<p style="text-align: center;">**Welcome to Macon Writers Group!**</p>

We're happy that you want to become a member. This guide will help you to get started.

Macon Writers Group meets **the last Saturday** (not the 4ᵗʰ but the last) **of each month, except December.** We also have other events and workshops throughout the year. There are 11 meetings per year.

Getting Started:
Step 1: Please email Shane Trayers at trayers.shane@gmail.com so she can add you to our MWG Dropbox folder. The folder is used to post the members' work for each meeting. You'll need to be added for you to be prepared for meetings.
Note: If you'd like to come to a meeting first and see what we are like, we are happy to have you do that too.
Step 2: Go to the **Schedule Tab** on the website. It has information on how to attend virtual meetings and upcoming events.

Membership:
"Active members" is defined by those who have attended at least two meetings or events hosted by Macon Writers Group during one calendar year.
- Members must be 18 years of age or older.
- Only active members or guest authors for special events can promote their work on the Macon Writers Group Facebook page.
- Only active members can submit work for consideration in any Macon Writers Group anthology or other publication by the group. Membership is not a guarantee of being included in any such publication.

Rules:
1. Anything that you want to workshop for the next meeting must be submitted to the Dropbox Folder by midnight of the Sunday before the meeting.
2. The acceptable length of workshop material is up to 20 pages of prose or 5 poems per meeting.
3. Please put your name on the documents you submit for workshop.
4. Please put page numbers on anything over one page.
5. If your work is beyond R-Rated, please make sure to warn readers of this at the beginning of the submission.
6. If you are workshopping a longer work, like a novel, it is helpful, although not required to put previous chapters in the "Special Archive" folder in the Dropbox or to write a summary of previous events for continuity.