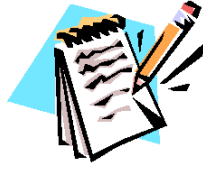


POWERTALK INTERNATIONAL  
SPR WRITING CONTEST



**IT IS TIME TO WRITE!** Decide which category you want to compete in. You may try writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. You may compete in all three categories. The *submission deadline is March 1, 2008*. Don't let the deadline sneak up on you. Dedicate some time for this challenge.

“The writing contest begins at region level. Active members of clubs in good standing, members-at-large, and members of unattached clubs/councils meeting qualifications as set out in these contest rules shall be eligible to compete. These rules shall be in effect until July 31, 2008...” is the beginning paragraph for the Writing Contest Rules for 2007-2008 posted in on the Power Talk International website [www.powertalkinternational.com](http://www.powertalkinternational.com). No changes to the Writing Contest Rules for 2007-2008 were issued. Please read and adhere to all the contest rules and deadline dates.

Last year a few members participated in the writing contest. Let's do better and have more contestants this year. There are many of you out there who can write and have not submitted an entry. I encourage each member to make 2008 be the year to enter the writing contest. The talents lie within us and we haven't tapped into them yet. Writing can lead to enjoyment, satisfaction and more benefits in the years to come.

At the first 2007/08 Council 2 meeting held on August 18, Liz Richardson and Sue Fielding presented an excellent workshop on the Writing Contest. This is just one resource for information on writing. There are resources throughout the region from previous writing contest winners and contestants who may present workshops on how to write for a contest. These resources can give valuable information based on their experiences as contestants. There is still time to ask for writing contest presentations.

Deadline for submitting your entry is **MARCH 1, 2008**.

Please send the entry (s) with an eligibility statement via mail or e-mail to:

**Hiroko Saigo, Writing Contest Chair**  
**hsaigo@netzero.net**  
**[See SPR Membership Roster for mailing address]**

Be sure to read the Writing Contest Rules and adhere to all the specifics in the rules.

So the challenge to everyone is to participate in 2008 Writing Contest. Choose the category you like the most, let your creativity flow, have fun, and do your best!

**Hiroko Saigo**  
**SPR Writing Contest Chairman**