

WELCOME TO THE BREVARD AUTHORS SOCIETY

CORRECTION! THE NEXT BREVARD AUTHORS SOCIETY MINGLE IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17TH AT 2:00 P.M. TO BE HELD AT HEMMINGWAYS TAVERN, 1800 W. HIBISCUS BLVD. IN MELBOURNE.

AND HERE'S A MORE FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

During the 14 years of its existence, the Brevard Authors Society has been served by some wonderful and dedicated leaders who have inspired us, taught us, and coordinated our activities. But as in any growing organization, change comes.

First, due to a number of factors, Gene Vlahovic, our wonderful founder and president, has made the decision to step down as our president and as a board member. In many ways and for many years, Gene has been our example, energizer, and friend. We will miss his tireless leadership, but we're delighted to know he will continue to be an active and honored member of the Society and will still serve us in special roles and situations.

Second, there will also be a change regarding our dear friend Cindy Foley. As Gene Vlahovic's involvement as BAS president scaled back, Cindy has wonderfully stepped in to carry the load as our active/interim president. Now, Cindy will be stepping back from these "presidential" duties but will still continue to be a valued member of the BAS board.

And finally, the board has selected Richard Maule to be our incoming president. Rick is an award-winning author, historian, lecturer, and brings many exciting new ideas to our organization.

With these changes behind us, we look forward to what lies ahead. Let's all do our part to help the Brevard Authors Society to inspire and serve our amazing writing community!



OUR NEW PRESIDENT Richard Maule

Rick writes historical fiction. His first novel, *Moonlight Helmsman*, highlights the true story of Robert Smalls, a slave who masterminded a conspiracy to steal the Confederate flagship in 1862. The bestselling book has earned critical praise and twelve national awards. It was a featured title in the Smithsonian Museum and is presently being made into an Amazon Prime film, *Steal Away*. Rick's second novel, *The Witch's Advocate*, received six awards for narrative nonfiction, including the 2020 Beverly Hills Book Award.

Before moving to Melbourne Beach four years ago, Rick was among the top-selling authors in New England. Over \$400,000 in profits from his books have been donated to charitable causes.

His most recent novel, *Ghost in Paradise*, is a murder mystery set in early (1908) Melbourne Beach. It won the 2024 Don Argo Award from the Space Coast Writers Guild. His short story, *The Mall Walkers*, took first place in the Guild's 2025 Short Story Competition.

Author Richard Maule can be contacted at rtmaule@hotmail.com or 704-576-0966. His bestselling historical novels: *Moonlight Helmsman* (2017), *The Witch's Advocate* (2020), and *Ghost in Paradise* (2024) are available at Amazon Books and Amazon Kindle.



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