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## Conference Held in Las Vegas

The 2006 PSWA Conference was held March 23, 26 at the Las Vegas Club in Las Vegas. Attendees from across the country enjoyed a Thursday night reception, two information-packed days of sessions on marketing, writing, publishing and other timely subjects and the opportunity to meet and network with other writers whose work includes fiction, non-fiction, books, magazine articles, newspaper stories and other genres.

The conference also offered opportunities for attendees to sell their books, participate in a silent auction and talk one-on-one to our speakers.

Sunday, morning sessions were followed by our awards ceremony recognizing winners in the writing competition. (See article below for a list of all winners.)

Evaluations completed by those attending indicate that a good time was had by all, much was learned, new friendships were formed and everyone was encouraged to do what we all like best – keep on writing!

Next year, the conference will again be held in Las Vegas but will likely move in 2008 to another city. A committee will be working on relocating the conference and all input into that decision is welcome. Please contact [molsen@policewriter.com](mailto:molsen@policewriter.com) with your ideas.

## Writing Competition Awards Given

We were pleased this year to have 39 entries in the 2006 writing competition. Twenty-three of the 39 entries received awards in eight categories. The grand prize, a \$1099 book package from iUniverse went to novelist Eliot Sefrin. First and second place winners received engraved wooden plaques and third place and honorable mentions received certificates. Winners were:

<b>Book: Technical</b>	Andrew Borello First Place	Oral Interview Dynamics
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<b>Book: Fiction</b>	Eliot Sefrin: First Place and Grand Prize	Under a Cloud published by iUniverse.
	Keith Bettinger Second Place	Solving Crimes with Some Day and Lenny Published by iUniverse
	Jennie Spallone Third Place	Deadly Choices published by Trebleheartbooks
<b>Book: Non-fiction</b>	Trebor Nehoc First Place	The Electric Sewer published by Oak Tree Press
	O.J. McLaughlin Second Place	Tales from the Bat Cave published by Lightning Source, Inc.
	Steven C. Rose Third Place	Hit the Streets published by PublishAmerica
	Barry Horney Honorable Mention	On the Job unpublished
<b>Fiction: Short story</b>	Michael Berish First Place	Just Back from the Constellation Orion Nebula, unpublished
	Barry Horney Second Place	Newt the Friendly Pit Bull unpublished
	Dave Cropp Third Place	Valley Heat unpublished
<b>Non-fiction: Short Story</b>	Michael Berish Third Place	A Quart of Milk and a Loaf of Bread
	Andrew Borello Honorable Mention	Kung Fu Curt (published in True Blue)
	Steven C. Rose Honorable Mention	The Frozen Stiff (chapter from Hit the Streets)
<b>Non-fiction News</b>	Liz Martinez First Place	Gangs in Indian Country (published in ?
	Andrew Borello Second Place	Defining the Building Blocks of Ethics (published in Law and Order)

<b>Non-fiction Newspaper Article</b>	Volitta Fritsche First Place	They Never Stop Searching (published in the Hoosier Times)
	Breck Porter Second Place	Murder in the Cop Shop (published in the Galveston Police News)
	Volitta Fritsche Third Place	Dangerous Doctors (published in The Hoosier Times)
<b>Non-fiction Technical</b>	Andrew Borello First Place	Writing for Police Publications (published in the Law Enforcement Trainer)
	John Bellah Second Place	Los Angeles Sheriff Vehicle Testing (published in Police Fleet Manager)
	John Bellah Second Place	Cryogenic Brake Rotors (published in Police Fleet Manager)
	John Bellah Honorable Mention	Internal Affairs: An Investigation (published in Law Enforcement Executive Forum)

### Thank You Judges!

A huge thank you goes to our writing competition judges: Marilyn Meredith and Armand Mulder. Marilyn judged the book entries, Armand the articles and short stories. Both put in many hours of volunteer time and did a fabulous job. Whether you entered the contest or not, e-mail your thank yous to [molsen@policewriter.com](mailto:molsen@policewriter.com) and we'll forward your kudos on to them.

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