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### **SISTERS IN CRIME ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sisters in Crime, (SinC) an international organization of female mystery authors and fans, has elected its 2007/2008 board of directors.

Award-winning author Dr. Roberta Isleib was elected president. In this role, she will lead efforts to increase awareness of the organization and further its mission of promoting women crime fiction authors and addressing gender bias in the industry.

Isleib is the author of six crime fiction novels including “Deadly Advice,” which was released earlier this year. The book is the first in a new series set in Connecticut, featuring a psychologist and advice columnist. She made her writing debut in 2002 with “Six Strokes Under,” which was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best First Mystery. The series, featuring a golf pro, also has been nominated for two Anthony Awards for Best Paperback.

Also elected were: vice president, Judy Clemens, Ottawa, Ohio, author of a series featuring dairy farmer and Harley-enthusiast Stella Crown; secretary, Marcia Talley, Edgewater, Md., best-selling author of the Hannah Ives mystery series; and Kathryn Wall, Hilton Head S.C., author of the Bay Tanner series, who was re-elected as treasurer.

“These women have been a very active members, speaking on behalf of SinC at conferences and events,” says Rochelle Krich, immediate past president and best-selling author of fourteen crime novels and numerous short stories. “We look forward to another exciting and productive year under the new leadership team.”

Founded in 1986, SinC now has 4,000 members, including authors, readers and fans globally who are dedicated to strengthening the voice of female mystery writers. In addition to support and educational programs, the group compiles and distributes statistical information of reviewed books to point out gender bias to publishers; conducts reader surveys about reading habits, purchasing decisions and author gender

preferences; created a book club database to connect crime fiction readers and published authors and launched the first-of-its kind conference, Forensic University, in Nov. 2007.

Sisters in Crime's mission is to combat discrimination against women in the mystery field, educate publishers and the general public as to inequities in the treatment of female authors, raise the level of awareness of their contributions to the field and promote the professional advancement of women who write mysteries. For more information, visit [www.SistersinCrime.org](http://www.SistersinCrime.org)

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