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HoCoPoLitSo Establishes Writers Bureau

Organizations seeking writers to speak to their audiences, to teach their students, or to judge their literary contests now have a guide. HoCoPoLitSo announces the establishment of a Writers Bureau, a curated list to connect local organizations with literary speakers. Following a nomination and approval process, thirty local writers have accepted their invitations to join the Bureau. These regional writers of quality are known for their strong reputations for presenting, teaching, or facilitating sessions on literature or conducting literary interviews. The list is available to our partners, the public schools, and other local organizations upon request as a helpful starting point in obtaining information about high-quality, accessible writers.

Information that is available upon request includes the writer’s name; website or other link; speaking topics and contact information. The seeking organization or individual will make their own arrangements directly with the writer regarding the nature of the presentation, the audience, the schedule, and the terms of compensation.

This list is created with the writers’ consent, and curated and updated by HoCoPoLitSo’s Board of Directors. The Board is discriminating in its selection of writers and relies upon direct knowledge of quality. HoCoPoLitSo receives no compensation or commission in providing this information; the service is provided to further HoCoPoLitSo’s mission of enlarging the audience for contemporary poetry and literature and celebrating culturally diverse literary heritages.

HoCoPoLitSo is interested in feedback from organizations and writers concerning their experiences with the Writers Bureau. We are also interested in self-nominations and recommendations of additional local writers for inclusion.

The list is available upon request to hocopolitso@yahoo.com or by telephone 443-518-4568. HoCoPoLitSo’s offices are located on the campus of Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD. Feedback, request for inclusion, and recommendations should be sent to hocropolitso5@yahoo.com.

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