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Board of Directors:

Virginia Heinlein  
(1916-2003)  
William H. (Bill) Patterson, Jr.  
(1951-2014)  
Jerry Pournelle, Ph.D.  
(1933-2017)

Michael Sheffield  
John Seltzer  
Betsey Wilcox  
Walt Boyes  
Ken Walters  
Joel Davis

John Tilden  
President and Chairman

C. Herbert Gilliland, Ph.D.  
Vice President-Secretary

Beatrice Kondo, Ph.D.  
Treasurer

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.
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6. **Directors Roll (present in BOLD):**
7. **John Tilden (President)**
8. **Herb Gilliland (Vice President and Secretary)**
9. **Beatrice Kondo (Treasurer)**
10. **John Seltzer**
11. **Michael Sheffield**
12. **Betsey Wilcox**
13. **Ken Walters**
14. **Walt Boyes**
15. **Joel Davis**
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17. **Committee Chairs Roll (present in BOLD)**
18. Academic/THJ (**Herb Gilliland**)
19. Archives (**Deb Rule**)
20. Blood Drives (**Carlin Black**)
21. Board of Advisors Liaison (**Walt Boyes**)
22. Heinlein for Heroes (**John Seltzer**)
23. Heinlein Award Liaison (**Herb Gilliland**)
24. Education (**Geo Rule**)
25. Membership Services (**Ken Walters**)
26. Newsletter (**Walt Boyes**)
27. Online Electoral Processes (**Betsey Wilcox/Will Hamilton**)
28. Scholarship (**Michael Sheffield**)
29. Webmaster (Rob Hays)
- 30.
31. **Others Attending:**
32. **See ROLL CALL on last page, after Minutes**
- 33.
34. **Proceedings:**
- 35.
36. **Moment of Silence:** Prior to calling the meeting to order,
37. President Tilden called for a Moment of Silence by those

38. present, in remembrance of Roberta Pournelle, Jerry  
39. Pournelle's widow, who had died August 2, 2020.  
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.  
97. **Online Election Process:** covered in slide.  
98.

**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.  
128. **The Complete Virginia Edition:** won by John Howells.  
129.  
130. The Membership voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:09  
131. EST.  
132.  
133. Respectfully submitted,  
*/s/ C. Herbert Gilliland*  
Vice President-Secretary  
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Attested: August 16, 2021  
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

