1. Minutes of Meeting
2. The Heinlein Society, 2020 Annual Membership Business Meeting; conducted via WebEx
3. Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:00 p.m. EST
4. Pursuant to the Board meeting of July 13, 2020 and follow-up Courtesy Notice, the Annual Business Meeting of the Heinlein Society was held on Sunday, September 13, 2020.
5. Directors Roll (present in BOLD):
6. John Tilden (President)
7. Herb Gilliland (Vice President and Secretary)
8. Beatrice Kondo (Treasurer)
9. John Seltzer
10. Michael Sheffield
11. Betsey Wilcox
12. Ken Walters
13. Walt Boyes
14. Joel Davis
15. John Tilden
16. Committee Chairs Roll (present in BOLD)
17. Academic/THJ (Herb Gilliland)
18. Archives (Deb Rule)
20. Board of Advisors Liaison (Walt Boyes)
21. Heinlein for Heroes (John Seltzer)
22. Heinlein Award Liaison (Herb Gilliland)
23. Education (Geo Rule)
24. Membership Services (Ken Walters)
25. Newsletter (Walt Boyes)
26. Online Electoral Processes (Betsey Wilcox/Will Hamilton)
27. Scholarship (Michael Sheffield)
28. Webmaster (Rob Hays)
29. Others Attending:
30. See ROLL CALL on last page, after Minutes
31. Proceedings:
32. Moment of Silence: Prior to calling the meeting to order,
38. present, in remembrance of Roberta Pournelle, Jerry
40.
41. **Call to Order:** Director Walters having certified that at least
42. ten Society members and at least six Board members were
43. present, President Tilden called the meeting to order at 4:10
44. EST. Director Boyes was named at Sergeant at Arms for the
45. meeting
46. The **Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting** were accepted by
47. acclamation.
48. *The entire meeting was conducted by use of a set of PowerPoint*
49. *slides. The material on the slides will not be duplicated here*
50. *This transcription records selected high points or remarks*
51. *orally added in the course of presenting each slide. Each*
52. *presenter gave a brief introduction of themselves.*
53. **Treasurer Beatrice Kondo** reported that our balances were
54. “comfortable.” She noted that 92% of our outlay was for our
55. “Big Three” programs, i.e., Blood Drives, Heinlein for Heroes,
56. and Scholarships. Also, that most of our income was from
57. memberships and donations.
58. The **Vice President’s** slide and **President’s** slide were
59. presented with little addition or comment.
60. **Academic:** Chair Geo Rule noted with fond pride that Yoji
61. Kondo had been the first Academic Chair.
62. **Operations:** slide presented.
63. **Blood Drives:** Chair Carlin Black noted that this was a core
64. mission of THS, having been started by Heinlein himself. He
65. noted the lack of in-person cons this fiscal year due to Covid,
66. but reported that 3,283 units were collected at the 2019
67. DragonCon.
68. **Education:** Chair Geo Rule reported that the materials for the
69. educator’s packet had been digitized, and could now be
70. automatically downloaded by any educator wanting them.
71. **Ensign’s Prize:** Director Wilcox briefly reviewed this program,
72. reporting $5,000 taken in to date, and consideration of possibly
73. putting the books for sale on Ebay. She pointed out that this
74. group included the “only known hardcover edition of *The*
75. Notebooks of Lazarus Long.”
76. **Heinlein for Heroes:** Chair Seltzer noted that all shipping to
77. beneficiaries (troops, families and veterans’ locations) was
78. done by him, while thousands of books in large lots had been
79. shipped to him from East Coast donations. He took particular
80. note of the special precautions (holding everything for three
81. days) taken due to Covid. He also mentioned the donation of
82. one complete VE set by the spouse of a deceased Society
83. member, for which a special home would be found.
84. Membership: Chair Ken Walters highlighted that our
85. membership was at the highest level ever attained since the
86. Society’s founding, at 518 and growing.
87. Newsletter: Slide reviewed.
88. Scholarships: Chair Mike Sheffield noted that the 365
89. applications this time was a new record, and that 80% of them
90. were from females—perhaps largely due to one of the three
91. scholarships being offered to females only.
92. Website: It was noted that thought was being given to merging
93. the THS and THJ accounts together.
94. Social: Chair Keith Kato covered the 2020 Wellington NZ
95. Virtual WorldCon; he noted the successful Independent Virtual
96. RBC/THS/KK Party.
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99. GOOD OF SOCIETY:
100. President Tilden described our efforts to diversify our
101. membership, including wanting more international
102. members. He covered the several ways of fundraising. He
103. encouraged members to volunteer to help on committees
104. and at cons.
105.
106. QUESTION AND ANSWER:
107. Geo Rule recalled the time when the asset total of the
108. Society was about the same as our income for this year,
109. and suggested expanding our programs given the expanded
110. resources. President Tilden responded that he wanted to
111. focus on solidifying and making more efficient our current
112. processes, perhaps looking into paying for some
113. administrative help. Spider Robinson then proposed that if
114. we have any money left after covering every need, we
115. should send everyone some [Keith Kato’s] chili. President
116. Tilden congratulated Spider on his good health. He queried
117. about a possible second Heinlein/Robinson novel. Spider
118. said he had “put all I had into Variable Star.” Addressing a
119. question about Discord, President Tilden said he had set
120. that up as an experiment, and did not wish yet to issue a
121. general invitation, but that if anyone at this meeting wanted
122. an invitation, they could email him a request.
123. Keith Kato provided photos of people and events at the
124. 2019 WorldCon.
125. Raffles: Using random.org, two prizes were raffled off to
126. the membership (Board and Chairs not eligible):
127. The Mother Thing Plushie: won by Susan Lewis Paciga.
129. The Membership voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:09
130. EST.
131. Respectfully submitted,
132. /s/ C. Herbert Gilliland
133. Vice President-Secretary
134. The Heinlein Society
135. 3553 Atlantic Avenue, #341
136. Long Beach, CA 90807-5606
137. Attested:  August 16, 2021
138. Arnold, MD 21012
2020 The Heinlein Society Annual Meeting Roll Call

1. Carlin Black
2. Walt Boyes
3. Doug Brenner
4. Scott Corzine
5. Joel S. Davis
6. Allen Driskill
7. Kevin D. Ellingwood
8. Vondi Forrester
9. Mike Galos
10. Lester Gibo
11. C. Herbert Gilliland, Jr.
12. James Herod
13. Bruce L. Howard
14. Edward L. Johnson
15. Keith Kato
16. Sean P. Kennedy
17. Robert G. Knowles, Jr.
18. Stuart L. Labovitz
19. Deborah Levi
20. Heidi Lyshol
21. Simon John McNeilly II
22. Lorrita Morgan
23. Fred C. Moulton
24. Bill Ritch
25. Spider Robinson
26. Gary A. Rubin
27. Geo Rule
28. Peter Scott
29. John H. Seltzer
30. Libby Sharpe
31. Mike Sheffield
32. Sharon Sheffield
33. Barry Sherwood
34. Paul Shiller
35. Shepard B. Stone
36. John Tilden
37. Kenneth Walters
38. Elizabeth Wilcox