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2 Minutes of the 16th 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 10th, 2017, 1:06 p.m. PDT / 4:06 p.m. EDT
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9 Pursuant to written notice, the 16th Annual General Membership
10 Meeting of The Heinlein Society was called to order on Sunday, 10
11 September 2017, 1:06 p.m. PDT / 4:06 p.m. EDT, as a phone-in
12 teleconference via FreeConferenceCall.com. The meeting was the
13 Society's fourth 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 Betsey Wilcox
20 John Seltzer
21 C. Herbert Gilliland, Ph.D.

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23 **Committee Chairs Present:**

24 Online Electoral Processes (Betsey Wilcox/Will Hamilton)
25 Membership Services (Ken Walters)
26 Education and Heinlein Award (Geo Rule)
27 Scholarship (Mike Sheffield)
28 Academic/THJ (Marie Guthrie)
29 Archives (Will Hamilton)
30 Blood Drive (Carlin Black)
31 Heinlein For Heroes (C. Herbert Gilliland, Ph.D.)

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33 **Other Members and Additional Persons Present:** In addition to
34 those members named above, the following Members of the
35 Society were in attendance: Michael Booker, Paul Gibbons, John
36 Hodges, Lester Gibo, Andrew Hindle, Bruce Howard, Jake
37 Keaton, Fred Moulton, Caroline Seals, Sharon Sheffield, Deb
38 Houdek Rule, Tim Morgan. No non-members were present. Total
39 attendance was 24 members, of which 6 were Board members.

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42 **Proceedings:** The meeting was conducted pursuant to Article IV,
43 Section 1, of the Bylaws of The Heinlein Society, ratified by the
44 Board of Directors on 14 April 2014, as amended. The viewgraph
45 briefing for the 2017 Annual Meeting can be found at
46 [http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2017/08/2017-annual-meeting-](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2017/08/2017-annual-meeting-slide-presentation/)
47 [slide-presentation/](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2017/08/2017-annual-meeting-slide-presentation/) The Agenda of the meeting can be found on
48 page 3.

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50 President Kato called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. PDT.

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52 In recognition of the late Jerry Pournelle, Ph.D., a member of the
53 Board of Directors, who passed away two days before the meeting
54 having just been re-elected to another 3 year term, Chairman Kato
55 asked for a moment of silence. Afterwards, he memorialized Dr.
56 Pournelle briefly.

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58 **Meet the Board:** Those directors and officers present (see above)
59 gave brief introductory remarks.

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61 **Meet the Committee Chairs:** Chairman Kato introduced the
62 committee chairs, noting which were present.

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64 **Board of Advisors:** Chairman Kato invited Treasurer Tilden to
65 discuss the Society's new Board of Advisors, whose initial
66 membership consists of Dr. Charles E. Gannon, Mr. Eric Gignac,
67 Mr. G. David Nordley, and Mr. Howard Rosenblatt. The function
68 of the Board of Advisors is to advise the Society on issues of
69 interest, and represent us at conventions and other appropriate
70 venues on their travels.

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72 **Timely Notice of Meeting:** Chairman Kato reviewed the steps
73 taken by The Heinlein Society to ensure the provisions of the
74 Bylaws related to "Timely Notice of Meeting" had been followed.

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76 **Roll Call and Certification of Quorum:** Treasurer Tilden, acting as
77 Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian, confirmed the attendees at
78 the meeting, and certified a quorum was present as defined by the
79 Bylaws. Vice President-Secretary Rule confirmed he was in
80 agreement that a quorum had been achieved.

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82 **Minutes of 2016 Meeting:** The Minutes of the previous year's
83 meeting were accepted as submitted on a unanimous vote.

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89 Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Tilden reported current unreserved
90 capital balance at \$20,435.89, versus \$20,596.95 a year earlier.
91 The current year number reflects a transfer of \$20,435.89 to a
92 “Lifetime Reserved” account to parcel out yearly over 15 years on a
93 \$50/per Life Member basis. On an apples-to-apples basis, THS
94 total current assets are \$40,599.88 versus \$20,596.95 one year
95 earlier. Income for FY 2016 was \$36,773.30 and expenses were
96 \$17,469.19. Treasurer Tilden concluded by noting that the
97 Society’s “Operations Expense” (6.91%) and “Operations to
98 Programs” ratio (10.25%) position the Society as very efficient by
99 traditional non-profit measurements.

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101 Vice President-Secretary’s Report: Vice President-Secretary Rule
102 reported on his activities leading the effort to produce and
103 distribute the first new Membership Cards for Society members
104 since sometime before 2010, and reported the positive reaction
105 amongst members to the new designs. He noted most costs of the
106 project were covered by donations, including from the late Dr.
107 Pournelle. He also congratulated himself on his good sense in
108 being married to Deb Houdek Rule (who has served in many roles
109 with the Society, including formerly as a member of the Board of
110 Directors), and thanked her for her efforts in designing the two
111 new membership cards (one for Regular members, and one for Life
112 members).

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114 President’s Report: Chairman Kato reported on his attendance at
115 Loscon, Helsinki Worldcon, and the Mars Society Convention. He
116 participated in multiple panels at these conventions, and held his
117 famous chili party in conjunction with the Society in Helsinki. He
118 noted he is leading an effort to see what the Society can do to
119 support non-US based Society members in their home regions so
120 that their dues monies can flow back to “Pay it Forward” for the
121 Heinlein legacy more locally to them.

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124 Committee Reports:

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126 Academic/THJ: Chair Dr. Marie Guthrie, introduced herself, and
127 continued with her efforts to continue *The Heinlein Journal* after
128 the passing of the late William H. Patterson, Jr. She is also leading
129 the effort to collect and review the existing papers of Mr.
130 Patterson.

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132 Archives: Chair Will Hamilton introduced himself, and discussed
133 his future efforts to organize the physical holdings of the Society,
134 including artwork, other realia, and the papers and history of THS.
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136 Blood: Chair Carlin Black reported that THS had 3,530 donors to
137 the blood drives in FY16, for a total of 30,853 donors in the life of
138 the program. He urged members who attend cons that don't
139 currently have a blood drive to contact us to see if one can be
140 arranged.

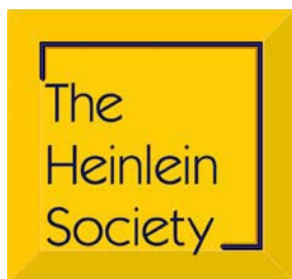
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142 Education/Heinlein Award: Committee Chair Rule reported that
143 the Society's education materials continued to be delivered
144 electronically to those who request them, and hoped to increase
145 awareness of their availability to the homeschooling resource
146 websites. He also reported that Rob Sawyer had received the
147 "Heinlein Award" at Balticon, and that THS had been represented
148 by Board Member Beatrice Kondo.

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150 Heinlein For Heroes: Committee Chair Gilliland reported that
151 THS had shipped 3,058 books in 297 shipments to veterans and
152 their families in the fiscal year, and 14,650 books overall since the
153 program began. He thanked the Heinlein Prize Trust for their
154 support in paying for shipping expenses for the program.

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156 Ensign's Prize: Committee Chair Wilcox reported on the success
157 of rebooting this effort to offer the volumes Ginny Heinlein had
158 recovered from a bootleg press and donated to THS to offer to
159 members, and noted the income to date for the program was
160 \$3,545.00.

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162 Membership Services: New Committee Chair Ken Walters
163 introduced himself, and reported current membership at 260 active
164 members, including 29 Life members, for a total increase of 21%
165 from the previous year, and the highest number of active members
166 of the Society since 2008. He also reported on his role in
167 distributing the new membership cards. Chairman Kato took the
168 opportunity on behalf of the Board to thank former Membership
169 Services Chair John Seltzer for his service over many years in the
170 role. Vice President Rule noted he had originally assured the new
171 Committee Chair it was a relatively low effort responsibility. . .and
172 then threw a project at him to distribute new membership cards to
173 every active member of the Society.

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176 Newsletter Committee: Publications Associate Caroline Seals
177 introduced herself and reported on behalf of the Newsletter
178 Committee that the Society had maintained an every-other-month
179 schedule during the year.

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181 Scholarships: Committee Chair (and President Emeritus of the
182 Society) Mike Sheffield re-introduced himself, reported that 163
183 scholarship applicants were received, thanked the other members
184 of the committee, and reported on the three recipients for FY17,
185 Alec Jobbins, Lydia Pscholka, and Emma Riedi. He also noted the
186 rest of the top ten finalists and noted for the first time they received
187 certificates memorializing their achievement.

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189 Webmaster: Chairman Kato reported on the much-appreciated
190 activities of our webmaster, Rob Hays, and the fact that he donates
191 hosting fees himself.

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193 Electoral Processes: Committee Chair Wilcox reported that 66.5%
194 of eligible members voted in the Society's recent elections for
195 Board of Directors, producing the largest turnout in Society
196 history, far larger than the previous (prior to 2015) Worldcon
197 based voting.

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199 Four candidates had offered their willingness to serve in three
200 positions, providing the second contested election in Society
201 history. Incumbents Jerry Pournelle, John Tilden and John Seltzer
202 were re-elected. Wilcox thanked all members on the ballot for their
203 willingness to serve. Chairman Kato noted that the timing of the
204 election in conjunction with the untimely passing of Dr. Pournelle
205 left the Board with the obligation to select his successor by
206 appointment under the Bylaws, with the eventual appointee
207 required to stand for membership ratification next year for the two
208 remaining years of Dr. Pournelle's term.

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211 Good of the Society:

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213 Chairman's Prerogative: Chairman Kato noted that "Ahead in
214 2018" that next year's Worldcon will be in San Jose, and that the
215 Society will be working with nearby University of California Santa
216 Cruz (repository of the physical Heinlein archives) what may be
217 mutually accomplished. He also noted continued emphasis must be
218 on increasing direct donations, estate planning, and grant
219 proposals. He further urged continued emphasis on increasing
220 volunteers and study of "use parity" for European and Asian
221 members dues.



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222 “Open Mic” Member Feedback:

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224 Member John Hodges asked how we might better serve European
225 members? Chairman Kato reported that the question was under
226 active consideration and study, and the willingness of the Society
227 to contribute is definitely present.

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229 Member Michael Booker asked about copies of L. Ron Hubbard’s
230 *Battlefield Earth* given out at DragonCon’s THS-sponsored blood
231 drive and the Society’s participation in the promotion. Vice
232 President Rule answered while that the Board was unaware of the
233 promotion in advance, the reality is that Robert Heinlein
234 considered Hubbard a friend. The Board of THS did not authorize
235 the promotion in advance, being unaware of it, but because of the
236 fact RAH considered Hubbard a friend to the end of RAH’s life,
237 there’s no telling what position the Board of THS would have
238 taken, if any, had they been made aware of the promotion and
239 asked for their approval in advance.

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241 Member Sharon Sheffield suggested a contact for grant writing
242 which the Board will pursue.

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244 **Virginia Edition Raffle:**

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246 Treasurer Tilden explained the genesis of the *Virginia Edition*
247 raffle and the rules for entry. Three proctors were in charge of
248 confirming the results as generated by random.org. Member Libby
249 Sharpe was declared the winner of the raffle once the result of
250 random.org was cross-referenced to the eligible entries.

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252 **Adjournment:** Chairman Kato entertained a motion to adjourn,
253 said motion was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.
254 The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. PDT / 5:32 p.m. EDT.

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257 Respectfully submitted,

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259 /s/ *Geo Rule*

260 Vice President-Secretary

261 The Heinlein Society

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264 Attest: Plymouth, Minnesota, on September 4th, 2018