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2 Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Membership Meeting of  
3 The Heinlein Society  
4 A 501(c)3 charitable and educational corporation  
5 Conducted as a phone-in teleconference via  
6 FreeConferenceCall.com  
7 Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 1:00 p.m. PDT / 4:06 p.m. EDT  
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9 Pursuant to written notice, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Membership  
10 Meeting of The Heinlein Society was called to order on Sunday, 12  
11 September 2015, 1:00 p.m. PDT / 4:00 p.m. EDT, as a phone-in  
12 teleconference via FreeConferenceCall.com. The meeting was the  
13 Society's second consecutive Annual Meeting conducted online as  
14 permitted by the Bylaws.

15 **Directors present:**

16 Keith Kato (President and Chairman of the Board of Directors)  
17 Geo Rule (Vice President-Secretary)  
18 John Tilden (Treasurer)  
19 Herb Gilliland  
20 Betsey Wilcox  
21 John Seltzer  
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23 **Committee Chairs Present:**

24 Heinlein For Heroes (H4H) (Herb Gilliland)  
25 Online Electoral Processes (John Seltzer)  
26 Membership Services (John Seltzer)  
27 Education and Heinlein Award Liaison (Geo Rule)  
28 Scholarship (Mike Sheffield)  
29 Exo-Planet Naming (Betsey Wilcox)  
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31 **Other Members and Additional Persons Present:** In addition to  
32 those members named above, the following Members of the  
33 Society were in attendance: Darlene Ainsworth, Thomas Cool,  
34 Marie Guthrie, William Hamilton, Simon John McNeilly, Fred  
35 Moulton, Gary Rubin, Deb Houdek Rule, Curtis Scott, John  
36 Strickland, Rick Surles, Juliet Vogel, and Ken Walters. No non-  
37 members were present. Total attendance was 20 members, of  
38 which 6 were Board members.  
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40 **Proceedings:** The meeting was conducted pursuant to Article IV,  
41 Section 1, of the Bylaws of The Heinlein Society, ratified by the  
42 Board of Directors on 14 April 2014, as amended. The viewgraph  
43 briefing for the 2015 Annual Meeting can be found at



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45 [http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2015/09/2015-annual-meeting-](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2015/09/2015-annual-meeting-slides/)  
46 [slides/](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2015/09/2015-annual-meeting-slides/) The Agenda of the meeting can be found on page 3.

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48 Chairman Kato called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. PDT.

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50 Meet the Board: Those directors and officers present (see above)  
51 gave brief introductory remarks.

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53 Timely Notice of Meeting: Chairman Kato reviewed the steps  
54 taken by The Heinlein Society to ensure the provisions of the  
55 Bylaws related to “Timely Notice of Meeting” had been followed.

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57 Roll Call and Certification of Quorum: Treasurer Tilden, acting as  
58 Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian, confirmed the attendees at  
59 the meeting, and certified a quorum was present as defined by the  
60 Bylaws. Vice President-Secretary Rule confirmed he was in  
61 agreement that a quorum had been achieved.

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63 Minutes of 2014 Meeting: The Minutes, as amended to correct a  
64 small typographical error, were accepted on a unanimous vote.

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66 Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Tilden reported current capital,  
67 exclusive of the account reserved for the Hall of Famous  
68 Missouriians Bust) was at approximately \$7,500, and income for  
69 FY 2015 was \$27,295.55 (with \$14,719.11 reserved for the Hall of  
70 Famous Missouriians Bust) and expenses were \$19,365.13 (of  
71 which \$5,000 was a down payment on the Hall of Famous  
72 Missouriians Bust). Net results, exclusive of the Hall of Famous  
73 Missouriians Bust project, was a shortfall of \$1,354.69, which was  
74 covered out of capital, but expected to be reimbursed by the  
75 Heinlein Prize Trust in FY16 by previously pledged dollars for  
76 Heinlein for Heroes shipping expenses incurred in FY15 but not  
77 yet recovered. Member Surles requested that the capital account  
78 be included on the slide (rather than verbally reported) in next  
79 year’s report.

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81 Vice President-Secretary’s Report: Vice President-Secretary Rule  
82 reported on his activities for the year, including the Society’s

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85 increase in contribution to 50% for The Heinlein Award presented  
86 at Balticon every year.

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88 President's Report:

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90 President Kato reported on his activities for the year, including  
91 conventions attended on behalf of the Society, and activities  
92 around the release of the movie *Predestination*, based on Robert  
93 A. Heinlein's classic short story "—All You Zombies—".

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95 Committee Reports:

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97 Blood: Ex-Chair Mike Sheffield reported on another successful  
98 year of THS Blood Drives, resulting in over 3,000 donors for  
99 FY15 and a lifetime total for Society Blood Drives in excess of  
100 23,000 units. Both numbers were exclusive of the recent

101 Dragoncon Blood Drive sponsored by the Society (for which totals  
102 were not yet available).

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104 Education: Chair Rule reported that the Society's education  
105 materials had recently transitioned to electronic delivery rather  
106 than physical delivery of CDs. Member Strickland noted that he is  
107 working with the Boy Scouts to update their space-related  
108 materials.

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110 Exo-Planet Naming: Chair Wilcox reported on Society efforts to  
111 lead a proposal to IAU to name a star and associated planets after  
112 Robert A. Heinlein stories and characters.

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114 Hall of Famous Missourians: Chairman Kato reported on the  
115 successful effort to raise the necessary funds to create and place a  
116 bust of Robert A. Heinlein in the "Hall of Famous Missourians" in  
117 the rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol building following  
118 MidAmericon II in late August, 2016. 38 individual donors  
119 contributed in total, with author Jeb Kinnison providing the single  
120 largest donation from an individual, pushing the fund "over the  
121 top" of its goal. The Heinlein Prize Trust matched individual  
122 donations dollar-for-dollar, and thus provided one half of the total  
123 amount. Kinnison's statement on the importance of Robert A.  
124 Heinlein in his life was also shared with those in attendance.

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126 Heinlein For Heroes: Chair Gilliland reported on the continuing  
127 success of the Society's program to send Heinlein and other s-f  
128 books to military members and their families. 3,182 books were  
129 delivered in FY15 to 263 recipients, and over 8,000 books have



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131 been delivered since the inception of the program. Chair Gilliland  
132 explained that Heinlein Prize Trust reimburses the Society for  
133 shipping expenses, with the cost of books covered by cash  
134 donations from Society members and in-kind donations of books.  
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136 The Heinlein Journal: Chairman Kato reported the late Bill  
137 Patterson's estate is still in probate, and that the Society will  
138 continue to seek an agreement with the family to continue  
139 publication of old and new issues of *THJ* in the future once probate  
140 is settled.

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142 Membership: Chair Seltzer reported current membership at 194  
143 regular members and 15 supporting members, a net increase of 28  
144 members over the previous year. Chair Seltzer urged all members  
145 to keep their email addresses current with the Society.

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147 Newsletter: Vice President-Secretary Rule reported that Lizbet  
148 Weir had recently taken over as Newsletter editor and has been  
149 doing an excellent job of producing newsletters to inform members  
150 of Society activities and RAH-related news on a regular basis.  
151 Marie Guthrie has also agreed to take over as Social Media sub-  
152 committee chair.

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154 Scholarships: Chair Sheffield reported on results of the Society's  
155 2014-2015 Academic year scholarships. Two \$1,000 scholarships  
156 were awarded to Elias Anderson and Timothy Brown. In addition,  
157 Chair Sheffield reported that due to the generosity of a new donor  
158 (who wishes to remain anonymous), Society scholarships for 2015-  
159 2016 will increase to three scholarships of \$1,500 each, with one  
160 dedicated to a new "Virginia Heinlein Scholarship" awarded to a  
161 female recipient with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering  
162 or Math) major. This will be an overall dollar increase of 125% in  
163 one year.

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165 Webmaster: Vice President-Secretary Rule reported on the much  
166 appreciated activities of our webmaster, Rob Hays.

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168 Electoral Processes: Chair Seltzer reported that 39.27% of  
169 members voted in the Society's recent elections for Board of  
170 Directors, and that Keith Kato, Betsey Wilcox, and C. Herbert  
171 Gilliland were elected to the three open seats for FY2016.

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173 E-Poll Results: Director Wilcox reported on the results of  
174 questions polled upon during the Society election, which included  
175 a willingness of 91% of members who responded to accept a dues  
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179 increase. Fund raising suggestions and future program suggestions  
180 received from members were also discussed.

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182 Good of the Society:

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184 Chairman's Perogative: Chairman Kato reported on future  
185 priorities including increasing membership, fundraising, and  
186 volunteers. He also reported on recent news of Heinlein-related  
187 news in popular culture, including the recent *Citizen of the Galaxy*  
188 graphic novel produced by graphic Artist Eric Gignac for the  
189 Heinlein Prize Trust. Lastly, he discussed THS involvement in the  
190 upcoming MidAmericon II Worldcon in Kansas City in August  
191 2016, urged Society members to buy memberships, vote for  
192 eligible Heinlein stories for the Retro Hugos, and attend a post-  
193 Worldcon "relaxacon" in Jefferson City for the induction of the  
194 Heinlein Bust in the Hall of Famous Missourians.

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196 Highlights of the Year: Chairman Kato presented highlights for  
197 FY15, including blood collection, Scholarship expansion,  
198 successful fundraising and progress on creation of the bust of  
199 Robert A. Heinlein to be included in the "Hall of Famous  
200 Missourians", H4H progress, and increased support for "The  
201 Heinlein Award" given at Balticon.

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203 "Open Mic" Member Feedback: Member Thomas Cool proposed  
204 closer Society collaboration with the University of California Santa  
205 Cruz (UCSC) and increased physical representation of Heinlein in  
206 the Special Collections library at UCSC. Vice President-Secretary  
207 Rule responded that the Board would be happy to consider the  
208 question and invited Cool to attend the next meeting of the Board  
209 of Directors for said discussion.

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211 Member John Strickland urged the Society to take strong positions  
212 on Space policy consistent with the beliefs of Robert A. Heinlein  
213 and representing the opinions of current THS members  
214 understanding of Heinlein's beliefs on this subject. Member Fred  
215 Moulton urged cautioned due to the "partisan quagmire" that could  
216 be entered by doing so.

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218 Member Fred Moulton requested that any future policy of posting  
219 members names online (whether for the purpose of making it  
220 known who might be eligible to be nominated for election to the  
221 Board of Directors, or any other purpose) be an "opt-in" policy



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223 only. Chairman Kato and Vice-President Secretary Rule responded  
224 that they would only support an “opt-in” policy.

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226 **Adjournment:** Chairman Kato entertained a motion to adjourn,  
227 said motion was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.  
228 The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. PDT / 5:30 p.m. EDT.

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231 Respectfully submitted,

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233 */s/ Geo Rule*

234 Vice President-Secretary

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238 Attest: Plymouth, Minnesota, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016