

*Proceedings  
of the Semiannual Meeting*

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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held in the W. Duncan MacMillan Reading Room, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island, on Wednesday, April 15, 1992, at 3:00 P.M., with the following members present: Robert Comey Achorn, Thomas Randolph Adams, Charles Beach Barlow, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Philip Charles Beals, Joan Toland Bok, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, Richard David Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Edward Denis Crowley, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Everette Eugene Dennis, Hagop Martin Derranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Norman Sanford Fiering, James Oliver Freedman, Malcolm Freiberg, Donald Richard Friary, William Hersey Greer, Jr., John Bixler Hench, Frederick Herbert Jackson, Minna Flynn Johnson, Albert Thomas Klyberg, Elliott Burris Knowlton, Karen Ordahl Kupperman, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Pauline Rubbelke Maier, Harold Taylor Miller, Guy Warren Nichols, Calvin Peter Otto, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Hope Hartwell Spear, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Roger Eliot Stoddard, George Thomas Tanselle, David Frederic Tatham, Alden True Vaughan, Glenn Weaver, John Clark Woodbury, and John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

Vice-chairman Miller presided. The reading of the minutes of the annual meeting of October 16, 1991, was waived, and the minutes were approved as circulated. Mr. Miller reported as changes in membership the following:

Sandra Lynn Swickard Myres, died October 16, 1991  
John Eliot Alden, died October 23, 1991

Karl John Richard Arndt, died October 25, 1991

Francis Gustaf Walett, died October 26, 1991

Clifton Waller Barrett, died November 6, 1991

Carl Bridenbaugh, died January 6, 1992

The report of the treasurer was presented by Mr. McCorison, who took the opportunity to announce to the membership the award to the Society by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of a challenge grant of \$1,500,000, which must be matched by gifts totaling twice that amount.

The following persons were elected to membership in the Society, with Mr. Adams and Mr. Fiering acting as tellers: Nina Baym, David F. Dalton, William N. Goetzmann, Thomas Gosnell, Nathan O. Hatch, William H. Helfand, Elsie Mead Hilliard Hillman, John E. Hodgson, Richard Henry Kohn, Deanna B. Marcum, Gary Milan, Amanda Porterfield, Richard Rosenfeld, John William Rowe, Michael S. Schudson, Robert Shenton, and John Eugene Zuccotti.

Mr. McCorison gave the report of the Council, prefaced with remarks memorializing the distinguished contributions to the Society and to the study of the American past made over many years by recently deceased members Alden, Barrett, and Bridenbaugh.

Mr. Miller asked the membership of the Society to help as generously as possible in the major effort to seek matching funds for the Mellon Foundation challenge grant. He expressed the Society's thanks to Mr. Fiering and the staff of the John Carter Brown Library for their gracious hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 P.M.

Following the meeting, Alden T. Vaughan presented to members and guests a lecture, 'Old World Paradigms for New World Peoples: English Images of the Indians, ca. 1493-1710,' following which all were invited to partake of refreshments and to view the exhibition 'Native Americans in their Old and New Worlds' in the W. Duncan Macmillan Reading Room as guests of the John Carter Brown Library.

David Frederic Tatham  
*Recording Secretary*

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