

Minutes of The Ticknor Society Annual Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6-9pm, More Than Words Bookstore
By Chris Morgan, Clerk

Business Meeting

- Welcome: Shannon Struble, President
- The following is a transcript of Shannon Struble's introduction to the 2022 Annual Meeting:

Hello, everyone! I'm Shannon Struble, the President of the Ticknor Society, and I'm beyond excited to see your smiling, three-dimensional faces as we open the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Ticknor Society. This is our first in-person annual meeting in three years, and this is the 20th anniversary of the very first meeting of the Ticknor Society, which took place on May 22nd, 2002. The title of that year's inaugural talk was "A Fellowship of Books," and I feel like that phrase exemplifies everything that The Ticknor Society is, has been, and will continue to be. From the easy comradery and connections developed next to the refreshment table before an event, to the wider bonds created within our community through our annual roundtable and collecting prize; from the inexhaustible delights that the libraries and collections around Boston have to reveal to us, to the glimpses within our own personal collections that we show to each other; the Ticknor Society truly is a fellowship forged through a mutual love of books.

The speaker at that first meeting was Nicholas Basbanes, and I'm so pleased that Mr. Basbanes has joined us for this 20th anniversary meeting with a talk fittingly titled "On the Highway of Letters: Forty Years Among the Gently Mad" because aside from a fellowship of book lovers, we all know Ticknorites are the definition of "gently mad"!

I'd like to take a moment to thank Mr. Basbanes and all of the members of the founding board for their vision, perseverance, and hard work in creating in The Ticknor Society a welcoming, inclusive, and genuinely lovely organization of book lovers. Do we have any founding board members in the room today? Can I ask you to stand up, if you're able? A round of applause, please.

The business meeting began as follows:

- Season recap: Dale Stinchcomb, Vice President
- Membership report: Shannon Struble on behalf of Membership Secretary Kaelin Rasmussen

Shannon noted that we currently have 114 active members, with another 118 who are lapsed, meaning that their membership was not renewed by February 1st. The number of active members is only 3 less than where we were at last year.

- Treasurer's report: Christopher Carter (see attached)
- Thank you to Christopher Carter, who stepped down: Shannon Struble
- Elections: Shannon Struble

Lorna Condon ran for the newly opened treasurer position. There was no opposition and no nays, so Lorna Condon assumed the position of treasurer.

Three board members stood for re-election as members-at-large. Christian Dupont, who joined the board in 2018, Drew Griffin, who has been a member-at-large since 2020, and Jean Maguire, who also joined the board in 2020, were all elected for another term.

One candidate was proposed for election as a new board member. Maida Tilchen collects books about New Mexico, where her two historical novels are set. She has also collected lesbian books and wrote the foreword to the bibliography *The Lesbian in Literature*. She has held jobs or volunteered at a number of different book-related organizations and companies. Professionally she developed and directed the primarily online library at Cambridge College, plus did research skills curriculum development and training for faculty and students. She has an M.S.Ed in Instructional Systems Technology. And she wants to know more about the collections of other Ticknor members.

Maida Tilchen was elected unanimously to the board.

- Business meeting ended
- Keynote Address: Nicholas Basbanes. Introduction by Shannon Struble
- After Nicholas Basbanes' talk, Ticknor members looked around the More Than Words Bookstore, chatted with one another, and ate dessert.