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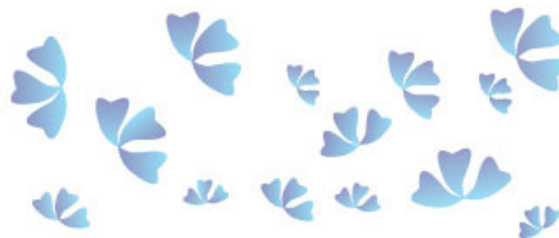


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News from the President

HSA 2016 Election Result



Election Type: Plurality Voting (First Past the Post)
 Started at: November 01, 2015 12:00 AM
 Finished at: November 25, 2015 11:59 PM

254 of 774 ballots cast.

Membership dues for 2016 must be paid on or before December 31, 2015. Avoid delays in receiving *Frogpond*; pay your dues on time!

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A reminder to everyone to click the link above and like us on Facebook. Share news, poems and discussion! See photos from some recent gatherings of the poetic kind.

President

Fay Aoyagi : 235 votes - 99.6%

* David Lanoue: 1 vote - 0.4%

Abstained: 18

First Vice President

Mike Montreuil: 235 votes - 98.7%

* Michael Dylan Welch: 3 votes - 1.3%

Abstained: 16

Second Vice President

Patricia Machmiller: 240 votes - 99.6%

* Julie Kelsey: 1 vote - 0.4%

Abstained: 13

Treasurer

Bill Deegan: 246 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 8

Electronic Media Officer

Randy Brooks: 245 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 9

Frogpond Editor

Aubrie Cox: 176 votes - 72.1%

Bruce Ross : 68 votes - 27.9%

Abstained: 10

Newsletter Editor

Ignatius Fay: 243 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 11

Secretary

Sondra Byrnes: 242 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 12

Regional Coordinator

vote only for your region

Alaska

Billie Wilson: 4 votes - 1.9%

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If you have not had a chance to check out the ".haiku" column at the HSA webpage, please do so! Gene Myers shares tools and tips available to haiku poets. [Click here](#) for the archives.

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## Become a Member of HSA

Membership in the Haiku Society of America includes a year's subscription to the society's journal, *Frogpond* (three issues yearly). In addition, members receive the newsletter, *Ripples* (three issues yearly), the annual information sheet, and an annual address/email list of HSA members.

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View our web sampler of *Frogpond* at the [HSA Website](#).

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California

Deborah Kolodji: 27 votes - 13.0%

Hawaii/Pacific

Brett Brady: 1 vote - 0.5%

Mid-Atlantic

Robert Ertman: 16 votes - 7.7%

Midwest

Julie Warther: 43 votes - 20.7%

Mountain Region

Steve A. Tabb: - 100%

Northeast/New England

Wanda Cook: 24 votes - 11.5%

Northeast Metro

Rita Gray: 25 votes - 12.0%

Oregon

Shelley Baker-Gard: 6 votes - 2.9%

South

Carlos Colon: 8 votes - 3.8%

Southwest

James Applegate: 17 votes - 8.2%

Washington

Angela Terry: 14 votes - 6.7%

Southeast

Robin Hood Black: 21 votes - 10.1%

Abstained: 46

HSA BY-LAWS AMENDMENT 1

Approve: 219 votes - 97.8%

Not Approve: 5 votes - 2.2%

Abstained: 30

HSA BY-LAWS AMENDMENT 2

Approve: 208 votes - 97.7%

Not approve: 5 votes - 2.3%

Abstained: 41

HSA BY-LAWS AMENDMENT 3

Approve: 203 votes - 97.6%

Not Approve: 5 votes - 2.4%

Abstained: 46

HSA BY-LAWS AMENDMENT 4

Approve: 207 votes - 98.6%

Not Approve: 3 votes - 1.4%

Abstained: 44

HSA BY-LAWS AMENDMENT 5

Approve: 143 votes - 66.5%

Not Approve: 72 votes - 33.5%

Abstained: 39

* = *write-in candidates*

--Results verified by HSA Secretary, Mollie Danforth

HSA HOLIDAY SHOPPING (AND FUND-RAISING!)

Thanks to First Vice President Mike Montreuil's tireless efforts, a long-time goal of the Executive Committee has been realized: HSA now has an online store, where members and the general public can purchase T-shirts, caps, mugs, and notebooks that proudly display our logo. Take a peek:

<http://www.cafepress.com/hsagiftshop>

Portions of the proceeds of every sale go directly into the HSA bank account. So, in case you're looking for a holiday gift for a fellow poet or admirer of haiku, please visit our store.

Also, by now most members should have received their free copies of the 2015 members' anthology,

wonderfully edited and designed by Catherine J. S. Lee: *A Splash of Water*. The books were mailed during the past two weeks, so if you haven't received yours yet, expect it soon. If you have seen it, you know that this year's anthology is a special, high-quality publication with wonderful water-themed haiku. This book, in addition to the HSA 'swag' now available online, would make a lovely gift. If you purchase it directly from the CreateSpace store, around two dollars goes into the HSA coffers. If you're more comfortable purchasing it from Amazon, around one dollar goes to HSA. Here are the links.

CreateSpace store:

<https://www.createspace.com/5809785>

Amazon.com: <http://tinyurl.com/nj8ttaf>

MEMBERSHIP LIST

As you'll note in the election results (above), 65.5% of voters indicated their approval of the proposed fifth amendment to the HSA by-laws: to no longer send out the membership list, along with contact information (e-mail and home addresses), to all members. The EC, which proposed this amendment, unanimously felt that in this age of spamming and identity theft, we see no reason for all members to have this information. We would have happily put any member with a legitimate request in touch with any other member, or group of members. And for those members who would like to send a haiku-related message to everyone else, we would have allowed them to do so via the online newsletter. This was our plan, but our amendment didn't pass.

According to the HSA by-laws, an amendment requires 2/3rds approval by those who vote. That would be 66.6%. The vote in favor, according to ElectionBuddy, was 66.5%. Therefore, the amendment failed by the narrowest of margins.

This means that we'll be sending all members the file containing names, e-mails, and home addresses, later this month. However, since a lot of you voted for the measure, we want to give you a chance to opt out of including your information in this file. If you'd like to keep both your e-mail and your home address private, simply send me an e-

mail within one week (deadline: December 12th) with the subject line: 'Remove my home and e-mail addresses--HSA members' list.' If you'd like to share your e-mail but not your home address, the subject line should say: 'E-mail only--HSA members' list.' Send this to me at: david1gerard@hotmail.com. Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS

Now that the votes have been counted, I'd like to congratulate our newly elected and re-elected HSA officers, and I thank all who ran for office, because the willingness to serve is in itself a service.

This late-breaking news from the Mountains Region: We had no nominee for the ballot, but recently a member from Idaho, Steve Tabb, has agreed to serve. The EC has therefore authorized a special election that will be decided by members in the mountain states. Steve has already started an e-mail discussion of haiku matters with members in his vast region, and at least one face-to-face meeting of poets has resulted from his reaching out. I thank Steve for offering to serve as the Mountains RC.

One last note about the election. According to ElectionBuddy, our voter turnout was 32%, up slightly from last year's 30%, but a bit lower than the previous year's 38%. Online voting has improved participation; the year before, with paper ballots, our turnout was only 17%. However, we could do better. I hope that anyone who didn't vote this year will make a mental note to do so next November.

James W. Hackett, Rest in Peace

Chris Thorsen reports that James W. Hackett died on November 9th, just a few months after the passing of his beloved wife, Patricia. Chris notes that Jim's poetry can still be accessed and enjoyed at Hacketthaiku.com.

As Jim's literary executive, Chris, who can be reached at ct@quantumedge.org, wants HSA members to feel free to contact him if they have any questions about the work of this pioneer of

English language haiku. We will miss him.

SO LONG

This is it: my last message to EC members as your President. I said my formal goodbye in the recent (and final) issue of *Ripples*, so I won't repeat all that here. I'd just like to say that I appreciate all the help that I've received from you, the members. I feel blessed to have met so many of you in my travels; I've learned so much. The other day I ordered a T-shirt with the HSA logo from our online store, and I'll wear it with pride and happy remembrance of three productive and interesting years.

David G. Lanoue

HSA President

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**THE INTERNATIONAL
MATSUO BASHO AWARD
4TH EDITION, 2016**

The Italian Haiku Association (IHA), in collaboration with the European Haiku Society (EHS) and under the sponsorship of the ItaliaOriente Association, the Lions Club Sesto al Reghena in Sylvis and MA Learning, is proud to announce the 4th Edition of the International Matsuo Basho Award.

Entries may be submitted in any one of five

Sections:

SECTION A: haiku in Italian or dialect language;

SECTION B: haiku in foreign languages, accompanied by an English or Italian translation;

SECTION C: haiku in Italian or English language (under 18);

SECTION D: haiku for primary and secondary schools;

SECTION E: senryu in Italian or English language.

For Sections A, B, C and E, each author can send 1 to 3 (published or unpublished) poems in 5 copies. One copy only must contain the following information: name, surname, address, phone number, e-mail and the following statement: 'In accordance with the Italian Privacy Law (D. Lgs. 30/06/2003 n. 196) I declare to allow the Italian Haiku Association, responsible of personal data treatment, to handle my personal information, for the sole purpose of organizing the International Matsuo Basho Award.'

All participants under 18 must have authorization signed by their parent or legal guardian.

For Section D, each class can send a maximum of 50 haiku poems in 1 copy only. This copy must contain the following information: class, teacher, School/Institution, address, phone number, e-mail and the authorization for the IHA to handle those personal information, in accordance with the above mentioned law.

Authors can also send their works by e-mail at: premiobasho@aih-haiku.it. In this case, personal information and the Privacy Statement should be reported in the body of the message, while the (anonymous) poems will be sent into a separate .pdf, .doc or .txt document.

For Sections A, B, C and E, prizes of Euro 150, 100 and 50 will be awarded, respectively, to each first, second and third place.

Each winner will also receive a commemorative plaque and a diploma.

In addition to these prizes, a 'Takeshi Mizuno' Special Prize will be assigned to a senryu poem selected by the famous Japanese senryuist Takeshi Mizuno (Member of the Banff., Senrya Club).

The ItaliaOriente Association (Sponsor of the Award) will also assign a "ItaliaOriente" Special Prize to a well distinguished haiku.

The Jury can assign further awards to other worthy poems.

For Section D, prize will consist in book gifts, diplomas and the publication in an anthology.

The best haiku poems will be published in an e-Anthology which will be promoted and distributed by the Italian Haiku Association (IHA) worldwide

No entry fee is required, except for a voluntary contribution to support the Italian Haiku Association (IHA) activities.

The Jury's decisions, whose members will be announced the day of winners' announcement, cannot be contested.

Prizes must be personally received by authors. In case of documented impediments, they can ask the AIH Secretary to send them to their own address. Diplomas will be sent by e-mail.

Money prizes will be drawn by bank transfer or other electronic payment (i.e. PayPal, etc.). No money will be sent by ordinary mail.

The award ceremony will take place in November 2016, place and date to be determined. Winning poets will be promptly notified by the AIH Secretary.

Hardcopies of the works should be sent to the following address:

The Italian Haiku Association (IHA)
Via G.L. Bernini
33084 Cordenons (PN), Italy

Any dispute will be solved in accordance to the Italian Law.



NEW BOOK RELEASE

Nest Feathers: Selected Haiku from the First 15 Years of The Heron's Nest

This 176-page hardcover keepsake edition contains 248 haiku, from 145 leading poets, selected by the current editors of *The Heron's Nest* from among more than eight thousand poems published by the journal during its first fifteen years. Introductions by founding editor Christopher Herold and current managing editor John Stevenson. Book art by Ron C. Moss. It's a must for your personal haiku library and a great holiday gift idea. Order now from www.theheronsnest.com.

We're Changing

With the January 05, 2016 issue, *Ripples* and the *HSA Bulletin* will be merged into one monthly online publication, *HSA News*. It will appear in members' inboxes on the fifth of the month. We hope you enjoy the new format and look forward to your feedback.

*The best of the
holiday season to all!*

Ignatius Fay
HSA Bulletin Editor
Haiku Society of America

Comments or concerns about your membership? Please contact the HSA officers - [click here](#)

