

Minutes from the HSA First Quarterly Meeting, Decatur, Ill, April 14, 2000

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The meeting was called to order by President John Stevenson at 10 p.m. Present were John Stevenson, Jim Kacian, Charles Trumbull, Claire Gallagher, and Pamela Miller Ness. The minutes for the previous (December 1999) meeting were accepted as posted in the last Newsletter.

Treasurer's report. The report of the first quarter was accepted. The group discussed Raffael's concern that our net income is approximately \$5,000 less than at this time last year and his request for economizing. Jim said that there will be no *Frogpond Supplement* this year, and Pamela noted that the start-up costs for the HSA Teachers' Resource Packets were a factor during the period in question.

Web site: John raised the issue that the HSA web site has not been consistently maintained. The group was very appreciative that Charlie recently updated the list of officers, minutes of recent meetings, and contest information. He reported on progress toward creating an archive of HSA contest winning verses. The major issue is the need to find a reliable Webmaster ("Electronic Media Officer") who will maintain the site, help HSA secure its own domain name, and possibly create links to other relevant sites.

Frogpond contributor copies: Based on letters from several subscribers and a concern that *Frogpond* reflect the best practices of comparable journals, Jim raised the issue of whether *Frogpond* contributors should continue to receive a \$1.00 honorarium per haiku or an additional copy of the journal. After some discussion, it became clear that there was a significant cost factor involved in resuming the contributors' copies and the issue was tabled until the next Executive Committee meeting in the hope that our fiscal standing will be clearer by then.

Frogpond 25th anniversary volume: Jim announced that he has begun to plan for a special 25th anniversary volume of *Frogpond*, which will contain the best work from the past 25 years of the journal. He views this volume as a replacement for *The Haiku Path*, which is no longer producing viable sales. Funding should be approved by 2001 with publication in 2002.

World Haiku Association: Jim updated the group on the formation of the WHA, which is intended to be a society of individuals committed to fostering a global community of haiku poets. He requested that the HSA "officially recognize" the group and offer some financial support, a proposal that he will present to the members of the Executive Committee via e-mail.

Education Committee report: Pamela updated the group on sales of the recently published HSA Teachers' Resource Packet. One hundred packets were published in early January, of which twenty were complementary copies for members of the Education Committee and the Executive Committee. To date, 65 have been sold, and 15 remain. The executive committee will be asked to vote via e-mail on a motion, made at the meeting, to commit another \$600 to fund a second edition of 100 copies.

HSA Members Anthology report: Claire Gallagher reported that she has had 22 submissions to date for the 2000 anthology and is encouraging all members to submit "fresh" work before the final deadline of June 30.

John adjourned the meeting at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

— *Pamela Miller Ness*
(in the absence of Howard Lee Kilby)

[The HSA General Meeting is written up as part of the Global Haiku Festival on page 13 below.]