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**Publishers & Writers of San Diego (PWSD)** is a professional association of the San Diego publishing community. PWSD educates business-minded self-publishers and authors through networking, guest experts, open discussions, and field trips.

Regular meetings are held 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month (except November and December), usually at the Carlsbad Dove Library–Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA), but sometimes at the Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oak Crest Park Drive, Encinitas) or the Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, CA); check meeting information in newsletter for current location.

## ***Membership***

\$47/year plus \$10/meeting for members. Non-member meeting fee is \$20. For information and to RSVP for meetings, visit [www.PublishersWriters.org](http://www.PublishersWriters.org)

***Closing date*** for newsletter contributions is the **1<sup>st</sup> day of each month**. Send to Glenna A. Bloemen at [gab11853@aol.com](mailto:gab11853@aol.com)

***Meeting:*** Saturday, April 24, 2021 (***VIRTUAL!***)

***Time:*** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

***Location:*** Webinar—Zoom (***watch for details***)

***Topic:*** “3 Keys to Catapult Your Life Success to Live the Life You Love!”

***Speaker:*** Felicia Searcy

***Please watch for the link in the meeting notices sent to your email inbox twice during the next few days before this FREE online meeting.***

Have you hit a limit to your success and no matter how hard you work, how many seminars or trainings you attend, you just can't break beyond this “stuck point?” Or does it feel like you have built success at the expense of your health and relationships? Well, you are not alone, and there are answers to your dilemma. Felicia Searcy, the Premier Results Expert, will help you break out of this cycle of “almost there” when it comes to success in all areas of your life.

Topics in this session will include:

- How to make yourself do the things you know you need to do.
- Simple thinking strategies to guard you from fear, doubt, and worry. (Those thoughts that stop your success dead in its tracks.)
- Learning how to create a clear vision for a business and life that you will love.



***Felicia Searcy's purpose is her passion: to empower you to discover and express your best self as you live the life you love.***

*An award-winning transformational coach, international speaker, author, and minister, she has helped thousands create a path for living their dream life. For over 20 years, Felicia has worked with people from all walks of life who are seeking the spiritual side of success. As a highly sought-after international speaker, she has shared the stage with such powerhouse leaders as international speaker, Mary Morrissey; Founder and CEO of eWomen Network, Sandra Yancey; and international motivational speaker, Les Brown. Felicia's proven “Dream Activation Code” helps folks just like you to accelerate your results as you create a richer, more fulfilling life.*



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### **President, Publishers & Writers of San Diego**

#### **PWSD News**

In March, Nathan Agin spoke about how to create and market the audio version of your book. This was a topic that many of you had expressed interest in. Nathan is an actor as well as an audio book narrator/producer. On top of that, he's a book marketer. He has worked with the Big Four publishers, as well as smaller indie companies. He walked us through the steps to create your audio book and the stages of marketing.

In April, Felicia Searcy will share her strategies for how to make a plan, create momentum, and let it carry you to a new level of success. In May, Ivy Slater joins us to offer ideas of how to broaden your network. And in June we welcome back veteran book marketer Jill Lublin to bring ideas for how to stay visible in uncertain times.

A couple of notes about meeting etiquette. Please be sure that you are muted while our speaker is presenting. Background noise is distracting for all other participants. If you have a question during the presentation, please put it in the chat, and the host (me!) will monitor the questions. Please save general questions for the Q&A at the end of the presentation. The host will call on you and ask you to speak if they need clarification of your question.

Several of you have asked if we can record the sessions but for several reasons we prefer not to. Instead, most speakers have been sharing their slides, so be sure to go the [blog](#) to find presentations by many of our past speakers.

#### **PWOC News**

At this time, until we have a clear understanding of when the world will return to normal, we're suspending the PWOC meetings.

#### **PWSD/PWOC Membership**

We are happy to make these virtual meetings free to participants, but we hope you will support PWSD in the following ways:

1. Make sure your membership is up to date. Watch your inbox for a notice if your membership has expired.
2. If you would like to check, email [Robbie@bookstudiobooks.com](mailto:Robbie@bookstudiobooks.com) and he will check your membership.
3. If your membership is up to date, please consider paying the meeting fee; just click on RSVP at [www.publisherswriters.org](http://www.publisherswriters.org).
4. If you are not a member, please consider joining. Membership is a very affordable \$47 per year, which helps us to get the best speakers and provide other benefits to our members. Go to [www.publisherswriters.org](http://www.publisherswriters.org) to join.
5. Tell your publishing and author friends and colleagues about PWSD and have them join us!

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### ***President's Message—continued from previous page***

As most of you know, our yearly dues are a great value at only \$47 per year. In addition to the reduced meeting fee, you get a listing in our membership directory and a snazzy nametag. You can easily join by clicking on the link to PayPal on our website, or send a check, made out to PWSD, to P.O. Box 235204, Encinitas, CA 92023.

Reminder to all members: In order to be listed in the online directory, you must submit your member bio and headshot to [webmaster@publisherswriters.org](mailto:webmaster@publisherswriters.org). Our website is very highly ranked on Google, which means you will get broader exposure by being part of the directory. But you must be an up-to-date member to take advantage of this benefit. If you are not sure when you should renew, please contact me at [karla@publisherswriters.org](mailto:karla@publisherswriters.org), and I will let you know.

### **IBPA Membership**

[IBPA Publishing University](#) took place April 7–10, 2021. This year the event was fully virtual, so there was no better time to join and learn.

As you know, on July 1, I officially took over as chair of the Independent Book Publishers Association. I've just been elected to serve another year! I am so honored to lead such a terrific organization.

If you have launched on your publishing journey and you don't know about IBPA, which can be a great support for you, I encourage you to explore the benefits of joining. This is the national association that includes such regional affiliates as PWSD. Find information on their robust and informative website: [www.ibpa-online.org](http://www.ibpa-online.org).

Membership is quite affordable, and to make it even better, PWSD members get a \$30 discount. Just enter PWSD in the coupon code.

IBPA has created a helpful COVID-19 Resource Center, specifically for independent publishers, and they are presenting a weekly COVID-19 Roundtable. During this online webinar, experienced publishers are discussing how they are adjusting business or finding support during this unique time, and also taking questions from the attendees. I've joined the last few and found them to be informative, energizing, and comforting; we are all in this boat together. It is great to understand all that publishers, distributors, bookstores, and authors are doing to get through this time. For more information and to join the webinar, go to <https://www.ibpa-online.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1354890>



The Encinitas Spring Street Fair, originally scheduled for April 24–25, has been cancelled, due to COVID. If you paid for a space for last year’s Spring Fair, contact [Robbie@bookstudiobooks.com](mailto:Robbie@bookstudiobooks.com) about putting the fee toward the 2021 fall fair (fingers crossed!) or getting a refund. Please be sure to sign up for the newsletter at [www.readlocal.org](http://www.readlocal.org) so you are on our mailing list and we will contact you about upcoming events.

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## *Invitations & Reminders for Members*

### **Have newsletter feature articles/ideas? Send them to Glenna Bloemen at [gab11853@aol.com](mailto:gab11853@aol.com).**

We are currently seeking feature articles for the upcoming issues of the newsletter. If you've read something great or have an idea or an article that you believe would be of interest to your fellow members, please submit it to our Managing Editor, Glenna. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Want to be profiled in PWSD's newsletter? Contact Glenna Bloemen at [gab11853@aol.com](mailto:gab11853@aol.com).**

If your membership is current, Glenna will provide you with eight simple questions to answer. Then, along with your answers, send your full contact information, a head shot, and one or two other images, such as book covers or action shots. Glenna will send your finished profile to be published in *Publishers & Writers Monthly*.

### **Get found in the directory: Email your bio & headshot to [webmaster@publisherswriters.org](mailto:webmaster@publisherswriters.org).**

Our website is very highly ranked on Google, which means you will get broader exposure by being part of the directory. You must be an up-to-date member to be part of the directory. If you are unsure when you should renew, please contact Karla Olson at [karla@publisherswriters.org](mailto:karla@publisherswriters.org), and she will let you know.

### **Save more and learn more: Attend PWSD meetings at reduced member rates!**

Yearly dues are only \$47—one of the most economical memberships available. As a member, you save \$10 at every PWSD meeting you attend, versus the \$20 nonmember meeting fee. Get meeting details for PWSD in each newsletter issue.

## *Events & Resources for the Publishing & Writing Community*

Due to the COVID-19 situation, conferences and workshops may be subject to cancellation or go online. Watch the newsletter for updates as the times get closer.

**BE SAFE.**

## Welcome, New and Returning PWSD Members!

Congratulations on joining Publishers & Writers of San Diego, the only publishing group in San Diego County focused on the business of publishing and writing! You have made a wise investment. While there are many benefits to being a member of PWSD, you'll need to take the following two steps to optimize your membership:

1. **Subscribe to PWSD** at [www.PublishersWriters.org](http://www.PublishersWriters.org). (Click on the button that looks like what you see at right.) This is necessary for you to receive any and all notices from PWSD. Receiving the email that accompanied this newsletter does not mean your name has been added to the regular notice distribution list.
2. **Enjoy a spot in the Membership Directory** with PWSD. Go to [www.PublishersWriters.org](http://www.PublishersWriters.org) to promote your business by sending your JPG photo, brief contact information, and an expanded description to webmaster Jeniffer Thompson at [j@monkeycmedia.com](mailto:j@monkeycmedia.com). (See announcement at top of this newsletter page for details.)

### Free PWSD Newsletter

✉ **Subscribe to the PWSD Newsletter**  
Subscription is free: get monthly articles from our speakers, writing tips, announcements, upcoming events, and more.

You'll also enjoy these additional benefits of membership:

- **Attendance at a \$10 discount on each monthly PWSD meeting**, held the first 10 months of the year (usually on the last Saturday) and offering educational programs plus opportunities to network with colleagues, showcase your business, and sell your books;
- **Our monthly digital newsletter, *Publishers & Writers Monthly***, containing information about local, regional, and national publishing activities;
- **Discounts on national membership dues** for Independent Book Publishers Association ([www.ibpa-online.org](http://www.ibpa-online.org)), Small Publishers Association of North America ([www.spannet.org](http://www.spannet.org)), and Small Publishers, Artists, and Writers Network ([www.spawn.org](http://www.spawn.org)); and
- **Regional collaborative marketing efforts**

Let us know if you have any questions or comments about your membership with PWSD, or any ideas to improve upon our mission. Again, welcome to PWSD.

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*From the Editor*

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