



A note from our president, Gina Nelson

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Wasn't this year's Texas Two Step incredible?

I had heard Michael Hauge present *Story Mastery* once before, during the 2009 RWA National Conference, which was held in Dallas. Truthfully, I wondered how much I would get out of it the second time around. What was I thinking?

Hearing his extended workshop up close and personal made a significant difference. He provided more handouts, charts, and examples from films. He answered our questions in depth, even coming to the aid of two of our published authors. Sunday morning many of us stayed as Michael analyzed *Lars and the Real Girl*, turning point by turning point using his story structure techniques.

I'd like to congratulate the many of you who pitched your stories to agents and received manuscript requests. Well done!

Thanks to Marty Tidwell, our conference chair, and her team for another fabulous conference. Congratulations!

Don't forget, it's not too late to sign up to attend this year's RWA National Conference, which will be held in Nashville, TN in late July.

Oh, and one more thing ... our Writer's Roundup Retreat will be here before you know it!