The National Writers Union
UAW Local 1981 and
The Boston Chapter:
Celebrating Our
30th Anniversary
Our union is launched in 1981
We affiliate with the United Auto Workers in 1992
What We Do:

Workshops
Panels
Conferences
We organized five conferences named: “For Love and Money”
“For Love and Money”:
Power is a writer’s issue
Our writers’ conferences draw hundreds
We tell LGBTQ writers about the NWU at the OutWrite conference
National Diversity Committee Retreat in Twin Cities (MN)
Writers of Color Conference on “Challenging the Publishing Paradigm”
Summer planning retreat on the North Shore
National Diversity Committee retreat: Boston members are very active
Charles Coe hosts our Writers Life series at Cambridge Centr for Adult Ed
Member Grace Paley speaks at our Writers Life series
We go public with our demands
Peter Desmond sings about freelance writers’ blues
Journalists’ Query Support Group
Our first Writers’ Night Out
Porter Square; October 1989
Meet the Editor series:
*Atlantic* Editor C. Michael Curtis
We Launch a Poetry-on-the-T Project
We try out exercises to keep carpal tunnel pain at bay
Our outreach table at Bread & Roses Labor Festival
Activists organize a sub-local in Western Massachusetts
Queer Caucus reading at Barnes & Noble Bookstore
Steering Committee meetings:
Mixing work and fun
Charles Coe hosts an evening with the National Executive Board
Everyone wants our T-shirt: “Good Writing Must be Organized”
NWU’s 1st Postcard: Melville suffered without a Writers Union
NWU Boston journalists critique 25 top publications and survey 100 more
Journalists line up to read our *Insiders Guide to Freelancing in New England*
NWU’s first guide for freelance writers in all genres (1995)
Our comprehensive guide to making a living as a writer (published in 2000)
CD of 2002 print-on-demand seminar

Writer As Publisher
Independent Publishing Seminar

national WRITERS union
Book + 4 CDs
NWU’s American Writer Journal 2004
We had *American Writer* then – and now we have our *NWUsletter*
Library Display of Members’ Books
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A. C. Kemp, Boston Chapter
NWU on the Streets
Our first campaign: to help keep poet Dennis Brutus from being deported back to South Africa. We won!!
NWU defends Salmon Rushdie: stores return *Satanic Verses* to their shelves.
We spoof bookstores’ removal of Salman Rushdie’s *Satanic Verses* from their shelves
Writers Rights Day - MA State House
Writers’ Rights Day speaker
Protesting Boston Globe e-rights policy
Globe freelance photographers and journalists jointly call for fair terms
Our struggle for fair *Boston Globe* contracts lasts four years
We protest state cuts to the arts.
Freedom of Expression: Robert Mapplethorpe
We defend the value of our words.
To Penguin: Give U.S. authors the rights you give British authors!

Q: HOW DO YOU TELL A BRITISH AUTHOR FROM AN AMERICAN ONE?

A: ONE HAS RIGHTS, THE OTHER DOESN'T—ESPECIALLY WHEN WRITING FOR PENGUIN

We're here today to repeat that message to Penguin and to the rest of the industry: authors want fair contracts.

Book Publishers: IT'S TIME TO NEGOTIATE

NATIONAL WRITERS UNION
Protesting NY Times e-rights policy

"ONLY A FOOL WOULD WRITE FOR NOTHING"
-Samuel Johnson
Digital Bill of Rights
&
Campaign for
Digital Rights
Victories!
Contract and Grievance Division advises & backs up members (recovering $1.4 million to date)
We hand out best & worst awards to New England publications
Grievance and Contract Division: fierce defenders of members’ rights
Ploughshares Writers Sign Agreement
Journalists celebrate our *Boston Phoenix* grievance win
NWU-backed freelancer lawsuit against the *New York Times* prevails
We keep on keeping on

[Image: People holding a banner for the National Writers Union]
NWU joins Occupy Boston
NWU President Larry Goldbetter joins us at our 30\textsuperscript{th} anniversary party
Unions: The *Best* of America