



**THE D.C. AREA
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Editor's Note:

Welcome to our streamlined "new look," and a change in our newsletter schedule. Beginning this month, the newsletter for a given month will be available on the first of that month, so here's your issue for January. Happy New Year!

Leadership Opportunity

Opportunity to Serve as DCPBK Association President

The DC Area PBK is looking for candidates for President, to begin in January 2024. Candidates must have prior experience serving on the board of a Phi Beta Kappa Association. The President is a member of the Executive Committee and leads quarterly Board meetings. Running the Board meeting consists of preparing an agenda and leading the discussion. Additionally, the President is responsible for answering inquiries directed to the Association and for sourcing volunteer positions, as well as hosting several key events throughout the year.

The President cannot serve more than two terms (two years).

Detailed Duties and Responsibilities Include:

- Determine the main objectives and direction of the Association each year
- Select the date of and lead the quarterly meetings of the DC Area PBK Board, which typically occur on weekends via Zoom, and send meeting invites to the board
- Set agenda topics and distribute drafts to board members and lead volunteers for input and revisions and circulate the finalized agenda a few days prior to the meeting
- Coordinate with the PBK National Society to provide us access to the PBK Headquarters building. Remind Bill one to two weeks prior to the meeting date
- Hold general knowledge of the various Association programs and processes
- Answer inquiries from members and/or volunteers, or refer questions to appropriate contact
- Source for open volunteer positions, including interviewing (along with another officer and the person who currently holds the role) and updating the website with the position details
- Work with two other board members (the nominating committee) to nominate members for the annual election

- Align with the National PBK Society on how to encourage new inductees to join their local association
- Safeguard the DC PBK President's silver ceremonial bowl
- The President may occasionally need to make key decisions and/or set new policies
- The President should also attend all annual events, if possible.

This is a busy but highly rewarding position, and we're eager to find the right candidate soon.

Recent and Upcoming Events

Book Club News and Reviews

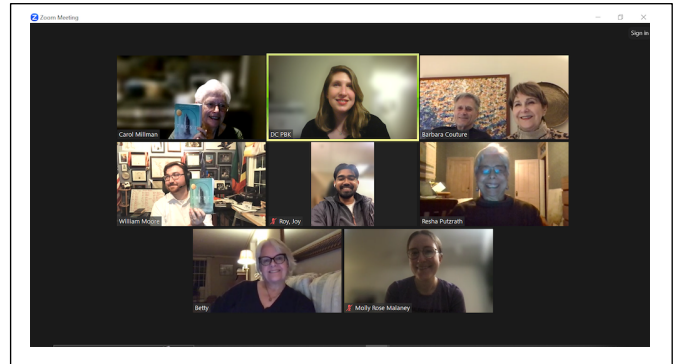
December Book Club Meeting

As usual, our December book club meeting will be held after the holidays, on **January 4, 2024**. Here is the event posting for our discussion—both online and in-person—of *The Old Man and the Sea* by **Ernest Hemingway**:

<https://dcpbk.org/events/#!event/2024/1/4/november-2023-dc-pbk-book-club-meeting-the-old-man-and-the-sea-by-ernest-hemingway-with-in-person-and-online-options>

We have also completed our choices for the Spring meetings:

- **January:** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee, International, Korean American (2017), 496 pages
- **February:** *Poison: The History of Potions, Powders and Murderous Practitioners* by Ben Hubbard, Nonfiction (2023), 176 pages
- **Mid-March Bonus:** *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, Classic (1945), 128 pages
- **March:** *Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology* edited by Shane Hawk, Fiction (2023), 400 pages
- **April:** *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann, Nonfiction (2017), 416 pages
- **Mid-May Bonus:** *Asylum: A Memoir and Manifesto* by Edefe Okporo, International, Nigerian (2022), 224 pages
- **May:** *The Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett, Classic (1896), 224 pages
- **June:** *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, Fiction (2022), 560 pages.



Sincerely, Kate Smith
 Book Club Coordinator, DC PBK Association
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January 2024 Spanish Language Group

Join us for our Spanish Language Group meeting on **January 14th at 6:30pm EST** at **District Taco Metro Center** (1309 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004). The meeting is open to all skill levels, but note that it will be conducted in Spanish, so a basic conversational level is recommended to be able to participate in the discussion.

Click below to register. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation message with additional details. We look forward to seeing you on **January 14th at 6:30pm EST.**

This group aims to be a reflection of its members, so we will remain flexible and attentive to your interests and capacity.

Please contact Molly Rose (mollyrose048@gmail.com or 954-304-2907) if you have any questions about the group or have trouble registering.

To Register: <https://dcpbk.org/events/#/event/2024/1/23/january-spanish-language-group>

Coffee and Conversation Series

We're working on another program for the well-received **Coffee & Conversation Series**. Stay tuned for details.

Niku Neshati

Outreach & Membership Coordinator

Contact: membership@dcpbk.org

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Coffee with YP Network Leadership

New to DC? Interested in learning more about the city, the events we host, or just looking to meet new people? Members of the YP Network leadership are available to meet with Young Professionals who are new to Washington, DC for coffee.

Recent Graduates

Free membership with the **DC PBK Network** is offered to college graduates until January 1 of the following year after graduation (for example, spring 2024 graduates are entitled to free membership until January 1, 2025).

Free membership means that you may join the Association without paying annual membership dues.

Contact Campbell Nilsen (campbell.nilsen@gmail.com) if you want to know more, be added to the semi-official DCPBK Whatsapp group (not only for young professionals), or suggest a potential event.

Mentorship Network News

Please consider becoming a mentor through the **DCPBK Mentor Directory**, which is a low-time commitment. Mentors and mentees, once connected, can meet together on their own terms—virtually, in-person, once a week, once every two months, whatever they decide! To join the Mentor Directory, simply log into your account on dcpbk.org, click on "Profile," and select "Check below if you would like to be a mentor." Answer a few questions, click "save," and you're all set!

If you're searching for a mentor, please visit the Mentor Directory and reach out to any mentor that looks like a match for your needs. If you need assistance in drafting outreach, don't hesitate to drop me a note.

To learn more about the Mentorship Network, please visit <https://dcpbk.org/programs/mentorship>.

Elena Helmers-Wegman

DCPBK Mentorship Network Coordinator

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board

2023-2024 Officers

PRESIDENT: (OPEN as of January 1, 2024) Lindsay Osborne (University of Hawaii, 2021)

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER RELATIONS: Catherine Stallsmith (Elon University, 2022)

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBER EXPERIENCE: Kyle Coen

SECRETARY: Clen Damon Moore (University of Mississippi, 2020)

TREASURER: Reyna Yang (George Washington University, 2022)

At-Large Executive Committee Members

Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor

Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)—Past President

Liz Marshall Anderson (Lawrence University, 2009)—Past President

Kate H. Smith (Boston University, 2010)—Book Club Coordinator

Niku Neshati (George Mason University, 2018)—Membership and Outreach Coordinator

Rebecca DeSantis Randell (Washington College, 2016)—Past President

Advisory Council

Deirdre LaPin (Agnes Scott College, 1967)—Past Vice-President

Christel G. McDonald (George Washington University, 1986)—Past President

Additional Volunteers

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COORDINATOR: Campbell Nilsen (University of Oklahoma, 2017)

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS COORDINATOR: Sameer Jaywant (New York University, 2014)

MENTORSHIP NETWORK COORDINATOR: Elena Helmers-Wegman (Wofford College, 2019)



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