

*Proceedings  
of the Semiannual Meeting*

APRIL 18, 1990

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THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Elizabeth Parks Killian Hall, Hayden Memorial Library, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, April 18, 1990, at 3:00 P.M., with the following members present: Mortimer Herbert Appley, Philip Charles Beals, William Henry Bond, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Kenneth Edward Carpenter, Jill Ker Conway, Edward Denis Crowley, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Margery MacNeale Dearborn, Everette Eugene Dennis, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, Frederick Breakspear Farrar, Donald Richard Friary, James William Gilreath, Robert Palmer Hallock, Frank Leighton Harrington, Jr., John Bixler Hench, John Higham, Minna Flynn Johnson, Julian Lee Lapides, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapides, Crawford Lincoln, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Pauline Rubbelke Maier, Russell Elliott Manoog, James Eugene Mooney, Jane Cayford Nylander, Calvin Peter Otto, Jules David Prown, Hope Hartwell Spear, Roger Eliot Stoddard, Henry Schofield Streeter, Barbara Welch Sudler, William Francis Sullivan, George Thomas Tanselle, David Fredric Tatham, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, John Clark Woodbury, and Hiller Bellin Zobel.

Chairman Conway presided. Mr. Tatham read the call of the meeting. The reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 1989, was waived, but it was voted to amend them as follows: Mr. McCorison moved that the minutes of the annual meeting of October 18, 1989, be amended to include notice that Mr. Woolsey

delivered the report of the ad hoc Committee on Bylaws and moved their approval as circulated with the call to the meeting. The bylaws were approved by the required two-thirds vote of members present.

Chairman Conway reported the following changes in membership:

Vernon Dale Tate, died September 30, 1989  
Thomas Richard Anderson, died October 13, 1989  
Richard Cory Kugler, resigned November 22, 1989  
Alan Simpson, resigned December 4, 1989  
Nathan Irvin Huggins, died December 5, 1989  
John William Reys, resigned December 5, 1989  
James Franklin Beard, Jr., died December 14, 1989  
Kenneth Schwalm Jones, died December 30, 1989  
Edward Connery Lathem, resigned December 31, 1989  
Thomas Boylston Adams, resigned January 12, 1990  
Cecelia Marie Kenyon, died January 22, 1990  
Willard Thorp, died February 15, 1990  
John Haskell Kemble, died February 19, 1990  
Charles van Ravenswaay, died March 20, 1990  
Arthur Amory Houghton, Jr., died April 3, 1990  
Julie Chase Fuller, died April 11, 1990

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Williams.

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, Mrs. Nylander and Mr. Lowance serving as tellers: Richard Byron Collins, James Oliver Freedman, William Wilhartz Freehling, Werner Leonard Gundersheimer, Michael Charles Janeway, Elizabeth Ann Harper John, Florence Marie Jumonville, Stuart Eli Karu, Kenneth Gaylord Leach, Franklin Martin Loew, Thomas Michael Tolliver Niles, Stephen Davies Paine, Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Albert Brown Southwick, and Billups Phinizy Spalding.

The report of the Council was presented by Mr. McCorison. This was followed by the remarks of Chairman Conway, in which

she reviewed the Society's recent achievements in its several realms of activity and described the Society's need for new and increased resources to support this vital work. She praised the exemplary efforts of the Society's staff in sustaining a high level of excellence in its programs.

After thanking the director and staff of the Hayden Memorial Library for their gracious hospitality, Mrs. Conway moved, numerous members offered seconds, and it was voted with great good feeling to send the Society's very best wishes and felicitations to Henry Steele Commager on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his election to membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 P.M. Following adjournment, members were joined by guests for the presentation of the subject 'Indian Princess and Roman Goddess,' by John Higham, professor emeritus of history at The Johns Hopkins University. At the completion of this program, members and guests gathered for refreshments at the MIT Museum as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Conway, followed by dinner.

David F. Tatham  
*Recording Secretary*

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