



NEW MEXICO WRITERS RESOURCE GUIDE: Professional Writing Organizations

Organization	Website	About
Academy of American Poets	https://poets.org	Founded in 1934 in New York City, the Academy of American Poets is the nation's leading champion of American poets and poetry, with members in all fifty states. Its mission is to support American poets at all stages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry.
American Society of Journalists and Authors	https://www.asja.org	Founded in 1948, ASJA is the nation's largest professional organization of independent nonfiction writers.
The Authors Guild	https://authorsguild.org	With more than 15,000 members, The Authors Guild is the nation's oldest and largest professional organization for published writers.
Biographers International Organization	https://biographersinternational.org	BIO aims to promote the art and craft of biography, cultivate a diverse community of biographers, encourage public interest in biography, and provide educational and fellowship opportunities that support the work of biographers worldwide.
Horror Writers Association	https://horror.org	The HWA's mission is to encourage public interest in and foster an appreciation of good horror and dark fantasy literature.
International Thriller Writers	https://thrillerwriters.org	With more than 6,600 members in 49 countries, representing over 3.6 billion book sales, ITW is the world's leading organization for thriller writers. ITW helps authors hone their craft, learn about the business aspects of publishing, and helps connect writers with readers.



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Mystery Writers of America	https://mysterywriters.org	MWA is the premier organization for mystery and crime writers, professionals allied to the crime-writing field, aspiring crime writers, and folks who just love to read crime fiction.
National Association of Science Writers	https://www.nasw.org	NASW is a community of journalists, authors, editors, producers, public information officers, students and people who write and produce material intended to inform the public about science, health, engineering, and technology.
New Mexico Book Association	https://www.nmbookassociation.org	We are a membership community that supports authors, publishers, creatives, and other “book people” through online and in-person events, workshops, book fairs, and networking in the Southwest.
Romance Writers of America	https://www.rwa.org	RWA is a nonprofit trade association whose mission is to advance the professional and common business interests of career-focused romance writers through networking and advocacy and by increasing public awareness of the romance genre.
Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Association	https://www.sfwaw.org	Founded in 1965, SFWA is an organization for published authors and industry professionals in the fields of science fiction, fantasy, and related genres.
Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators	https://www.scbwi.org	The SCBWI provides the resources, professional networking, and community-building opportunities that support writers, illustrators, and translators throughout their careers.
SouthWest Writers	https://www.southwestwriters.com	Writers Helping Writers. SouthWest Writers is devoted to helping both published and unpublished writers improve their craft and further their careers.