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2 Minutes of the 15th Annual General Membership Meeting of
3 The Heinlein Society
4 A 501(c)(3) charitable and educational corporation
5 Conducted as a phone-in teleconference via
6 FreeConferenceCall.com
7 Sunday, September 11th, 2016, 1:03 p.m. PDT / 4:03 p.m. EDT
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9 Pursuant to written notice, the 15th Annual General Membership
10 Meeting of The Heinlein Society was called to order on Sunday, 11
11 September 2016, 1:03 p.m. PDT / 4:03 p.m. EDT, as a phone-in
12 teleconference via FreeConferenceCall.com. The meeting was the
13 Society's third consecutive Annual Meeting conducted online as
14 permitted by the Bylaws.

15 **Directors present:**

16 Keith Kato (President and Chairman of the Board of Directors)
17 Geo Rule (Vice President-Secretary, Chairman Pro Tempore)
18 John Tilden (Treasurer)
19 Betsey Wilcox
20 John Seltzer
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22 **Committee Chairs Present:**

23 Online Electoral Processes (Betsey Wilcox)
24 Membership Services (John Seltzer)
25 Education and Heinlein Award Liaison (Geo Rule)
26 Scholarship (Mike Sheffield)
27 Archives (Tom Cool)
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29 **Other Members and Additional Persons Present:** In addition to
30 those members named above, the following Members of the
31 Society were in attendance: Darlene Ainsworth, Marie Guthrie,
32 William Hamilton, Fred Moulton, Gerald Nordley, Deb Houdek
33 Rule, John Strickland, Juliet Vogel, and Ken Walters. No non-
34 members were present. Total attendance was 15 members, of
35 which 5 were Board members.

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37 **Proceedings:** The meeting was conducted pursuant to Article IV,
38 Section 1, of the Bylaws of The Heinlein Society, ratified by the
39 Board of Directors on 14 April 2014, as amended. The viewgraph
40 briefing for the 2016 Annual Meeting can be found at



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42 [http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2016/09/2016-annual-meeting-](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2016/09/2016-annual-meeting-slides/)
43 [slides/](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/2016/09/2016-annual-meeting-slides/) The Agenda of the meeting can be found on page 3.

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45 Vice President-Secretary Rule called the meeting to order at 1:03
46 p.m. PDT, by explaining that while Society president Kato was
47 present and would contribute at points, he was still recovering
48 from a recent illness and did not have the requisite energy to
49 undertake the amount of talking that chairing the meeting requires.

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51 Moment of Silence for 9-11 Anniversary: Recognizing the gravity
52 of the anniversary, all present observed a moment of silence in
53 remembrance.

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55 Meet the Board: Those directors and officers present (see above)
56 gave brief introductory remarks.

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58 Timely Notice of Meeting: Chairman Pro Tempore Rule reviewed
59 the steps taken by The Heinlein Society to ensure the provisions of
60 the Bylaws related to “Timely Notice of Meeting” had been
61 followed.

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63 Roll Call and Certification of Quorum: Treasurer Tilden, acting as
64 Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian, confirmed the attendees at
65 the meeting, and certified a quorum was present as defined by the
66 Bylaws. Vice President-Secretary Rule confirmed he was in
67 agreement that a quorum had been achieved.

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69 Minutes of 2015 Meeting: The Minutes of the previous year’s
70 meeting were accepted as submitted on a unanimous vote.

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72 Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Tilden reported current capital at
73 approximately \$20,596.95, versus \$7,571.14 a year earlier. The
74 current year number reflects roughly \$12,000 income from the
75 new life membership category –Treasurer Tilden noted plans were
76 under way to release funds proportionally from that income on a
77 yearly basis (rather than spend it all at once), but had not yet been
78 finalized. Income for FY 2016 was \$28,689.10 and expenses were
79 \$24,921.20.

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81 Vice President-Secretary’s Report: Vice President-Secretary Rule
82 reported on his activities for the year, and noted he would be
83 leading an effort to produce the Society’s first new membership
84 cards in many years in 2017.

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89 President's Report: Chairman Pro Tem Rule reported on President
90 Kato's activities for the year on his behalf, including conventions
91 attended representing the Society, and his yeoman work in
92 preparation and transportation of Society assets to and from
93 Worldcon, and the Jefferson City "Relaxacon" surrounding the
94 Hall of Famous Missourians induction ceremony of Robert A.
95 Heinlein's bust.

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97 Committee Reports:

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99 Blood: Treasurer Tilden reported on another successful year of
100 THS Blood Drives, resulting in over 2,800 donors for FY16 and a
101 lifetime total for Society Blood Drives in excess of 25,000 units.
102 Both numbers were exclusive of the recent Dragoncon Blood
103 Drive sponsored by the Society (for which totals were not yet
104 available).

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106 Education: Committee Chair Rule reported that the Society's
107 education materials continued to be delivered electronically to
108 those who request them, and hoped to increase awareness of their
109 availability to the homeschooling resource websites.

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111 Hall of Famous Missourians: Chairman Pro Tem Rule reviewed
112 the just successfully completed effort to place a bust of Robert A.
113 Heinlein in the Hall of Famous Missourians in the rotunda of the
114 Missouri state capitol building, and shared pictures of the
115 completed bust and plaque from the induction ceremony in the
116 legislative chambers of the Missouri legislature.

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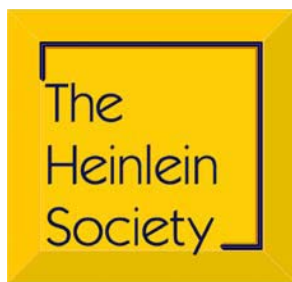
118 Heinlein For Heroes: Director Seltzer (who does most of the
119 shipping for the program) reported on the continuing success of the
120 Society's program to send Heinlein and other s-f books to military
121 members and their families. 3,600 books were delivered in FY16
122 to 327 recipients, and over 11,600 books have been delivered since
123 the inception of the program.

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125 The Heinlein Journal: Academic Chair Marie Guthrie, Ph.D.
126 reported the late Bill Patterson's estate has passed probate, and
127 THJ has gained permission from the estate to sell back issues of
128 THJ and publish new issues as well. She reported on future plans
129 to resume publication of THJ.

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131 Membership: Committee Chair Seltzer reported current
132 membership at 198 regular members, 16 life members, and 15
133 supporting members. Chair Seltzer urged members to keep



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134 Email addresses current with the Society.

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136 Newsletter Committee: Chairman Pro Tem Rule reported that the
137 Newsletter has continued regular publication on an every other
138 month schedule and commended Committee Chair Weir and social
139 media volunteer Guthrie. Doctor Guthrie noted that society
140 volunteer Roger Christenson had been very helpful in supplying
141 the Society's Twitter account with regular material.

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143 Scholarships: Committee member Director Wilcox reported on
144 results of the Society's 2015-2016 Academic year scholarships.
145 Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Carson Butler (first
146 Virginia Heinlein "Ginny" Memorial winner), Elias Anderson and
147 Charles Hanson. Chairman Pro Tem Rule noted that the program
148 has expanded in total dollars every year of its existence and the
149 Board hopes to continue that tradition.

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151 Webmaster: Chairman Pro Tem Rule reported on the much-
152 appreciated activities of our webmaster, Rob Hays.

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154 Archives: Committee Chair Tom Cool reported on the future plans
155 of the Archives committee, including hopes of coordinating with
156 UC Santa Cruz for the 2018 Worldcon in nearby San Jose.
157 Treasurer Tilden noted the Society could offer UCSC a complete
158 set of the "Ensign's Prize" if they are interested.

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160 Electoral Processes: Committee Chair Wilcox reported that 63.2%
161 of eligible members voted in the Society's recent elections for
162 Board of Directors, producing the largest turnout in our history.
163 Six candidates had offered their willingness to serve in three
164 positions, providing the first contested election in Society history.
165 Incumbents Joe Haldeman and Geo Rule were re-elected, and new
166 Director Beatrice Kondo, Ph.D. was selected for the third open
167 seat. Wilcox thanked the other three members on the ballot for
168 their willingness to serve.

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171 Good of the Society:

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173 Chairman's Prerogative: Chairman Pro Tem Rule reported on
174 future priorities including increasing membership, fundraising, and
175 volunteers. . . and noted these are continuing items that will be true
176 every year.

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178 Highlights of the Year: Chairman Pro Tem Rule presented
179 highlights for FY16, including the Hall of Famous Missourians
180 bust induction and “Relaxacon”, scholarship expansion, increased
181 support for the Balticon-based “Heinlein Award”, Worldcon
182 presence and displays, introduction of life membership category,
183 and two new Retro-Hugos for RAH.

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185 New Director Beatrice Kondo, Ph.D. introduced herself to the
186 members present.

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188 Treasurer Tilden discussed the Society’s efforts to create a
189 “Planned Giving” effort program to be known as the “Howard
190 Families” program. Treasurer Tilden noted that the estate of
191 William H. Patterson, Jr. is the first to donate to the new program.
192 He also discussed the first “Mission/Vision/Goals” meeting held
193 with members at Worldcon. He also discussed that the Society
194 intends to offer a membership raffle to win a free *Virginia Edition*
195 of Heinlein’s collected works. He further discussed the feedback
196 received about creating some kind of Board of Advisors to help
197 represent the Society at science fiction and professional space
198 gatherings.

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201 “Open Mic” Member Feedback: Member John Strickland noted
202 that the National Space Society had awarded their Heinlein Award
203 to Jerry Pournelle, Ph.D. Chairman Pro Tem Rule noted it was well
204 deserved, and that Doctor Pournelle is of course also a member of
205 the Board of Directors of The Heinlein Society.

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207 Member Darlene Ainsworth noted she will be providing email
208 addresses collected from the Mission/Vision/Goals meeting.

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210 Academic Chair Marie Guthrie, Ph.D. reported that the interest in
211 Heinlein at academic and convention panels at Worldcon was very
212 strong. She urged that any members who are involved in
213 convention programming keep Heinlein panels in mind and the
214 Society can often provide panel participants.

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216 President Kato gave final remarks on the year passed.

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223 **Adjournment:** Chairman Pro Tem Rule entertained a motion to
224 adjourn, said motion was offered, seconded, and unanimously
225 approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. PDT / 5:25 p.m.
226 EDT.
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229 Respectfully submitted,
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231 /s/ *Geo Rule*
232 Vice President-Secretary
233 The Heinlein Society
234 3553 Atlantic Avenue, #341
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236 Attest: Plymouth, Minnesota, on August 13th, 2017