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48 (a) As a Committee of the Whole, the Agenda for the Annual Meeting was technically waived.
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50 (b) The Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting of 1 September 2013 were distributed with the
51 Notice of Meeting.
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53 ***Treasurer John Tilden moved to accept the Minutes as written. Mr. Sheffield asked***
54 ***if there were any objections to the Minutes as submitted. With no objections, the***
55 ***Minutes were accepted by Acclimation.***
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57 (c) Mr. Sheffield asked for a moment of silence for William H. “Bill” Patterson, Jr., founder of
58 The Heinlein Society with Virginia Heinlein, and first President of the Society, who passed
59 away on 21 April 2014.
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61 (d) Mr. John Tilden then discussed his Treasurer’s report, page 9 of the briefing, noting the total
62 income of \$19,120.87, and expenses of \$17,581.57, and larger dollar items that entered into
63 both totals.
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65 (e) Mr. Kato then discussed the Vice President-Secretary’s report, page 10 of the briefing. Each of
66 the bullet points on page 10 were covered with respect to the change in Bylaws, the re-named
67 Society’s Academic Prize for Bill Patterson, and his adventures waving the Society’s banner at
68 the 2014 World Science Fiction Convention in London.
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70 (f) Mr. Sheffield then discussed his President’s report, page 11 of the briefing. He discussed the
71 Society’s Mission Statement, the Society’s increased support for Balticon’s Heinlein Award,
72 outreach efforts to the science fiction fan community at various science fiction conventions,
73 and possible homes for public viewing of three paintings owned by the Heinleins.
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75 (g) Mr. Sheffield then announced, as per page 12, that the three candidates for the Society’s Board
76 of Directors had won election: Dr. Jerry Pournelle, John Tilden, and John Seltzer.
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78 (h) Mr. Sheffield spoke to page 13 on Society’s membership numbers in lieu of Committee Chair
79 John Seltzer.
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81 (i) Blood Drive Committee Chair John Hodges spoke to page 14 on the results in the past year’s
82 efforts, and the difficulties on maintaining Blood Drives at smaller science fiction conventions.
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84 (j) Mr. Sheffield spoke to page 15, the continuation of the *Heinlein Journal*, which is affected at
85 the moment by Bill Patterson’s estate still in probate.
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87 (k) Director/Education Committee Chair Geo Rule then spoke to page 16. He discussed the
88 Education CDs, delivery now to home schoolers, moving to electronic distribution of CDs, and
89 the increase in the value of the Society’s scholarships.
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91 Note: At this point in the meeting, a 10th attending member arrived, but by the Bylaws no Quorum
92 had been established.

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94 (l) Heinlein For Heroes Committee Chair Dr. C. Herbert Gilliland spoke to page 17. He discussed
95 the origin and nature of the program, and milestones achieved. With the Heinlein Prize Trust
96 covering postage and shipping costs,
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98 (m) Mr. Sheffield covered page 18, activities maintaining the Society's website, for Webmaster
99 Rob Hayes.
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101 (n) Nominations Committee Chair Betsey Wilcox addressed pages 19-26. She discussed the
102 difficulties in the first attempt to hold an online election, especially when Society members to
103 do not know the names of others in the Society. She also went through the poll questions on
104 the electronic ballot in some detail and breaking down the poll data, as shown on the various
105 slides.
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107 **Good of the Society:**

108 Mr. Sheffield opened discussions on Good of the Society:

- 109 • Mr. Kato spoke to page 27, and efforts listed thereon on volunteers, membership, and fund-
110 raising.
111 • Re: page 27, Mr. Sheffield also spoke on the Heinlein Exhibit for the Missouri legislature's Hall
112 of Famous Missourians and his efforts to learn more about about how the Society could support
113 fund-raising efforts.
114 • Re: page 27, Mr. Kato spoke about Hugo nomination efforts for Bill Patterson's volume 2 of the
115 Heinlein Biography at the 2015 World Science Fiction Convention (Sasquan), and the Heinlein
116 undercurrents for the newly-won 2016 Worldcon in Kansas City. For the latter, this is the same
117 locale where Robert Heinlein was Guest of Honor for the third and final time at a Worldcon, with
118 the same committee (Kansas City Science Fantasy Society) that helped run the Heinlein
119 Centennial in 2007. Mr. Sheffield also noted that 2016 is the 40th anniversary of the first Heinlein
120 Blood Drive, run by the Heinleins themselves.
121 • Re: page 27, Mr. Sheffield spoke about an exo-planet naming effort, and the Society's interest in
122 naming a system and its planets after Robert Heinlein.
123 • At the point the floor was opened to any questions:
124 ◦Mr. Rule asked Mr. Tilden about what constituted the "uncategorized" income on the budget?
125 (Answer: Sale of Heinlein's bed.)
126 ◦Member Ken Walters asked about donations to the Society, and whether those are tax
127 deductible? (Answer: Yes, 100% as a 501(c)(3).) Mr. Walters noted the donations needs of the
128 Society were not prominent in the messages he had seen.
129 ◦Mr. Kato asked Mr. Walters about improving the communications issues the Society has with its
130 members. (Answer: Our approach is passive through the website and Newsletter, as opposed to
131 active solicitations.) This answer (approximately 1:25 into the meeting recording) was deemed by
132 Board members to be of key importance to our understanding in communicating to the membership.
133 ◦Member Simon John McNeilly asked via chat about supporting Blood Drives. The action item
134 was taken to coordinate Mr. McNeilly's interest with the Blood Drive Chair, in the Detroit area.
135 ◦Mr. Walters asked about using the 2016 Worldcon as a Heinlein Society-related activity. Mr.
136 Rule mused about a hybrid physical/virtual meeting in Kansas City. Mr. Kato mentioned the relative
137 lack of outreach to Heinlein fans who may be outside the normal science fiction fan community, the
138 logistical difficulties of getting people to the Worldcon site, then the scheduling difficulties at

139 Worldcon.

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141 **Valedictory:**

142 President Sheffield had announced he had chosen not to run again for the Board, and
143 was *de facto* stepping down as President of the Society. He said it was time to take a
144 break, not completely from the Society (he would still be involved in Scholarships and
145 Blood Drives). He thanked everyone for their support. Mr. Kato offered thanks on
146 behalf of the Board, and “Yea, Michael Sheffield! [from the play *1776*].” Mr. Tilden
147 added that good leadership leaves the organization better than when he started. Mr.
148 Rule added that at the time Mr. Sheffield took over the Society, no one else could have
149 commanded the unanimous support of the Board at that time.

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151 With no other business pending,

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153 ***John Tilden moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Geo***
154 ***Rule, and passed unanimously, 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.***

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156 President Sheffield adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM PDT / 5:25 PM EDT.

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158 Attest: The foregoing is the true and accurate minutes of The Heinlein Society’s 13th Annual
159 General Membership Meeting of 7 September 2014, and executed by me on 29 August 2015, Alta
160 Loma, California.

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162 Respectfully submitted,

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164 */s/ Keith G. Kato*

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ATTENDEES

1. John Tilden (Director 1)
 2. Geo Rule (Director 2)
 3. Keith Kato (Director 3)
 4. Mike Sheffield (Director 4—achieves Director quorum)
 5. Betsey Wilcox
 6. Herb Gilliland
 7. Deb Houdek Rule (Director)
 8. John Hodges
- ATTENDANCE AT 1:15 PM PDT→LACK OF QUORUM
9. Ken Walters
 10. Simon John McNeilly