

Second 2001 HSA Quarterly Meeting

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Executive Committee Meeting. The HSA Executive Committee meeting for the second quarter of 2001 was held in Boston, Mass., on June 28, 2001, in conjunction with Haiku North America. The EC meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. by Pamela Miller Ness in the absence of President Jerry Ball. EC members present were Raffael de Gruttola, Jim Kacian, Howard Lee Kilby, Dave Russo, and Charles Trumbull.

Secretary's report: Howard reported that membership has stabilized at 775 members, including 101 international members. The EC discussed the fact that, unlike national members, the international members are not represented in regional groups and that perhaps this should be considered. As a way to reduce expenses and labor, we discussed changing the current system of Howard's sending a dues-reminder card to highlighting the labels of those members who need to renew. Howard discussed the extensive amount of time required for the Secretary's duties, and the EC discussed options for helping with this task.

Treasurer's report: The EC decided to maintain the current dues structure for 2002. We spent a significant amount of time discussing the need to raise funds and considering options: running a query in the HSA Newsletter for a volunteer fund raiser and/or hiring a professional who would receive a percentage of the funds s/he raised. Raffael indicated that this will be his final year to serve as Treasurer, but he will work closely with his replacement to ensure a smooth transition.

Frogpond: Jim discussed his search for an associate editor to work with him during 2002 and ultimately take over as editor of Frogpond. To date he has spoken with numerous members but has not found an associate editor. We considered the issue of the expense of publishing a biannual supplement to Frogpond. Some suggestions included: publish one larger issue that includes the critical articles, include more critical articles within the three yearly issues, or publish an annual critical anthology with a juried editorial board to which members could subscribe for an additional fee. Jim also said that he would like to publish a volume entitled "Best of Frogpond" to celebrate the 25th year of publication. This would be offered for sale, like A Haiku Path. Taking a vote, the EC approved the publication of a Frogpond supplement in 2001.

Nominating Committee: The EC nominated two persons to serve as the Nominating Committee for next year's HSA officers. Both, however, declined, and later Bill Lerz of Hot Springs, Ark., accepted the job (see below).

Sora Award: The EC voted to institute the Sora Award, an award proposed by Jerry Kilbride to honor an HSA member who has made an outstanding contribution to the organization over time. The award will consist of a certificate and a small gift. The first

award will be presented at the HSA meeting in New York City in September. The EC agreed that a maximum of one award per year will be presented, with an option to not to make an award in a given year.

Logo Committee: Raffael will continue to work with the Logo Committee to design an appropriate logo for the HSA that we can use on stationery and the HSA brochure, which will be reprinted after the logo is determined.

HSA Education Committee: Pamela reported that 40 teachers' packets have been sold since January 1, 2001. The Japan Society in New York currently uses the packet for all their teacher workshops, and we have had requests from two other national educational organizations to preview the packet for possible use. A 4th edition will be printed in the fall.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

— *Pamela Miller Ness,
First Vice President*

Nominations for HSA Officers in the Year 2002

Secretary Howard Lee Kilby reports that the chair of this year's Nominating Committee is Bill Lerz. The slate of HSA nominees for office in 2002 is:

Executive Committee

Jerry Ball, President
Pamela Miller Ness, 1st Vice President
Stanford Forrester, 2nd Vice President
Howard Lee Kilby, Secretary
John Stevenson, Treasurer
Jim Kacian, Frogpond Editor
Charles Trumbull, Newsletter Editor
Dave Russo, Electronic Media Officer

Regional Coordinators

Lawrence Rungren, Northeast
Brenda Gannam, NE Metro
Wyman Rousseau, Southeast
[vacant], South
Joe Kirschner, Midwest
Elizabeth Nichols, Plains & Mountains
Naomi Y. Brown, Southwest
Paul O. Williams, California
Ruth Yarrow, Northwest

Mark Arvid White, Alaska
Susan Marie La Vallee, Hawaii
Sosuke Kanda, Japan

Additional nominations may be made by HSA members in writing or by e-mail. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Bill at 376 Chappell Hill Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913-6641 or by e-mail at <blerz@prodigy.net>. Those accepting nominations must notify the HSA secretary prior to the September Executive Committee meeting.

The official ballot will be sent to all HSA members in good standing in mid-October; results will be made known at the Fourth Quarter Meeting in December.

Questions? Contact the Secretary at <hkilby@hotmail.com>.

— *Howard Lee Kilby, Secretary*