

Proceedings
of the Semiannual Meeting

APRIL 21, 2007
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia, from Wednesday, April 18 through Saturday, April 21, 2007. The following members were present: Lawrence Jay Abramoff, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, George Francis Booth II, Dale Cockrell, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, James Russell Donnelly, Ellen Cary Smith Dunlap, Rudy John Favretti, Joy Frisch Hakim, John Herron, Jr., Cheryl Hurley, Lucia Zaucha Knoles, Thomas Gregory Knoles, Karen Ordahl Kupperman, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Crawford Lincoln, Valerie Stoddard Loring, Catherine Jean McDonough, Ogretta Vaughan McNeil, Gary Marvin Milan, Harold Taylor Miller, Barrett Morgan, Roger Harrison Mudd, Donald Frederick Nelson, Donald Carr O'Brien, Ann-Cathrine M. Rapp, Beatrix Tyson Rumford, Carol Sheriff, Thaddeus Wilbur Tate, Jr., George William Tetler III, John Thomas Touchton, Mark Valeri, Meridith Daniels Wesby, and Bertram Wyatt-Brown.

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the members convened at the Williamsburg Inn. Chairman Lapidés presided. Mr. Lapidés read the call of the meeting. The reading of the minutes

of the annual meeting of October 20, 2006, was waived. Mr. Lapidés reported the following changes in membership.

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, elected October 1990, died January 2, 2007

Henri-Jean Martin, elected April 1995, died January 13, 2007

Nicholas Daniloff, elected October 1994, resigned January 20, 2007

Winthrop Donaldson Jordan, elected April 1970, died February 23, 2007

Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Jr., elected April 2000, died February 28, 2007

Minna Flynn Johnson, elected April 1982, died April 16, 2007

Mrs. Hurley gave the report of the membership committee. The tellers were Mark Valeri and Georgia Barnhill. The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society: Samuel G. Allis, James L. Axtell, Martin Brückner, Carol Bundy, Valerie Cunningham, Jane M. Dewey, Christopher D. J. Haig, Michael D. Heaston, Morrison H. Heckscher, Frank Herron, Richard Jenrette, John Keenum, Jan Ellen Lewis, Martha MacNamara, June Namias, Susan Scott Parrish, Robert McCracken Peck, Ray Raphael, Cleota Reed, Rudy L. Ruggles, Jr., Scott A. Sandage, Roger S. Siboni, R. Sean Wilentz, and John Woolsey.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented by George W. Tétler III.

Mrs. Dunlap gave the Report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Following the meeting Karen Ordahl Kupperman, Julius Silver Professor of History at New York University, discussed 'Why Jamestown Matters.' Her most recent book, *The Jamestown Project* (Harvard University Press, 2007), was researched in part during her tenure as Mellon Distinguished Scholar in 2003-4.

Historic sites in Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown were visited by members and guests during the semiannual meeting in celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of Jamestown Settlement in 1607.

John Herron, Jr.

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