

*Proceedings
of the Semiannual Meeting*

APRIL 19, 1989
NEW YORK CITY

THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held in the Trustees' Room at the New York Public Library, New York City, on Wednesday, April 19, 1989, at 3:15 P.M., with the following members present: Charles Beach Barlow, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Jill Ker Conway, Edward Denis Crowley, Charles Thomas Cullen, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Robert Choate Darnton, Everette Eugene Dennis, Hagop Martin Deranian, Frederick Breakspear Farrar, Donald Richard Friary, James Jeffrey Fuld, William Hersey Greer, Jr., Warren James Haas, Howell Johnson Heaney, John Bixler Hench, Minna Flynn Johnson, Alvin M. Josephy, Jr., William Leonard Joyce, Jeremiah Kaplan, Julian Lee Lapides, Marcus Allen McCorison, John James McCusker, Robert Keiser Massey, James Eugene Mooney, Anne Murray Morgan, Calvin Peter Otto, Nathan Reingold, Betty Ruth Abrego Ring, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Charles Henry Sawyer, John Edward Sawyer, Leonard Benjamin Schlosser, Kenneth Eugene Silverman, David Harry Stam, Frank Sherwin Streeter, Henry Schofield Streeter, Barbara Welch Sudler, William Francis Sullivan, Charles Joseph Tanenbaum, George Thomas Tanselle, David Frederic Tatham, Stephen David Weissman, Barbara Ketcham Wheaton, and John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

President Conway presided. The reading of the minutes of the meeting held October 19, 1988, was waived. Mrs. Conway reported the following changes in membership:

Robert Ernest Spiller, died August 24, 1988

Wallace Woodsome Robbins, died November 11, 1988

Harold Edward Woodward, died December 11, 1988

Paul Fenimore Cooper, Jr., died December 16, 1988

Carlisle Hubbard Humelsine, died January 25, 1989

Otto Vincent Gustafson, died February 20, 1989

Milton Wheaton Hamilton, died February 26, 1989

Richard Brandon Morris, died March 3, 1989

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society with Mr. Joyce and Mr. Mooney acting as tellers: Robert Charles Baron, Nancy Hall Burkett, James Cummins, Russell Earl Fuller, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., John Herron, Jr., Linda Fishman Lapidés, Norman Bernard Leventhal, Charles Robert Longsworth, Frederick William Marshall, Jr., Bill D. Moyers, David Alan Perskey, Barbara Sicherman, Robert Allen Skotheim, Robert Walter Weinig.

The Report of the Council was presented by Mr. McCorison. This was followed by the remarks of the president, in which she commented on the Society's illustrious reputation in the world of learning and emphasized the crucial need for increased support from members and others to ensure the preservation of that reputation. She thanked the director and staff of the New York Public Library for hospitality graciously tendered in relation to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 P.M. Directly following adjournment, the members were joined by guests for the presentation of the subject 'Forgotten Best Sellers from Pre-Revolutionary France,' by Robert Darnton, Shelby Cullom Davis Professor of European History at Princeton University. At the completion of this program, members and guests gathered for refreshments at the Harvard Club of New York City as guests of Jeremiah Kaplan, followed by dinner. At 10:00 A.M. the next morning, members and guests were welcomed for a tour of the Forbes Magazine Galleries, by Robert Forbes, representing our fellow member Timothy Forbes, president of *American Heritage* magazine.

David F. Tatham
Recording Secretary

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