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**February 10, 7-9 pm, Napa Valley Writers Presents:**

***Not Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Why Relying on Self-Editing the Final Draft Could Be a Career Killer***

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SXZS4k61SA6PUexYVoIEew](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SXZS4k61SA6PUexYVoIEew)

Napa Valley Writers will host professional editor, **Brian Paone**.

As a published author of five novels dating back to 2007, Paone says he would never rely on his own editing skillset to be the final eyes on the work he is sending into the world. And the main reason is that *we*, as authors, are too invested in our own works; we can't see the mistakes or the clunky sentences or the awkward phrasing because it sounded correct in our head when we wrote it. Or maybe it didn't, but we can't quite put our finger on why. One of the most common reasons why we should never self-edit our own work is because when we are reviewing it for errors, we know the material so well that we fall into the trap of reading our own voice and become unable to see the words through the reader's eyes.

Paone has thus far published the novels *Dreams Are Unfinished Thoughts*, *Welcome to Parkview*, *Yours Truly, 2095* and *Moonlight City Drive Parts 1 & 2*. He founded and runs a writing group on Facebook called Fiction Writing which has over 125,000 members and has won numerous awards for being one of the top five best writing groups available online. Brian has been a professional editor since 2013 and has edited over 500 manuscripts for authors all over the world.

Visit his website: [www.BrianPaone.com](http://www.BrianPaone.com)

**Lenore Hirsch** will be February's Member Reader.

Napa Valley Writers, a branch of the California Writers Club, currently holds meetings via Zoom. Cost is \$5. Students with ID, free. For more information, contact [publicity\\_nvz@outlook.com](mailto:publicity_nvz@outlook.com) or see [napavalleywriters.net](http://napavalleywriters.net). Always open to the public. Please register via [napavalleywriters.net](http://napavalleywriters.net).

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