1. Minutes of Meeting
2. The Heinlein Society, 2021 Annual Membership Business Meeting; conducted via Zoom
3. Sunday, September 12, 2021 4:00 p.m. EST
4. Pursuant to the Board meeting of July 12, 2020 and follow-up Courtesy Notice, the Annual Business Meeting of the Heinlein Society was held on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

5. Directors Roll (present in BOLD):
6. John Tilden (President)
7. Herb Gilliland (Vice President and Secretary)
8. Beatrice Kondo (Treasurer)

9. John Seltzer
11. Michael Sheffield
12. Betsey Wilcox
13. Ken Walters
14. Walt Boyes
15. Joel Davis

16. Committee Chairs Roll (present in BOLD)
17. Michael Sheffield
18. Academic/THJ (Herb Gilliland)
19. John Seltzer
20. Archives (Deb Rule)
21. Walt Boyes
22. Blood Drives (Carlin Black)
23. Ken Walters
24. Board of Advisors Liaison (Walt Boyes)
25. Education (Geo Rule)
26. Heinlein for Heroes (John Seltzer)
27. Heinlein Award Liaison (Herb Gilliland)
28. Membership Services (Ken Walters)
29. Online Electoral Processes (Betsey Wilcox/Will Hamilton)
30. Newsletter (Walt Boyes)
31. Scholarship (Michael Sheffield)
32. Webmaster (Rob Hays)

33. Others Attending:
34. Sufficient for a quorum, as noted below.
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36. Call to Order: President Tilden called the meeting to order at 4:05 EST. He briefly introduced the Board members. He then
38. called the roll of all Society members present. He introduced
39. the Committee Chairs. He also introduced Teresa Robinson
40. with thanks for her valuable work on FaceBook/Social Media.
41. **Quorum Count:** Certified by Ken Walters.
42. President Tilden then announced Walt Boyes as **Sergeant at
43. Arms and Parliamentarian for this meeting.**
44. The **Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting** were ratified
45. without objection.
46. **Bylaws Changes** previously promulgated were announced by
47. President Tilden to have been accepted by 98% of 298 members
48. who voted. He added that a few minor editorial changes will be
49. needed, one having to do with splitting the offices of Secretary
50. and Vice President.
51. *The entire meeting was conducted by use of a set of PowerPoint*
52. *slides. The material on the slides will not be duplicated here*
53. *This transcription records selected high points or remarks*
54. *orally added in the course of presenting each slide. Each*
55. *presenter gave a brief introduction of themselves.*
56. **Treasurer Beatrice Kondo** noted two outstanding differences
57. from the norm: (1) Due to Covid, no Blood Drive expenses.
58. (2) The huge influx of membership dues largely because of
59. Membership Services Chair Ken Walters’ great success in
60. adding members. She also pointed out that the Savings Account
61. was used to hold Lifetime Membership funds, which were
62. parceled out over 15 years. She reminded everyone that we are
63. an all-volunteer organization, which keeps our expenses very
64. low for what we do. She noted that we also receive donations,
65. mostly to support Heinlein for Heroes or the Blood Drives, and
66. welcomed and new donations.
67. **Vice President** Gilliland announced his imminent departure
68. from that office now that it will be split from the Secretary
69. position.
70. **President Tilden** noted that much of his effort during the year
71. had been focused on improving our website. This included
72. merging the Heinlein Journal and the Patterson Archive sites
73. into our website. He also was attentive to maintaining good
74. relations with The Heinlein Prize Trust.
75. **Academic:** Chair and Editor Gilliland urged everyone to look at
76. the new Heinlein Journal despite the cumbersome subscription
77. arrangement. He noted the wonderful design work by his
78. associate editor, Mark Bult, and announced that it is now a
79. prize-winning journal, in a world-wide competition, for which
80. he congratulated Mark.
81. Operations: President Tilden covered this area, since John
82. Seltzer was absent. He emphasized the substantial work done to
83. organize and upload the Patterson Archives, so they will be
84. available on the Society web page. He also acknowledged the
85. valuable work on Deb and Geo Rule in this project. On another
86. operational point, he said he wanted to further improve
87. preparations for cons, such as advance shipping of materials.
88. Blood Drives: Chair Carlin Black noted only 206 donors this
89. year because of Covid restrictions, including the complete
90. shutdown of DragonCon, our largest source, but emphasized
91. that the Society had coordinated 43,431 donors since the first
92. draw at Philcon in 11/2001. He then reported from Dr. Alex
93. Coswell that the recent DragonCon (to be included in next
94. year’s total) had obtained 2,733 donors.
95. Education: Chair Geo Rule being absent, President Tilden
96. reported 27 downloads of our educator’s packet.
97. Heinlein for Heroes: Chair Seltzer being absent, President
98. Tilden reported for him, noting the “yeoman’s job” by Herb
99. Gilliland in shipping books from the East coast. He noted
100. that Chair Seltzer was storing all the books in his house,
101. and we would be looking into renting other storage space.
102. He reported 34 thousand books shipped to military
103. addressees to date since the beginning of the program.
104. Membership: Chair Ken Walters reported 835 members
105. (63% increase, and 63 Life Members (34% increase). He
106. said this was partly due to increased use of social media,
107. which he had moved into while limited in normal personal
108. activity by Covid. He noted we now had over 90,000
109. followers on Facebook, and expressed thanks to Teresa
110. Robinson for her substantial help.
111. Newsletter: Chair Walt Boyes modestly said, “Basically I
112. sit here and let Carolyn Lynch do everything.” The planned
113. publication schedule is now every other month. He noted
114. in passing that as our Board of Advisors liaison, he expects
115. to have things to report later in the coming year.
116. Scholarships: Chair Mike Sheffield noted that the 383
117. applications this time was a new record, and that most of
them were from females—perhaps largely due to one of the
three scholarships being offered to females only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon Sheffield moved to amend three articles in the
Bylaws. This would align the Bylaw wording with what we
are now practicing. These have to do with membership
rights, applications for and acceptance/rejection of them for
membership, and expansion of categories of books sent out
by Heinlein for Heroes. Her motion to make these
amendments was seconded and passed unanimously.

Online Elections Process: Chair Betsey Wilcox said that
Will Hamilton actually ran the election, as she was a
candidate. She reported that of 692 members eligible to
vote, 293 did so (42.3%). Three current Board members
were re-elected to new terms: Herb Gilliland, Betsey
Wilcox, and Mike Sheffield. She expressed the Society’s
appreciation to Jim Dutton for being willing to also put
himself forward.

Looking Ahead: President Tilden said we will have a
Society presence at WorldCon/DisCon III in Washington,
DC in December, and also at WorldCon/Chicon8 in
September 2022.

GOOD OF SOCIETY:

President Tilden reported the hookup of the Heinlein Forum
with the Heinlein FB group, on our webpage; also that we
have a Discord server.

QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Jim Dutton asked if it is ok to post Heinlein quotes, if
attributed. Herb Gilliland indicated it was, and President
Tilden concurred.

Rita Morgan urged the Society members to generate
Society presence at small as well as large cons. President
Tilden said of course, and we can mail PDFs of materials
and reimburse for the local printing/copying costs.

Arlan Andrews wished to clear up the mis- attribution of a
quote: he (Andrews) had said that the rocket landing on the
Moon had made a “take-off and landing the way God and
Heinlein intended,” and Pournelle had agreed.

Unfortunately, Bill Patterson in the Virginia Edition had
attributed the remark to Pournelle. He also wished to mention his filk on Heinlein’s death, “The Day That SF Died.”

Mike Sheffield suggested that as the Society grows, we might be able to offer 4-year scholarships. President Tilden said this was “a wonderful idea.”

Gerald Nordley then offered “thanks to all you guys for all the wonderful work you’ve done.” He also suggested that members with spare rooms might offer lodging to students, as that was usually a major portion of the expense of attending school. President Tilden thanked him for his work and presence on the Board of Advisors.

Raffles: Using random.org, three prizes were raffled off to the membership (Board and Chairs not eligible):

The Mother Thing Plushie: won by Robert Green.

500 Virgin Galactic suborbital flight chances: (Donated by Deb and Geo Rule) won by Wayne Gray.

The Complete Virginia Edition: won by Kyle Scott McAbee. [In the informal Zoom gathering after the formal meeting and recording were closed by President Tilden, Kyle McAbee declined the prize, a second drawing was held, and the VE was won by Rodney Ashfield.]

Walt Boyes moved to adjourn, seconded by Herb Gilliland. The Membership voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:23 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ C. Herbert Gilliland
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Attested: August 26, 2022
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