

*Proceedings
of the Semiannual Meeting*

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The semiannual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Baltimore, from Wednesday, April 19 through Saturday, April 22, 2006. The following members were present: Georgia B. Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Ruth Bradlee Brooking, Nancy Burkett, Randall Keith Burkett, William Robert Coleman, Donald Howard Cresswell, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Russell Donnelly, Ellen Cary Smith Dunlap, Donald Farren, Rudy John Favretti, Joy Frisch Hakim, Harlowe DeForest Hardinge, John Bixler Hench, John Herron Jr., Ronald Hoffman, Cheryl Hurley, John Jeppson 2nd, Kate Van Winkle Keller, Lucia Zaucha Knoles, Thomas Gregory Knoles, Julian Lee Lapides, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapides, Judy Lorraine Larson, Stephan Loewentheil, Weyman Ivan Lundquist, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Edith Jennifer Monaghan, Barrett Morgan, Anne Murray Morgan, Donald Frederick Nelson, Calvin Peter Otto, Edward Carl Papenfuse, Jr., Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Ann-Cathrine M. Rapp, Barnes Riznik, Winston Tabb, Daniel Grant Tear, John Thomas Touchton, Meridith Daniels Wesby, and Bertram Wyatt-Brown.

On Saturday, April 22, 2006, at 3:15 p.m., the members convened at the Peabody Court Hotel. Chairman Lapides presided. Mr. Lapides read the call of the meeting. The reading of the

minutes of the annual meeting of October 21, 2005, was waived. Mr. Lapides reported the following changes in membership.

Edwin Harrison Cady, elected October 1974, died on August 30, 2003*

Peter Stephen Winkworth, elected October 1979, died August 20, 2005*

Penelope Booth Rockwell, elected October 1987, died November 1, 2005

William Henry Bond, elected April 1965, died November 18, 2005

Alan Manners Voorhees, elected April 2000, died December 18, 2005

John Parker, elected April 1977, died January 15, 2005

Richard Watrous Couper, elected October 1975, died January 25, 2006

Barbara Welch Hornby, elected October 1983, died February 6, 2006

Otis Chandler, elected October 1984, died February 27, 2006

James Oliver Freedman, elected April 1990, died March 21, 2006

*This information has only recently come to the attention of the Society.

Mrs. Hurley gave the report of the membership committee. The tellers were Nancy Burkett and John Hench. The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society: Carol Damon Andrews, Michael P. Angelini, Thomas Bender, James S. Brust, Peter T. Dumaine, Dennis A. Fiori, Patricia A. Fletcher, Edward G. Gray, Harold Holzer, Frederick Hoxie, Brock Jobe, George Fenwick Jones, Thomas J. Keenan, Marie E. Lamoureux, James P. McGovern, Richard E. Mooney, Wendy Wick Reaves, Harold R. Richardson, Roy Rosenzweig, Martha Sandweiss, Bryant Tolles, Ira Unschuld, David H. Watters, Ted Widmer, Joseph Wood, John M. Zak.

George W. Tetler III presented the Report of the Treasurer.

Mrs. Dunlap gave the Report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Following the meeting speakers who would continue the theme of the meeting—an exploration of the cultural riches of Baltimore—were introduced. Taking part in a panel titled ‘Collecting and Studying Edgar Allen Poe’ were Baltimore bookseller and collector Stephan Lowentheil and Richard Kopley, professor of English at Pennsylvania State University. Lowentheil’s assignment was to talk about Poe collections in private and institutional hands and that of Kopley, an authority on Poe, to provide an update on current and future directions in scholarship about the great American poet.

John Herron, Jr.

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