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## HIGH PLAINS WRITERS

November 2021

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter



### From The President

Texas High Plains Writers family,

Thanksgiving is upon us, and I can think of few things I'm more thankful for than you. More than ever, connecting with others who understand my particular brand of crazy has helped keep me (otherwise) sane.

I hope our organization has done the same for you.

In addition to reconnecting with each other, members of the Texas High Plains Writers have had the privilege of interacting with some of the best literary minds this region — and state and country, for that matter — have to offer.

From a panel of our own, we were reminded that we are not alone in our writerly pursuits.

From Tex Thompson, we learned how to supercharge our plots while not sacrificing our character development.

From John R. Erickson, we were inspired to write whatever we want, no matter what

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From Taylor Moore, we were inspired to write what we want, and how to navigate the rest of the process so editors in New York can get enough of what they need to distribute our books to the masses.

From Kenja Purkey, we will be inspired to promote ourselves and our work.

Yes, I'm scared, too.

But she'll help us through it. And by the time our final meeting of the year is over, I hope you feel like this year has been educational, fun, and worthwhile.

It has been for me.

And for that, I thank you.

Rick Treon

President, Texas High Plains Writers

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Opportunity on the Horizon  
Six Days Until Giving Tuesday

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## November Special Guest – Kenja Purkey



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marketing and advertising professional with more than 30 years of experience. She is a former news anchor, congressional media representative, and has 20 years of general marketing and advertising experience in both the government and private sector. In addition to being the Marketing Director for The People's Federal Credit Union, she is a professional speaker specializing in general marketing, social media and generational media consumption habits.



**1314 S. Polk St. - Amarillo, Texas**  
**Enter at the Blue Horse**

Registration Meet & Greet  
9:30 - 10:00a.m.  
Business Meeting  
10:00 - 10:15a.m.

## Author News

Rick Treon's novel DIVIDED STATES was named a finalist in the 2021 Best Thriller Book Awards. With the recognition, each of Treon's first three novels (DEEP BACKGROUND, LET THE GUILTY PAY) have either won or been nominated for book awards. DIVIDED STATES is available in hardcover and [Amazon Kindle](#).

## Congratulations Rick!!!

## 2022-2023 Board of Directors Nominations

The Nominating Committee of Natalie Bright and Mike Akins present the following members:

**2022 Slate of Officers THPW Board of Directors**

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President- Elect: Donna Rossen  
Past President-Rick Treon

Board members completing their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year Term:

Secretary: Summer Baker (21-22)

Membership: Cindy Rios (21-22)

Programs: Dianne Sagan (2022) completing the 2021-2022 term

Publicity/Newletter: Kristine Brorman/Rick Treon (21-22)

Board members 2-year term

Treasurer: Rick Treon (22-23)

Hospitality: Teresa & Jonathan Traves (22-23)

Technology: Katherine Boehs (22-23)

In September, Wayne Hughes resigned his position as 2021 President-elect.

President Rick Treon appointed Kristine Brorman to fill the vacancy.

Thank you Natalie and Mike for taking on the task of recruiting members to serve.

## THPW 2022 Calendar

- **January - Virtual Guest, Greta Boris - *Character Development Using the 9 Enneagram personality Types***
- **March - TBA**
- **May - TBA**
- **July - TBA**
- **September - TBA**
- **November - TBA**

Your Board is working diligently to bring great programs that meet the needs and desires of our members. We are as ready as you to **safely** resume in-person meetings. Please let us know if you have any program ideas or requests. We always welcome input from our members.

***Critique Session Guidelines***

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*Meetings are held on the third Saturday in odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.*

*Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. There is no fee for members of Texas High Plains Writers to attend our regular bi-monthly meetings. A \$10 fee may apply to nonmembers.*

*(Note: We must occasionally switch our meeting location, or we may need to change the date to avoid conflicts. So, please check the address and date for each meeting.)*

*Our meetings/programs follow this schedule:*

**Check-In and Meet & Greet**

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**Business Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Program/Presentation**

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Lunch On Your Own**

12:15 - 1 p.m.

**Critique Session, if Announced**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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