President Baron presided. After the call of the meeting, read by James Donnelly for Secretary Meridith D. Wesby, who was not present, and the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the semi-annual meeting of April 24, 1998, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

Wilfrid Irvin Smith, resigned November 15, 1997, elected April 1974
Frank Thomas Siebert, Jr., died January 23, 1998, elected April 1986
Daniel Farber, died May 23, 1998, elected April 1967
Leo Matthew Weins, died June 12, 1998, elected October 1979
David Levin, died July 12, 1998, elected April 1978


Mr. Baron then offered the following resolution:

Whereas Bruce Goddard Daniels was born and raised in the shadow of Antiquarian Hall, to and by a family noted for its constructive participation in the affairs of the American Antiquarian Society and other institutions important to the civic life of the Worcester community; and
Whereas Bruce Goddard Daniels saw fit to stray a few miles away for school in Deerfield, college in New Haven, and a business career in Boston in the philatelic and numismatic marketplace, but returned regularly to Worcester, all the better to support many worthy institutions in his hometown, including our ancient Society; and

Whereas Bruce Goddard Daniels conscientiously assumed many positions of responsibility in the Society following his election to membership thirty years ago, serving on many key committees and as Councillor, longtime Treasurer, and Secretary for Domestic Correspondence; and

Whereas the vital philanthropic spirit of Bruce Goddard Daniels and his family has left AAS incalculably a better institution through their support of many worthy projects and, most prominently, through their gift and endowment of the magnificent Goddard-Daniels House; and

Whereas Bruce Goddard Daniels, by virtue of his three decades as a most lustrous 'coin' of the Antiquarian realm, has, profoundly and unmistakably, left his 'stamp' upon the institution; now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society warmly thank Bruce Goddard Daniels for his selfless devotion to the Society's welfare, wish him happiness, and bid him Godspeed as he retires from active service on the Council, and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to Bruce Goddard Daniels let these sentiments be made known.

Resolved this twenty-first day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, the one hundred eighty-sixth year of the Society.

The resolution was accepted with spirited applause.

Loren Ghiglione gave the report of the membership committee and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mrs. Barnhill and Mr. Moynihan acting as tellers: Larry Abramoff, Morris S. Arnold, Edward L. Ayers,

James Donnelly presented the report of the Treasurer. Following remarks given by the Librarian, Nancy Burkett, Ellen Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M. After dinner, Franklin M. Loew presented the annual lecture, ‘How History Entered My Life, Shaped It, and Now Won’t Leave Me Alone.’

Respectfully submitted,

Meridith D. Wesby

Recording Secretary