

*Proceedings*  
*of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 17, 2003

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-NINETY-FIRST annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Worcester from Thursday, October 16, through Saturday, October 18, 2003. The following members were present: Robert Comey Achorn, Charles Beach Barlow, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Nicholas Andrew Basbanes, George Francis Booth II, Robert Carl Bradbury, Karl Lombard Briel, Ruth Dumaine Brooking, John Edward Brooks, S.J., Richard David Brown, Lawrence Fogler Buckland, Nancy Burkett, Randall Keith Burkett, Harold Cabot, Kenneth Edward Carpenter, Joanne Danaher Chaison, Ronald Sears Davis, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Alan Nash Degutis, William Phillips Densmore, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Matthew Forbes Erskine, Ann Vincent Fabian, Wayne Steven Franklin, John Frederick Gately II, Joel Paul Greene, Ezra Greenspan, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., Cheryl Hurley, M Howard Jacobson, John Jeppson 2nd, Priscilla Juvelis, Mary Kelley, Karen Ordahl Kupperman, Julian Lee Lapidus, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidus, Sidney Lapidus, John Worth Lund, Weyman Ivan Lundquist, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Ogretta Vaughn McNeil, Harold Taylor Miller, Barrett Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, Donald Frederick Nelson, Donald Carr O'Brien, William Oscar

Pettit, Jr., Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Kathryn Lee Conway Preyer, Ann-Cathrine M. Rapp, William Sherman Reese, Marilyn Elaine Richardson, Barnes Riznik, Andrew Whitmore Robertson, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Robert Hyde Smith, Jr., Albert Brown Southwick, William Francis Sullivan, Daniel Grant Tear, John W. Tyler, Barbara Weisberg, Meridith Daniels Wesby, Calhoun Winton, and Charles Bradley Wood.

On Friday, October 17, 2003, at 4:30 p.m., the members convened in Antiquarian Hall. Ms. Wesby read the call of the meeting. Chairman Baron presided. The reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 11, 2003, was waived. Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

Franklin Martin Loew, died April 22, 2003, elected April 1990  
 Richard Jerome Flynn, died April 28, 2003, elected October 1983  
 Russell E. Fuller, died June 19, 2003, elected April 1989  
 I. Bernard Cohen, died June 20, 2003, elected October 1950  
 John Higham, died July 26, 2003, elected October 1976  
 Duane Sargisson, died September 4, 2003, elected April 1982  
 Martin V. Ridge, died September 22, 2003, elected April 1982

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Hurley proposed the following persons for election as Officers and Councillors: Chairman (2003-2004), Julian L. Lapidus; Vice Chairman (2003-2004), Sidney Lapidus; Councillors (2003-2006), Lawrence J. Abramoff, Ruth Dumaine Brooking, and Robert H. Smith, Jr. Mrs. Hurley read aloud the names of the nominees for membership, and Mr. Baron appointed as tellers Mr. Riznik and Mr. Buckland.

Mr. Hench then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS ROBERT CHARLES BARON has been an indispensable member of the American Antiquarian Society since his election in April 1989; and

WHEREAS ROBERT CHARLES BARON has served with dedication, skill, and tact in a number of key posts within the Society, including membership on the search committee for a new president and as

a Councillor since 1992 and the Council's Chairman from 1993 until now; and

WHEREAS ROBERT CHARLES BARON is a prominent and respected computer engineer, historian, conservationist, and publisher; and

WHEREAS ROBERT CHARLES BARON has twice led Councillors and staff in planning for the Society's future and has provided invaluable leadership in raising funds to construct the largest and most complex addition to Antiquarian Hall ever; and

WHEREAS ROBERT CHARLES BARON has determined that the time has come to leave the leadership of the Council to other hands; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society do hereby, with pleasure and gratitude, congratulate ROBERT CHARLES BARON for the many services, contributions, and kindnesses that he has bestowed upon our worthy Society, heartily thank him for his effective role in their affairs, wish him fulfillment and happiness in all that he chooses to pursue, and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to ROBERT CHARLES BARON let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this seventeenth day of October, two thousand three, the one-hundred-ninety-first year of the Society.

This resolution was met with spirited applause. Mr. Hench then read a second resolution:

WHEREAS WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST has been an active and valued member of the American Antiquarian Society since his election in October 1984; and

WHEREAS WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST is a distinguished attorney, historian, author, academic administrator, and Swedish American; and

WHEREAS WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST has ably and effectively put his extensive knowledge and contacts gained through a long life lived in Worcester and Holden, San Francisco and Hanover, and even Alaska, to the benefit of our honorable Society; and

WHEREAS WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST has served with distinction as a member of the Society's Council since 1994 and as a member of the Collections and Programs Committee for the last three years; and

WHEREAS WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST now steps down from his place on the Society's governing board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society do hereby warmly thank WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST for his two decades of exemplary service to AAS, wish him success and happiness in whatever henceforth he chooses to do, and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to WEYMAN IVAN LUNDQUIST let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this seventeenth day of October, two thousand three, the one-hundred-ninety-first year of the Society.

This resolution was followed by an enthusiastic round of applause.

Mr. Lapides announced the election by ballot of the following persons to membership in the Society: Gary Bunker, Alice Fahs, Laurel K. Gabel, Philip Gould, Pamela K. Harer, David Kahn, Lucia Knoles, Thomas G. Knoles, Thomas P. McDermott, James O'Gorman, Frederick A. Parker, Jr., Sally Pierce, Richard Rabinowitz, J. Thomas Touchton, Albert J. von Frank, Celeste Walker, Altina Waller, Peter Walther, Michael West, and Susan B. Woodbury.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by James C. Donnelly, Jr., following which Mrs. Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Meridith Daniels Wesby  
*Recording Secretary*

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