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UNLOCK WRITER'S BLOCK! INDEPENDENT WRITERS OF CHICAGO (IWOC) LEARNS HOW

After staring at this page for 3 hours, 47 minutes and 26 seconds, the conclusion was drawn: for a writer, there is no more anxiety-making, confidence-shaking, “maybe-I-should-have-taken-that-government-job-after-all” feeling in the world...than writer’s block. The good news is, it’s a temporary affliction. The best news is, one needn’t ever suffer from it again once you learn the “Professional Skills That Make Writer’s Block Go Away” – the very topic on which seasoned freelance writer / journalist / author / professor Robert Knight will speak at IWOC’s next meeting on Tuesday, March 9th.

Deadline dread is often a cause. During those times, many of us will throw words on a page just to get *something* down. But such fears, says Knight, “can obscure the benefits of writing it right the first time.” So how *can* you get it right? Clean out the blockage, as it were? In his mini-workshop, Knight will provide plenty of inspiring pointers, conduct exercises and even review some of the basic rules of good writing – of which it never hurts to be reminded, whether you’re a veteran writer or novice. Author of *The Journalistic Writer: Building the Skill, Honing the Craft* (to be published May 1st by Marion Street Press) and having written for over 40 publications and news services, Knight is certainly one to have been dogged by deadlines. Come hear his invaluable advice on how to slay those hairy beasts – and unleash your creativity!

The IWOC meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 9th at National-Louis University, Room 5008, 122 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Networking begins at 5 p.m. The main program is at 6 p.m. Admission is free to IWOC members, \$15 to nonmembers. Following the meeting, attendees are invited to go to a nearby restaurant for a buy-your-own dinner to further discuss writing-related topics or to continue networking. For more information, call 847-855-6670 or visit www.iwoc.org.

IWOC is a nonprofit professional association of freelance writers who work primarily throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Together, IWOC members represent a broad range of writing talents, consultation services and specialties serving large corporations, small businesses, and not-for-profit organizations.

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