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Secretary

Beatrice Kondo, Ph.D.  
Treasurer

1. **Minutes of Meeting**
2. **The Heinlein Society, 2022 Annual Membership Business Meeting;**
3. **conducted via Zoom**
4. Sunday, September 11, 2022, 4:00 p.m. EST
5. Pursuant to the Board meeting of July 11, 2022 and follow-up Courtesy Notice,
6. the Annual Business Meeting of the Heinlein Society was held on
7. Sunday, September 11, 2022.
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9. **Directors Roll (present in BOLD):**
10. **John Tilden (President)**
11. **Ken Walters (Vice President)**
12. **Herb Gilliland (Secretary)**
13. **Beatrice Kondo (Treasurer)**
14. **John Seltzer**
15. **Michael Sheffield**
16. **Betsey Wilcox**
17. **Ken Walters**
18. **Walt Boyes**
19. Joel Davis
20. **Committee Chairs Roll (present in BOLD)**
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22. Academic/THJ (**Herb Gilliland**)
23. Archives (**Deb Rule**)
24. Blood Drives (**Carlin Black**)
25. Board of Advisors Liaison (**Walt Boyes**)
26. Heinlein for Heroes (**John Seltzer**)
27. Heinlein Award Liaison (**Herb Gilliland**)
28. Education (**Geo Rule**)
29. Membership Services (**Ken Walters**)
30. Newsletter (**Walt Boyes**)
31. Online Electoral Processes (**Betsey Wilcox/Will Hamilton**)
32. Scholarship (**Michael Sheffield**)
33. Webmaster (Rob Hays)
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35. **Others Attending:**
36. *See Roll appended at end of this transcript.*
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38. **Proceedings:**
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40. **Call to Order:** President Tilden called the meeting to order at

41. 4:07 EST. He briefly introduced the Board members. He then  
42. called the roll of all Society members present. He introduced  
43. the Committee Chairs.  
44. **Quorum Count:** Certified by Ken Walters and Herb Gilliland.  
45. President Tilden then asked Walt Boyes to comment on the  
46. **Board of Advisors**, explaining their makeup and purposes.  
47. President Tilden then added that Director Boyes was also acting  
48. as **Sergeant at Arms and Parliamentarian**.  
49. The **Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting** were offered. Keith  
50. Kato asked why there was no list of attendees. President Tilden  
51. explained it was because no recording had been kept of the  
52. complete list. Additionally, one typo was noted. The minutes  
53. were then unanimously approved with the typo corrected.  
54. *The entire meeting was conducted by use of a set of PowerPoint*  
55. *slides. The material on the slides will not be duplicated here*  
56. *This transcription records selected high points or remarks*  
57. *orally added in the course of presenting each slide.*  
58. **Treasurer Beatrice Kondo** explained our four accounts. She  
59. explained how life membership money was handled, and  
60. introduced the new scholarship permanent fund. She said our  
61. big expenses were Heinlein for Heroes and scholarships. She  
62. noted that due to Covid, Blood Drive expenses were very low  
63. Treasurer Kondo reminded everyone that we are an all-  
64. volunteer organization, which keeps our expenses very low  
65. for what we do. She noted that we also receive donations, mostly  
66. to support Heinlein for Heroes or the Blood Drives, and welcomed  
67. any new donations. Sharon Sheffield asked whether the newly established  
68. Scholarship Fund would finance four-year scholarships as well  
69. as single-year? President Tilden replied that that was not  
70. presently planned.  
71. **Secretary:** Nothing to add.  
72. **Vice President:** There was no slide for this position, but  
73. President Tilden noted that Ken Walters has been shadowing  
74. him for some time in preparation to assume that office.  
75. **President Tilden's** extensive written report drew little  
76. additional comment. He was pleased to have worked with the  
77. Heinlein Prize Trust in getting some more RAH books into  
78. eBook form. He reported that the Trust was working on getting  
79. the Archive back into working order. He encouraged new  
80. volunteers to join in the Society's various activities.

81. **Academic:** Chair Herb Gilliland noted the superb work on *The*  
82. *Heinlein Journal* of his Managing Editor and Designer, Mark Bult.  
83. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the Heinlein Journal. He  
84. also encouraged anyone with an idea for a scholarly piece on  
85. Heinlein to get in touch with him.

86. **Archives:** Chair John Seltzer reported that the Bill Patterson  
87. materials were now fully prepared and available via the Society  
88. web page. He said that as for the Robert Heinlein Archives, an  
89. interested person should contact him or Herb Gilliland.

90. **Operations:** President Tilden acknowledged that difficulties  
91. had been experienced by people trying to effect membership  
92. payments, and said that one project for the coming year was to  
93. improve the process.

94. **Blood Drives:** Chair Carlin Black noted that the Blood Drives  
95. have been “very heavily hit” by Covid, including a great  
96. shortage of staff to extract the blood. He said we had obtained  
97. 50,897 units (counting Double Reds as 2x) to date. He said we  
98. still maintained a donor wall, and explained the process for  
99. that.

100. President Tilden expressed great pleasure at the achievement of  
101. over 50,000 donations.

102. **Education:** Chair Geo Rule reported 16 downloads of our  
103. educator’s packet this year.

104. **Heinlein for Heroes:** Chair Seltzer reported that he had  
105. shipped 38,000 books since beginning the program in 2013.  
106. He reminded us that it was Deb Houdek’s idea, and she  
107. verified that. President Tilden mentioned that Galaxy Press  
108. had donated books to us, among others, and noted that John  
109. Seltzer filled all the SF requests from Operation Paperback.  
110. Chair Seltzer noted that Tony Weisskopf (Baen Books)  
111. was also a large donor. It was also noted that Shahid Mahmud’s  
112. Caezik Press, though small, regularly donated when asked.

113. **Membership:** Chair Ken Walters reported “another really  
114. good year,” with 1,080 members (29% increase, and 73  
115. Life Members )(16% increase). This was our first year over  
116. a thousand members, so also our highest ever. He noted we  
117. now had over 218,000 followers on Facebook, and  
118. regularly touching 30 to 50 million people. He expressed  
119. thanks to Teresa Robinson for her valuable work on social  
120. media. A question was asked about the Heinlein Forum.

121. President Tilden said the Heinlein Forum was distinct and  
122. had about 3,100 members.

123. **Newsletter:** Chair Walt Boyes asked if anyone having  
124. interest or experience in newsletter production would  
125. contact him.

126. **Scholarships:** Chair Mike Sheffield noted that the 567  
127. applications this time was a new record, and that most of  
128. them were from females (440/567)—perhaps largely due to  
129. one of the three scholarships being offered to females only  
130. He noted the addition of the fourth (Robert A. Heinlein)  
131. scholarship this year. He was pleased to see 53  
132. international applicants, though only one has obtained a  
133. scholarship to date. Director Wilcox urged new volunteers  
134. to be readers in the scholarship process, and was echoed by  
135. Chair Sheffield. Five members (Samantha Potter, Nancy Berkhoff,  
136. Gerald Nordley, Julie Wilusz, Graham Middleton)  
137. volunteered, as did, oddly, one non-member.

138. **Electoral Process:** Chair Wilcox noted that 343 members  
139. voted, about 36.5 % of those eligible. She added that  
140. due to the increase in membership, we would be looking  
141. into various vendors to support the process. She reported  
142. that the three incumbents were re-elected, and thanked  
143. Mike Shaw for putting himself forward as a candidate. She  
144. encouraged anyone to get involved in any of our Society  
145. activities.

146. **Chicon 8 Party:** President Tilden described it as *wonderful*.  
147. Keith Kato said the venue (The American Writers Museum) was even  
148. more wonderful than the Oscar Wilde House in Dublin.

149. **Our New Scholarship Fund was announced by President**  
150. **Tilden, with a goal of \$400,000 to provide income**  
151. **supporting the annual scholarships.** He said that with a  
152. major donation of \$50,000 coming, the total now was over  
153. \$100,000. He mentioned that the Trust had given us some  
154. books from Heinlein’s personal library, that would be used as  
155. premiums for large donations to this fund. He urged  
156. members to consider making donations to the fund in any  
157. of various ways. In response to a query, he briefly  
158. explained some of the mechanisms by which a donation  
159. could be made.

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161. **GOOD OF SOCIETY:**

162. President Tilden praised Mike Sheffield's appearance on a  
163. recent videocast. After briefly reviewing various Society  
164. efforts, he opened the floor for Q&A.

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166. **QUESTION AND ANSWER:**

167. Member Graham Middleton reported on his wife's heart

168. attack while visiting family in Florida, leading to a triple

169. bypass requiring nine units of blood, so they appreciate the

170. Society's Blood Drive program.

171. Kenn Bates commented that assuming the Scholarship Fund

172. was \$400k and conservatively invested to get 4%, it should

173. work as planned. President Tilden agreed.

174. Gerald Nordley mentioned that Heinlein had been working

175. on *Rocketship Galileo* in 1946. (Nordley had been on the

176. Chicon "1946" panel, for which President Tilden expressed

177. thanks.) President Tilden also noted a Heinlein mention on

178. the Nichelle Nichols panel.

179. Penn Hackney asked if the Society had any paid employees.

180. President Tilden said that we did not, but relied upon our

181. unpaid volunteers, some of whom also donated

182. considerable expenses. He said we did hire consultants for

183. special needs, and anticipated that practice was likely to

184. expand. Penn Hackney then asked where can one buy one

185. of those shirts President Tilden and others were wearing.

186. The reply was that we had given away the last one, and that

187. batch, though somewhat expensive, had been donated by

188. the Rules.(Post meeting Deb Rule sent along info to the Board.)

189. Keith Kato then said that the success in surpassing 50,000 was

190. such that the fan press should be notified of it.

191. Tricia Nelson asked for help with her local library, and said

192. "if you are in Minnesota, look me up." President Tilden

193. said we should be able to help.

194. Libby Sharpe complimented Teresa Robinson, who said "thank

195. you!" President Tilden expressed his pleasure at having

196. seen Teresa in person at Balticon after twenty years.

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198. **Raffles:** Using random.org, two prizes were raffled off to

199. the membership (Board and Chairs not eligible):

200. **The Mother Thing Plushie:** won by new member Terrence

201. Somerville.
202. **The Complete Virginia Edition:** won by Frank Jenkins.
203. Walt Boyes moved to adjourn, seconded by Ken Walters.
204. The Membership voted unanimously to adjourn
205. at 5:32 EST.
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207. Respectfully submitted,  
*/s/ C. Herbert Gilliland*  
Secretary  
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Attested: September 20, 2022  
Arnold, MD 21012

**Attendance Roll, Taken by Vice President Ken Walters**

JOHN TILDEN  
KENNETH WALTERS  
C. HERBERT GILLILAND, JR.  
BEATRICE KONDO  
JOHN H. SELTZER  
ELIZABETH WILCOX  
WALT BOYES  
MIKE SHEFFIELD  
SHARON SHEFFIELD  
KEITH G. KATO  
CARLIN J. BLACK  
GEO RULE  
DEB RULE  
SAMANTHA POTTER  
TERESA L. ROBINSON  
MIKE WHEELER  
WREN HARRIS  
LESTER GIBO  
DARLENE AINSWORTH  
MARY HOPKINS  
LORRITA MORGAN  
ANTHONY DOMINELLO

BRIAN CROWE  
ANDREW HINDLE  
RUSSELL KINNARD  
PATRICIA NELSON  
GARY A. RUBIN  
DAN HENDERSON  
SIMON JOHN McNEILLY, II  
KEVIN PARRIS  
PENN HACKNEY  
KEN HAYS  
JOHN J. HOLLOWELL  
URSULA KONDO  
VONDI FORRESTER  
FRANKLIN COLEMAN  
JOACHIM STEIDEL  
GERALD D. NORDLEY  
BRIAN CROWE  
GORDON G. SOLLARS, PhD  
GRAHAM MIDDLETON  
LIBBY SHARPE  
STUART L. LABOVITZ  
JOHN GRIGG  
KENN S. BATES  
EDWARD FINNERAN  
JULIE WILUSZ  
SAMANTHA FENROW  
NANCY BERKOFF (guest, joined post meeting)  
MANU CHOPRA - Definitely not a member and ejected.

Drawing Winners not in attendance  
TERRENCE SOMERVILLE – Mother Thing  
FRANK JENKINS – Virginia Edition