

Fourth 2001 HSA Quarterly Meeting

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The fourth 2001 HSA Quarterly Meeting took place on Friday evening, Nov. 30, through Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, 2001, at the Seaport Marina Hotel in Long Beach, Calif., within walking distance of boat docks and marinas. Although rain threatened, we had beautiful weather for the weekend including an awe-inspiring sunset Saturday evening ordered for the occasion by their host, the Southern California Haiku Study Group.

Friday evening, people arrived at different hours, and participants enjoyed a lovely dinner at The Crab House, overlooking the harbor and within walking distance. After, they retreated to the hotel to socialize.

Saturday morning people arrived at the conference room between 9:00 and 10:00. Books on display were admired and purchased. Our first speaker for the day was Mark Brooks, a widely published writer, who presented "Poetics of Kigo." He made us think again what the purpose of kigo should be, stating that the simplest and weakest layer of meaning is the seasonal association and that there is a deeper layer of meaning relating to classic haikai poems that use the same kigo.

After a delicious lunch at an Indian restaurant, Kamal Palace, and a walk back to work it off, our next conference speaker was Patricia Machmiller. Her presentation "Haiku Etudes: an Unveiling of the Haiku form Through Art," showed us, for example, that the structure of a 5-7-5 haiku can be linked to the composition of a painting. Patricia had as many as 13 examples of art works along with the haiku that had inspired her. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this unique and artistic expression.

Final speaker of the day was David Lanoue, professor of English at Xavier University in New Orleans, La. His presentation, "Rediscovering Issa," was enlightening to the point of teaching us the correct pronunciation of the name. He provided historic facts, plus reading and explaining some of Issa's haiku. Fay Aoyagi contributed to David's presentation by reading Issa's haiku in Japanese, then David read the translations.

On Saturday evening there were open readings at Borders Bookstore from members and guests. Then we all proceeded to member Wendy Wright's home on the harbor for a relaxing social until the wee hours.

Sunday morning we held a *kukai*. We enjoyed walking through the Farmers' Market. (Those persimmons — yum!) We returned to the conference room and had four or five rounds of reading our haiku or senryu. Our last goodbye was from the beautiful Japanese Garden at Cal State Long Beach.

Jerry Ball wanted to mention that there were no executive decisions because he was the only executive committee member present.

— Margaret Hehman-Smith

Election Results

President Ball, Members of the Executive Committee and Regional Coordinators, to start the New Year off with a celebration, I have the official results of the Haiku Society of America election for 2002.

Officers

President	Jerry Ball	184
1st Vice Pres.	Pamela Miller Ness	190
2nd Vice Pres.	Stanford Forrester	190
Secretary	Howard Lee Kilby	191
Treasurer	John Stevenson	190
<i>Frogpond</i> Editor	Jim Kacian	186
<i>Newsletter</i> Editor	Charles Trumbull	191
Electronic Media Officer	Dave Russo	188

There were 11 write-in votes for all officers.

Regional Coordinators

Northeast	Lawrence Rungren	21
Northeast Metro	Brenda J. Gannam	37
Southeast	Wyman Rousseau	16
Midwest	Joe Kirschner	22
South	R. Paul Tucker	6
Plains & Mountains	Elizabeth Nichols	4
Southwest	Naomi Y. Brown	9
California	Paul O. Williams	21
Northwest	Ruth Yarrow	14
Alaska	Mark Arvid White	1
Hawaii	Susan Marie La Vallee	1
Japan	Sosuke Kanda	4

21 ballots were disqualified for voting for more than one RC candidate; 19 ballots with no RC vote at all; 2 ballots with a write-in candidate.

I certify these election results to be true and correct.
Congratulations everyone, and Happy New Year!

— Howard Lee Kilby, HSA Secretary