The Heinlein Society

19th ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

REPORT MATERIALS

13 SEPTEMBER 2020
1:00 p.m. PDT /
4:00 p.m. EDT
In Memoriam

We ask a moment of silence and remembrance for members of the Heinlein community who have recently passed away.

Roberta Pournelle
Widow of Dr. Jerry Pournelle
June 14, 1935 – Aug. 2, 2020
Agenda

• Call to Order
• In Memoriam
• Meet The Heinlein Society Board, Officers, Committee Members, Board of Advisors
• Timely Notice of Mailing
• Business Items: Roll Call, Quorum, Parliamentarian
• 2019 Minutes
• Reports of Treasurer, Vice President- Secretary, President
• Committee Reports
• Election Results
• Good of the Society
• Q&A Open Mic
• Mother Thing Raffle
• Virginia Edition Raffle
• Adjourn
Board of Directors

John Tilden
President

Herb Gilliland
VP-Secretary

Beatrice Kondo
Treasurer

Ken Walters

Betsey Wilcox

Walt Boyes
(Board of Advisors Liaison)

John Seltzer

Mike Sheffield
THS Committees

**Heinlein For Heroes**
John Seltzer

**Archives/Operations**
Deb Houdek Rule

**Blood Drives**
Carlin Black

**Webmaster**
Rob Hays

**Education**
Geo Rule

**Social/Worldcon**
Keith Kato

**Balticon RAH Award**
Academic/THJ
Dr. Herb Gilliland

**Membership**
Ken Walters

**Newsletter**
Caroline Lynch

**Scholarships**
Mike Sheffield

**Social Media**
Arwen Grune
Roger Christenson

**Electoral/Ensign’s Prize**
Betsey Wilcox
Will Hamilton
Timely Notice of Meeting

OFFICIAL Notice of Annual Meeting sent via newsletter notice on 07 July 2020, to comply with 30 days notice required by Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4)

Subsequent Reminder Notices sent via email, Twitter, website postings
Business Items

• Roll Call (Walters)
• Certification of Quorum (Gilliland & Walters)
• Walt Boyes is acting as the Sergeant-at- Arms and Parliamentarian
• 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified
Treasurer’s Report

**Useful Statistics:**

End of FY Balances (08/31/2020):
- Checking: $33,657.32
- PayPal: $11,225.31
- Savings: $29,375.87 ("Lifetime Reserved" Account)

Unreserved Capital Balance: $44,882.63

2019 Capital Balance: $31,908.38
2018 Capital Balance: $30,549.61
2017 Capital Balance: $20,435.89
2016 Capital Balance: $20,596.95
2015 Capital Balance: $7,571.74

**Selected 2020 Income and Expense Lines**

Total Membership Dues: $27,484.27
Total Donations: $8,075.22
Total Income: **$40,004.63** (includes Amazon Smile commissions, grants, etc.)

- Total Heinlein For Heroes Program: $7,839.92
- Scholarship: $7,500
- Blood Drives: $4,012.14
- Total Conventions: $227.34
- Rent: $1,068.00

Total Expenses: **$20,781.69**
This past year, around 93% of our outlay related to our “big three” programs—Scholarships, Heinlein for Heroes, and Blood Drive support. Most of our income comes from Membership Dues and Donations.

We spend your money where it counts!

By most non-profit measurements we remain a very efficient organization. We have several key members that donate operating expenses each year which don’t show up on charts because of accounting rules.

More detailed transaction reporting or the complete "budget vs. actual report" available by emailing treasurer@heinleinsociety.org
Vice President/Secretary

• Transcribed Board Meeting minutes monthly

• Edited Summer 2020 issue of The Heinlein Journal

• H4H. Retrieved one vanload of books from Alexandria and packed and shipped them to John Seltzer. Shipped another vanload retrieved earlier.

• Was member of selection committee for Heinlein Award given annually at Balticon.

• Attended Virtual WorldCon; served on panel at the Kato/Heinlein Society/Bradbury Center Chili Party.
President

- Happy 20^{th} Birthday THS!!
- Trying to keep pace with technology—moved to Google for Non-Profits services
- Had joint Trustee/Board Meeting with Heinlein Prize Trust
- Getting better at the “business” of doing good works!
- We can always use those with Project Management skills— you don’t need to be on the board or running a committee!
and Academic

- Dr. Phillip Owenby papers donated to THS
- Volume 2, Issue 2 now available!
- Downloads of all issues in PDF available
- Bill Patterson’s posthumous final issue, #24, offered free to all as well as Vol. 2 Issue 1.b
- Regular Members get a code for new issues.
- Coupons for free back issues for Life Members
- Coupons for $3/back issue discounts to Regular Members
- $5/issue for non-members

www.heinleinjournal.com
Archives

• THS image and graphic assets in online repository for downloads as needed
• Assembling inventories of physical and digital assets
• Files uploaded to Society Google Drive
Operations

• Deb Houdek Rule, Chair; John Tilden; John Seltzer; Rob Hays; Ken Walters

• First year for committee for operations of The Heinlein Journal website, publication and order fulfillment

• Expanded Operations include:
  • Seeking grants for paid help or more skilled volunteers to support Operations
  • Coordinating physical asset needs (such as tradeshow banners and ribbons, H4H needs)
Blood Drives

- Carlin Black, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
  - FY 2019-20—3,283 donors with 2019 Dragon Con
  - End of FY 2019-20—43,383 donors coordinated by THS since the first THS drive at PhilCon 11/2000
  - Double Reds count as 2 Units = 44,110 units donated!
- Covid-19 safety regulations cancelled most drives including Dragon Con.
- THS has instituted a Donor Wall page online for THS Members (https://www.heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/donor-wall/)
- Send a selfie when you donate to BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org!
Education

- Geo Rule, Chair
- Updated to Digital Online Distribution of education “download” materials
Ensign’s Prize Program

• Betsey Wilcox, Chair
• Ensign’s Prize books—Pirated hardcover books recovered by Ginny Heinlein in settlement
• Available in a set of 8 books or 7 individual books
• Initially opened to THS Members only
  • Opened to all last year—remains open via website/PayPal sales
• Income to date $5,000+

https://www.heinleinsociety.org/the-ensigns-prize/
Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair
- FY 2019-20: H4H shipped **4,980 books** in **350** shipments
  - Total since beginning shipping (Nov. 2013): about **28,830 books**

- **$7199.14** in expenses
  - **$2393.44** for books purchased
  - **$4805.70** for shipping

- Future: Expect to send ~ **3,000 books** per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses

- Books mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!
Membership Services

• Ken Walters, Chair
• End FY 2019/20 **518** Active Members
  • 18% increase over previous FY (+80)
  • Highest membership in Society history
• End FY 2019/20 **47** Lifetime Members
  • 34% increase over previous FY (+12)

• Engaged in Social Media outreach through Facebook and Instagram

MEMBERS NEED TO KEEP EMAIL & POSTAL ADDRESSES UPDATED
• Caroline Lynch, Chair; Walt Boyes, Publication Assistant

• Attempting to maintain every other (odd) month publication schedule

Keep email addresses updated and add us to your safe-sender list!
Scholarships
• Mike Sheffield, Chair
• 365 Applicants – A new record
  • 20 international applicants - most ever
    • From Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Greece, Ghana, Haiti, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Morocco, India
  • 80% of applicants were female
• Selection Committee
  • Mr. Carlin Black, Mr. Walt Boyes, Dr. Keith Kato, Mr. Geo Rule, Mrs. Susan Seltzer, Mr. Mike Sheffield, Rev. Sharon Sheffield, Ms. Betsey Wilcox
Scholarships

• 2020 Recipients ($2,500 each)
  • Charles Hanson— Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship
    University of Alberta; Senior; Mathematics major, but also studying biology, meteorology, and physics; Also won in 2016 and was a finalist in 2017
  • Tulla Bee Picardi – Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship
    Stanford University; Freshman; Neuroscience and Human Biology major, on a Pre-Med track; Multiple honor societies (math, English, history) and lifetime Mensa member
  • Samantha Townsend – Virginia Heinlein Scholarship
    UNC Chapel Hill; Freshman; Applied Mathematics and Statistics major with minor in Software Development; Her Instagram account - on which she posts mathematical memes - has over 60,000 followers
Our other top ten finalists in alphabetical order

- Catherine Anderson
- Kasandra Aulenbach
- Emily Black
- Rachel Hetzler
- Samuel Koblensky
- Hannah Reilly
- Erin Yuan
Scholarships (cont.)

- Certificates sent to winners and finalists
Scholarships (cont.)

Scholarships criteria

• **Virginia Heinlein Scholarship** (The “Ginny”)
  • Female undergraduate students majoring in STEM fields
• **Dr. Jerry Pournelle and Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarships**
  • Undergraduate students of any gender majoring in STEM fields or Science Fiction as Literature
• **All Scholarships**
  • Must be attending 4-year college
  • No age limit
  • International
  • Not needs based
    • Evaluated on 500 – 1,000 word essay
    • Community service
Website

• Rob Hays, Webmaster.
• Renewed the domain registrations for the .com, .us, .info, and .net.
• WordPress™ updates including security enhancements.
Website

- Deb Houdek Rule, web designer.
- THJ Operations—a lot of learning this year
- Future—merge THS and THJ accounts?

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Social: 2020 Wellington NZ Worldcon

• Virtual Worldcon operation on Discord, Zoom
• Tilden/Sheffield/Kato on THS Fan Table
• “Meet THS,” “Celebrating the Greats” panels
• Independent virtual party by RBC/THS/KK; guests from 19 time zones
  ➢ “Exoplanet Habitability” Dr. Julie Nováková
  ➢ PSA: “Middleton [PA] Public Library SF Interviews” John Grayshaw
  ➢ “What Is Wrong With STEM Education?” Dr. Estelle Blanquet, Larry Cohan, Dr. Beatrice Kondo, Dr. Brian Matsumoto, Dr. Keith Kato (M)
  ➢ “Bradbury & Heinlein In Academia” Dr. Jason Aukerman, Dr. Jon Eller, Dr. Herb Gilliland, Dr. Marie Guthrie, [Dr. Farah Mendlesohn], Alec Nevala-Lee (M)
  ➢ “21st Century Starships” Dr. Jim Benford
  ➢ “Interview With The Spierig Brothers” Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig, Steve Barnes (I), Dr. Keith Kato (I)
  ➢ “Big Smart Objects” Dr. Greg Benford, Larry Niven
  ➢ Other guests—Anouk Arnal, Amy Baxter, Ugo Bellagamba, David Brin, Cecilia Dart-Thornton, Juan-Miguel de la Torre Quesada, Sheila Finch, Andrew & Janica Hindle, Mari Kotani, Heidi Lyshol, Gerry Nordley, Yaroslav Orša, John Picacio, Eric Picholle, Kathryn Ross, Robert Silverberg, Rick Sternbach, Takayuki Tatsumi, Catherine Walker
  ➢ Video of talks TBD
Online Electoral Processes

- Betsey Wilcox, Chair
- Administrator: Will Hamilton (“Elections Commissioner”—heavy lifting)
- 5 Nominees—Joel S. Davis, Adam Gaffen; Incumbents Walt Boyes, John H. Seltzer, John Tilden
- 443 eligible voters
- 213 members voted (48.1%)
- Largest numerical vote in Society history

DIRECTORS 2020-23 CLASS ARE....
Online Electoral Processes

• Re-elected Walt Boyes, John H. Seltzer, John Tilden
• Newly elected Joel S. Davis
• (initial two-year term)

• Special thanks to Adam Gaffen
Ahead in 2021, 2022, 2023...

- 2021: Baltimore, MD, USA, Balticon 55
  May 28-31, 2021 (https://www.balticon.org/wp55/)
- 2021: Chattanooga, TN, USA, LibertyCon 33
  June 25-27, 2021 (https://libertycon.org/)
- 2021: Washington, DC, USA, DisCon III (79th Worldcon)
- 2022: Chicago, IL, USA, Chicon 8 (80th Worldcon)
  Sept. 1-5, 2022 (https://registration.chicon.org/) NB:
  $170 attending membership rate to 4/30/21
- 2023: Chengdu, China & Memphis TN Worldcon bids
- 2024: Glasgow, Scotland Worldcon bid
- 2025: Seattle WA & Brisbane, Australia Worldcon bids
Just For Fun

- 46th Annual Keith Kato Chili Party—“Virtual Food for Thought” was a success!
- THS also had a panel at Virtual Balticon discussing *The Pursuit of the Pankera*. 

Virtual CoNZealand DEAD DOG Party

[VIRTUAL] FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Good of the Society

- Work to diversify our membership
- Fundraising—always:
  - Direct donations
  - Estates
  - Grant proposals
- We always need Volunteers to work on committees, at conventions and LEAD by example

- Open Q&A—Wave, or announce yourself, or ask in the Chat Window. We’ll make sure you’re unmuted, then you can make any statements or ask any questions!
2019 Dublin Worldcon

- Fan Table operation; no THS programming
- RBC/THS/KK Party at Oscar Wilde House on ACD

Member Alan Petrillo on chili dispersal duty

Jason Aukerman, Director Betsey Wilcox on Quality Control duty

Party guests enjoying the expansive nature of the Oscar Wilde House

Member Heidi Lyshol Party Chief

Members Andrew and Janica Hindle. Janica, savior of the 2017 Helsinki party, did not have to translate Finnish grocery labels this year.
2019 Dublin Worldcon

Hugo-nominated Alec Nevala-Lee and Elections Chair Will Hamilton

Life Member Dr. Brad Lyau, Charlene Piper

Member and 2018 Worldcon Guest of Honor Spider Robinson

SFWA Grandmaster/Director Joe Haldeman, Dr. Keith Kato, and Gay Haldeman

SFWA Grandmaster Robert Silverberg, John Campbell Hammond (John W. Campbell, Jr.’s grandson) and Hammond’s daughter.

Member and 2018 Worldcon Guest of Honor Spider Robinson

Jimmy O’Connell (Wilde House), Jason Aukerman (Bradbury Center), Rowland Crawte (Wilde House) and Dr. Keith Kato (THS). Souvenir apron says “To Rowland, Jimmy, & Oscar Wilde House. Thanks for hosting the 45th Chili Party. /s/ Keith Kato”
Raffles

• All Regular and Lifetime Members who joined up by 08/31/2020 eligible except
  • Board of Directors and spouses
  • Members who removed themselves
• Those 1\textsuperscript{st} joined 1 Sept 2019-31 Aug 2020 assigned \textbf{TWO} drawing tickets
• PDF sheet of eligible names held by 3 Proctors
• Certified random number generator site \url{https://random.org} to be set for min, max numbers (=\texttt{EXCEL} line numbers) and run live, real time