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THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held in the Historical Research Library of the Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Saturday, April 16, 1994, at 11:00 A.M. with the following members present: Robert Comey Achorn, Charles Beach Barlow, Robert Charles Baron, Philip Charles Beals, George Francis Booth II, Nancy Hall Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Percy William Filby, Loren Frank Ghiglione, James Harley Harrington, James Nichols Heald, 2nd, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., David Levin, Crawford Lincoln, Charles Robert Longworth, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Catherine Jean McDonough, Gary Marvin Milan, Harold Taylor Miller, Calvin Peter Otto, William Oscar Pettit, Jr., Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Jessie Jean Poesch, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Willie Lee Rose, Barbara Welch Sudler, William Francis Sullivan, Sumner Burnham Tilton, Jr., George Harrison Tweney, Robert Mark Warner, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, John Clark Woodbury, and John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

Chairman Robert C. Baron presided. The reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of October 20, 1993, was waived, and the minutes were approved as circulated. Mr. Baron reported as changes in membership the following:

John Whitin Curtis, died January 16, 1994, elected April 1963

Frederick Williams Hequembourg, died January 26, 1994,
elected October 1984

Russell Wallace Knight, died February 11, 1994, elected April
1964

Hall James Peterson, died March 6, 1994, elected April 1979

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Williams. He reported that the market value of the endowment at February 28, 1994, was \$26,267,335 (as compared to \$23,447,000 at February 28, 1993). As of February 28, 1994, the amount of spending authorized by Council for the fiscal year expressed as a percentage of the twelve-quarter trailing average market value, had dropped to 5.61 percent. He also noted that for the first seven months of the 1993-94 year, operating income exceeds operating expenses, but only by the slightest of margins.

Mrs. Dunlap's report focused on three events that were among the Society's outreach initiatives. Two were supported by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund grant to AAS and the other an energetic evening of singing in Antiquarian Hall during the annual conference of the Sonneck Society for American Music hosted by AAS in April. Each instance exemplifies a way in which the Society's collections are being brought to life for the enrichment of both the local community and the scholarly community that AAS has traditionally served.

Mr. Baron expressed the Society's thanks to Thomas E. Chavez for the use of the Historical Research Library at the Palace of the Governors and for his address entitled 'New Mexico in the Big Picture: The Encounter of Neo-Aztecism and Manifest Destiny.'

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M., following which Dr. Chavez presented his talk.

C. Jean McDonough
Recording Secretary

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