Proceedings of the Semiannual Meeting

APRIL 23, 1993 THE ROTUNDA UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE

THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held in the Dome Room of The Rotunda at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, on Friday, April 23, 1993, at 3:00 P.M., with the following members present: William Wright Abbot III, Charles Beach Barlow, Robert Charles Baron, Philip Charles Beals, George Athan Billias, Geoffrey Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, John Caruthers Broderick, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, William Compton Cook, Edward Denis Crowley, David Francis Dalton, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Henry Bowen Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Rudy John Favretti, James William Gilreath, Warren James Haas, Harlowe DeForest Hardinge, James Nichols Heald, 2nd, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., John Jeppson, 2nd, Daniel Porter Jordan, Ir., Elliott Burris Knowlton, Saundra Baker Lane, David Levin, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, James Robert Maguire, Deanna Bowling Marcum, Donald Oresman, Calvin Peter Otto, Merrill Daniel Peterson, Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Richard Prouty, Penelope Booth Rockwell, James Morton Smith, Sumner Burnham Tilton, Jr., Peter Howard Williams, Penelope Booth Rockwell, and John Clark Woodbury.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence Bruce G. Daniels presided. The reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of October 21, 1992, was waived, and the minutes were approved as

circulated. Mr. Daniels reported as changes in membership the following:

Robert Palmer Hallock, died January 3, 1993 William Gerald McLoughlin, died January 4, 1993 William Bentinck-Smith, died January 19, 1993 Louis Lohr Martz, resigned January 19, 1993 Clement Ellis Conger, resigned January 19, 1993 Frank Burt Freidel, Jr., died January 25, 1993 Nina Fletcher Little, died March 3, 1993 Frederick Scouller Allis, Jr., died March 5, 1993 Wallace Earle Stegner, died April 13, 1993

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mrs. Dunlap. She reported that the proceeds of \$275,000 from the sale of Rice House are being placed in the unrestricted endowment fund. She also reported that Prime Asset Consulting Group had been retained by the Society to evaluate the investment management of its endowment funds, to recommend steps in prudent risk management, and to assist in the formulation of sound monetary policies. The change from the Shawmut Bank to the State Street Bank as custodian of the Society's endowment assets was reported and explained.

Mrs. Dunlap presented the President's semiannual report by introducing herself and having each member do likewise. She thanked everyone for the fine reception she has received at the Society and in Worcester. She commented on the high quality of AAS staff and the fine collections, praised the staff on their dedication, and acknowledged Marcus McCorison and his past service to the Society. Mrs. Dunlap proceeded to discuss computer technology and electronic publishing as vast agents of change in the future of AAS, noting that the Society will continue to explore better use of computer technology to improve reader services. She talked about the role of AAS in both local and national education and discussed concerns over the public AAS image (or lack of image) as it relates to public fund raising.

Mr. Daniels expressed the Society's thanks to Mr. Jordan for the use of Monticello, Mr. Favretti for being our speaker, Mr. and Mrs. McCorison for hosting the reception, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto for helping with local arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

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