**Notable Writing Organizations**

• **Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators** (SCBWI), the singular organization in the country devoted to furthering careers of authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books.

• **Mystery Writers of America** (MWA), organization for published and aspiring mystery/crime writers, associated professionals, and readers of crime fiction.

•**American Society of Journalists & Authors** (ASJA), singular professional association focused on independent nonfiction writers.

• **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers** (ASCAP), singular performing rights organization in U.S. owned by songwriters, composers, and music publishers.

• **Biographers International Organization** (BIO), represents everyday interests of practicing biographers.

• **Investigative Reporters and Editors** (IRE), a must-join for investigative journalists.

• **National Association of Science Writers** (NASW), 2,200 science writers and editors and science-writing educators and students whose aim is to improve craft and promote good science writing.

• **The National Press Photographers Association** (NPPA), professional organization for visual journalists. Promotes creation, practice, training, editing and distribution of visual journalism in news media.

• **Poets & Writers** (PW), excellent resource for poets and literary writers.

• **Romance Writers of America** (RWA), the go-to organization for promoting professional interests of career-focused romance writers … through networking and advocacy.

• **Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc.** (SFWA), informs, supports, promotes, defends and advocates for authors, artists, and allied professionals. Deals with agents, editors, anthologists and producers in non-print media.

• **Sisters In Crime**, combats discrimination against women in mystery field and promotes professional advancement of women who write mysteries. A must for women mystery/crime writers.

• **Western Writers of America, Inc.** (WWA), organization of freelance writers of Western fiction and nonfiction.