM Press biography of Quintin Hulst, a cowboy guide who lived in Canyon Creek, NM. He experienced the blizzard and Nancy's research was recently deposited into the CSWR archive.

MM: That's a great tip, thank you so much.

BG: I was in elementary school at the time, it was a big deal for the Navajo reservation.

Lopez, Delilah Montoya

Discussion:

SVV: Really glad to see this, she's an important artist.

DeWitt and Beck, Chile Pepper Cultivation

Discussion:

DB: Great idea for a book, it's just so hit-or-miss trying to garden here.

Next meeting: Friday, March 28th