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2	Minutes of the 17 th 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 9 th , 2018, 12:05 p.m. PDT / 3:05 p.m. ED7
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- 9 Pursuant to written notice, the 17th Annual General Membership
- 10 Meeting of The Heinlein Society was called to order on Sunday, 9
- 11 September 2018, 12:05 p.m. PDT / 3:05 p.m. EDT, as a phone-in
- 12 teleconference via FreeConferenceCall.com. The meeting was the
- 13 Society's fifth 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
- 22 Beatrice Kondo
- 23 Walt Boyes

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25 Committee Chairs Present:

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

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- 34 Other Members and Additional Persons Present: In addition to
- 35 those members named above, the following Members of the
- 36 Society were in attendance: Michael Booker, Michael Buck, Tim
- 37 Caddell, Kevin Ellingwood, Edward Finneran, Andrew Hindle,
- 38 John Hodges, Daniel Kurtz, Fred Moulton, Deb Houdek Rule,
- 39 Sharon Sheffield. No non-members were present.

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- 41 Total attendance was 24 members, of which 8 were Board
- 42 members.



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44 **Proceedings:** The meeting was conducted pursuant to Article IV,

45 Section 1, of the Bylaws of The Heinlein Society, ratified by the

Board of Directors on 14 April 2014, as amended. The viewgraph

47 briefing for the 2018 Annual Meeting can be found at

48 http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2018/09/2018-annual-meeting-

49 <u>slides/</u> The Agenda of the meeting can be found on page 4.

51 President Kato called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. PDT.

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

Meet the Committee Chairs: Chairman Kato introduced the
 committee chairs, noting which were present, and allowing them to

58 introduce themselves.
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Board of Advisors: Chairman Kato invited Treasurer Tilden to
 introduce the Society's Board of Advisors, including new advisor
 Sarah Hoyt.

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 64 <u>Timely Notice of Meeting:</u> Chairman Kato reviewed the steps
 65 taken by The Heinlein Society to ensure the provisions of the
 66 Bylaws related to "Timely Notice of Meeting" had been followed.

68 Roll Call and Certification of Quorum: Treasurer Tilden, acting as
69 Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian, confirmed the attendees at
70 the meeting, and certified a quorum was present as defined by the
71 Bylaws.

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73 <u>Minutes of 2017 Meeting:</u> The Minutes of the previous year's meeting were accepted as submitted on a unanimous vote.

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 76 <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Treasurer Tilden reported current unreserved
 77 capital balance at \$30,549.61, versus \$20,4355.89 a year earlier.

78 Income for FY 2016 was \$29,580.87 and expenses were

79 \$19,547.93. Treasurer Tilden concluded by noting that the

80 Society's "Operations to Programs" ratio (10.38%) position the

81 Society as very efficient by traditional non-profit measurements.

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85 <u>Vice President-Secretary's Report:</u>

86 The Vice President-Secretary reported on the Society's new ability

87 to deliver the 1941 RAH Guest of Honor speech digitally. He

88 further reported on editing (with spouse Deb Houdek Rule) the

89 new Citizen of the Galaxy graphic novel, and being honored to

90 accept two Retro Hugos (Beyond This Horizon and "Waldo") at the

91 recent Worldcon on RAH's behalf.

93 President's Report: Chairman Kato reported on his attendance at

94 Loscon, Slusser Conference, San Jose Worldcon and "El Dia H"

95 (pre-recorded). He noted he is leading a study effort to see what

96 the Society can do to create "bang for the buck" support for non-

97 US based Society members in their home regions. He further

98 reported on pursuing potential grant opportunities. Lastly, he

99 reported on the physical exhibit of the Heinlein Archives at UC

100 Santa Cruz and accompanying Heinlein-themed comic book.

102 Committee Reports:

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104 <u>Academic/THJ:</u> Chair Dr. Marie Guthrie, introduced herself, and 105 continued with her efforts to continue *The Heinlein Journal* after 106 the passing of the late William H. Patterson, Jr. She is soliciting 107 "young scholars" papers for the new *THJ*.

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109 <u>Archives:</u> President Kato noted this Chair is currently vacant and 110 asked for possible volunteers to contact the Society.

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112 <u>Blood Drive:</u> Chair Carlin Black reported that THS had 4,156113 donors to the blood drives in FY17, for a total of 35,300 donors in

the life of the program. He further reported that Dragon Con (post-

115 FY) yielded 3,167 donors. He urged members who attend cons that

116 don't currently have a blood drive to contact us to see if one can be

117 arranged.

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119 Education: Committee Chair Rule reported that the Society's

120 education materials continued to be delivered electronically to

121 those who request them, and hoped to increase awareness of their

availability to the homeschooling resource websites. He furtherreported he expected to begin transitioning this committee to

124 Director Walt Boyes in the future.

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129 <u>Ensign's Prize</u>: Committee Chair Wilcox reported on her efforts to auction off the remaining volumes on ebay.

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132 <u>Heinlein For Heroes/Balticon RAH Awards:</u> Committee Chair

133 Gilliland reported on the 2018 Balticon Heinlein Award. He

further reported that THS had shipped 3,533 books in H4H shipments to veterans and their families in the fiscal year, and

136 19,102 books overall since the program began. He thanked the

137 Heinlein Prize Trust for their support in paying for shipping

138 expenses for the program.

140 <u>Membership Services</u>: Committee Chair Ken Walters reported
 141 current membership at 358 active members, for a total increase of
 142 38% from the previous year. Efforts included 39 new members at
 143 conventions, Social Media outreach, and a successful inactive

144 member mailer campaign.

146 <u>Newsletter Committee</u>: President Kato reported that current chair
 147 Lisbet Weir has announced her resignation. Director Boyes will be
 148 helping out Caroline Lynch, and agreed with President Kato as to
 149 the importance of the newsletter being regular.

151 Scholarships: Committee Chair (and President Emeritus of the

152 Society) Mike Sheffield, reported that 301 scholarship applicants

153 were received, thanked the other members of the committee, and

reported on the three recipients for 2018-2019, Carson Butler (a

155 repeat winner), Reese Caldwell, and Emma Sebesta. He also

156 reported the rest of the top ten finalists. Lastly, Chair Sheffield 157 reported on the results of a poll of the membership as to whether

158 they think the Society should focus on increasing the amount of the

159 scholarships or increasing the number of scholarships awarded –

160 THS members preferred continuing to increase the amount by 161 56.7% to 44.3%.

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163 <u>Webmaster:</u> VP-Secretary Rule reported on the much-appreciated activities of our webmaster, Rob Hays, and the fact that he donates hosting and domain registration fees himself.

167 <u>Electoral Processes:</u> Committee Co-Chair Will Hamilton reported 168 that 55.6% of eligible members voted in the Society's recent

169 elections for Board of Directors for a total of 179 votes. Director

170 Walt Boyes was ratified to finish out the balance of the late Dr.

171 Pournelle's term. For the "usual" three seats from the 2018 class,

172 Betsey Wilcox and Herb Gilliland were re-elected, and Mike

173 Sheffield (returning to the Board after an absence of four years)

174 was elected to the open seat created by Dr. Kato's retirement.



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175 Ahead in 2019, 2020, 20

177 President Kato talked about future conventions that the Society178 might attend.

180 Just for Fun:

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President Kato reviewed rumored/reported Heinlein film projects that might appear in theaters in the future.

185 Good of the Society:

President Kato talked about the need of the Society to continue to grow, and the need for additional volunteers to make that happen. He also noted the "BACH Concerto" (Bradbury, Asimov, Clark, Heinlein) movement of legacy organizations for these authors to continue to work together cooperatively.

193 VP-Secretary Rule, noting chairing this meeting is Dr. Kato's last
194 official action as President of the Society, moved a vote of thanks
195 from the membership for Dr. Kato's long service on the Board of
196 Directors, Vice President-Secretary, and President and Chairman
197 of the Board of Directors. The motion was carried by acclamation.

199 "Open Mic" Member Feedback:

Member Ed Finneran thanked the Society volunteers for theirservice and accepting Retro Hugos on RAH's behalf.

204 Member Michael Buck thanked Society volunteers for reaching out 205 to former members to bring them back to active membership, and 206 wondered if *Virginia Edition* volumes might show up individually 207 or in smaller batches than a full set. VP-Secretary Rule explained 208 *Virginia Edition* limitations with publisher rights prohibited sales 209 of individual component volumes separately.

Member Andrew Hindle wanted to know if there would be a mailing list for Dublin Worldcon and was assured there would be a Newsletter outreach.

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223 Treasurer Tilden explained the procedures of using the random.org

224 random number generator to do the Society's raffles. Three

225 proctors were in charge of confirming the results as generated by

226 random.org. Member Cathy Lynn Carlson was the member who

227 joined at Worldcon to receive the Have Space Suit –Will Travel

228 graphic novel.

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230 New member Jonathan Darer was drawn as the winner of the

231 Virginia Edition raffle once the result of random.org was cross-

232 referenced to the eligible entries.

234 **Adjournment:** Chairman Kato entertained a motion to adjourn,

said motion was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.

236 The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. PDT / 4:35 p.m. EDT.

239 Respectfully submitted,

240 241 */s/ Geo Rule*

242 Vice President-Secretary

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246 Attest: Chaska, Minnesota, on September 3th, 2019