

Sisters in Crime Checklist for 30th Anniversary Chapter Events

- Apply for \$250 Event Grant
- Event will specifically celebrate SinC's 30th anniversary
- Print Member Benefits Flyers to hand out at event
(*find link to flyer in Files section of SincChapPrez Yahoo listserve*)
- Use #SinC30 to tweet about event
- Read Statement from National (*Below*) at the event
- Send pictures to National for use on social media

Statement from Sisters in Crime National:

It started with a clear vision: “Sisters in Crime is committed to helping women who write, review, buy, or sell crime fiction. Our ultimate goal is to become a service organization to address issues of concern to everyone involved in the mystery field.”

That was the original mission statement of Sisters in Crime in 1987, when the first steering committee formed in a SoHo loft to discuss the state of equality in the world of crime fiction, sparked by an idea from founding member, bestselling author Sara Paretsky.

“The first two years of Sisters I ran everything out of my eight by ten office, with stamps sent by Margaret Maron and a generous contribution from Jane Langton,” Sara says. “Dorothy Salisbury Davis' support proved crucial—she was so respected by MWA members that she persuaded women like Mary Higgins Clark to join and she damped down some of the hostile fire we were getting from the mystery press.”

Sara's VP/President elect Nancy Pickard adds, “I remember being scared at the start. Our very first organizing meeting, I remember Sara at the front of the room, how brave she was, and how smart. It was exciting, fun, a little frightening. I remember thinking, 'In our funny little world of mystery writers, we have come late to the woman's movement, but here we are, at last.’”

Over the past 30 years, that funny little world of mystery writers has changed, thanks in large part to the work of Sisters in Crime. In 2016, MWA recognized Sisters in Crime with the Raven Award for outstanding contribution to the mystery field.

Our vision has morphed over the years, now serving as the voice for excellence and diversity in crime writing. Our ongoing monitoring project is a watchdog for equality among reviewers. Our list of member benefits includes 50 chapters, annual grant opportunities, discounts, and library support. Our membership numbers over 3600 and our community is unparalleled. And at our core, while we learn from our past and look to our future, our mission remains focused: to promote the ongoing advancement, recognition, and professional development of women crime writers.

Please join us in celebrating our 30th anniversary!