

Proceedings
of the Semiannual Meeting

APRIL 20, 1996

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C., on Saturday, April 20, 1996, at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: David Lynwood Andrews, James Morrill Banner, Jr., Charles Beach Barlow, Robert Charles Baron, Karl Lombard Briel, John Caruthers Broderick, Nancy Hall Burkett, Harold Cabot, Jr., Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, John Young Cole, Jr., William Robert Coleman, Richard Watrous Couper, Bruce Goddard Daniels, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Joseph Franklin Dush, Alan Maxwell Fern, Joseph Henry Hagan, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., Cheryl Hurley, John Melville Jennings, Sandra Baker Lane, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Charles Robert Longworth, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Catherine Jean McDonough, Lillian Beresnack Miller, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Donald Frederick Nelson, Calvin Peter Otto, Edward Carl Papenfuse, Jr., Thoru Pederson, William Oscar Pettit, Jr., Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Steven Rotman, Anne-Marie Soulliere, Wilcomb Edward Washburn, James M. Wells, Meridith Daniels Wesby, and Peter Howard Creagh Williams.

Chairman Robert C. Baron presided. The reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of October 16, 1995, was waived, and

the minutes were approved as circulated. Mr. Baron reported as changes in membership the following:

- Herbert Henry Hosmer, died November 23, 1995, elected April 1985
 Dorothy Porter Wesley, died December 17, 1995, elected October 1970
 Mortimer Herbert Appley, resigned January 3, 1996, elected April 1977
 John Henry Meagher, died January 7, 1996, elected October 1976
 Ruth Elizabeth Adomeit, died February 16, 1996, elected October 1983
 Merle Eugene Curti, died March 9, 1996, elected October 1978

Mr. Herron gave the report of the membership committee, and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mr. Cabot and Mrs. Lapidés acting as tellers: Françoise Y. Basch, John Block, J. Durelle Boles, the Viscount Eccles, the Viscountess Eccles, Michel J. Fabre, Genevieve Fabre, Wayne Franklin, Richard Gilder, J. Kevin Graffagnino, Douglas Greenberg, John Grossman, Lewis Lehrman, Barry MacLean, José Mindlin, James A. Newton, Anthony D. Pell, Charles E. Pierce, Jr., Luke Ives Pontifell, David S. Reynolds, Robert C. Ritchie, June Sprigg Tooley, Daniel G. Volkmann, Jr., and Richard Wendorf.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Williams. He noted that although the full first quarter performance summary of the Society's portfolio had not yet been received from Prime/Kidder Peabody, the Society has been advised that the market value of investments on March 31, 1996, was \$31,433,502. This compares with \$30,856,000 on December 31, 1995, and \$26,351,000 on March 31, 1995. As of March 31, 1996, the portfolio consisted of 71.1 percent equities and 28.9 percent fixed in-

come investments, following a decision by the committee to increase the equity holdings.

The finance committee's recent decision to change from the State Street Bank as custodian to Investors Bank and Trust was being implemented. The Society's checking account is now being handled by Bank of Boston at their Chadwick Square branch in Worcester. Mr. Williams concluded by noting with gratitude that Ellen Dunlap and her staff continue to hold spending at acceptable levels so that another financially sound year is anticipated.

The report of the Council was presented by Mrs. Dunlap, who discussed the Society's continuing commitment to its mission while seeking to become better known in the wider community.

Mr. Baron expressed the Society's thanks to Alan Fern and Lillian B. Miller for hosting the semiannual meeting at the National Portrait Gallery, and to Fredrika Teute, editor of publications at the Institute of Early American History and Culture in Williamsburg, Virginia, for her address entitled 'In "the gloom of evening"; Margaret Bayard Smith's View in Black and White of Early Washington Society.'

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M., following which Ms. Teute presented her talk.

C. Jean McDonough
Recording Secretary

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