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Beatrice Kondo, Ph.D.  
Treasurer

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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.
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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**
16. **Committee Chairs Roll (present in BOLD)**
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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)
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31. **Others Attending:**
32. **Sufficient for a quorum, as noted below.**
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34. **Proceedings:**
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36. **Call to Order:** President Tilden called the meeting to order at
37. 4:05 EST. He briefly introduced the Board members. He then

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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

118. them were from females—perhaps largely due to one of the  
119. three scholarships being offered to females only.

**120. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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

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

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**141. GOOD OF SOCIETY:**

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

**145. QUESTION AND ANSWER:**

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

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

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

157. Unfortunately, Bill Patterson in the Virginia Edition had

158. attributed the remark to Pournelle. He also wished to  
159. mention his filk on Heinlein’s death, “The Day That SF  
160. Died.”  
161. **Mike Sheffield** suggested that as the Society grows, we  
162. might be able to offer 4-year scholarships. President Tilden  
163. said this was “a wonderful idea.”  
164. **Gerald Nordley** then offered “thanks to all you guys for all  
165. the wonderful work you’ve done.” He also suggested that  
166. members with spare rooms might offer lodging to students,  
167. as that was usually a major portion of the expense of  
168. attending school. President Tilden thanked him for his  
169. work and presence on the Board of Advisors.  
170. **Raffles:** Using random.org, three prizes were raffled off to  
171. the membership (Board and Chairs not eligible):  
172. **The Mother Thing Plushie:** won by Robert Green.  
173. **500 Virgin Galactic suborbital flight chances:** (Donated  
174. by Deb and Geo Rule) won by Wayne Gray.  
175. **The Complete Virginia Edition:** won by Kyle Scott  
176. McAbee. *[In the informal Zoom gathering after the formal*  
177. *meeting and recording were closed by President Tilden,*  
178. *Kyle McAbee declined the prize, a second drawing was*  
179. *held, and the VE was won by Rodney Ashfield.]*  
180. Walt Boyes moved to adjourn, seconded by Herb  
181. Gilliland. The Membership voted unanimously to adjourn  
182. at 5:23 EST.

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