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The last issue of the *Maine Historical Society Quarterly* (Vol. 23, No. 1) contained the report of the Society's 161st Annual Meeting, which was held on June 4, 1983. The following information was omitted inadvertently in the published report of the Annual Meeting.

Following her greeting to members and the reading of special tributes to the late Dean Marriner and the late Robert E. Moody, President Joan S. Hayden announced that she had asked the chairmen of the Maine Historical Society's standing committees to present committee reports as part of the Annual Meeting's morning business session. Although this was not the custom at past annual meetings, Mrs. Hayden said the reports from committee chairmen would give other Society members an opportunity to become better acquainted with the individuals who chaired committees and with committee activities.

Mrs. Hayden introduced the following committee chairmen who individually reported the work of their committees during the 1982-83 year: John W.L. White, Finance Committee; Bruce W. Hazelton, Collections Committee; Mary-Kate Murphy, Membership and Special Projects. When the three chairmen had completed their reports, Mrs. Hayden read reports of Longfellow House Committee Chairman Eleanor P. Merrill and Publications Committee Chairman Robert H. Babcock, both of whom were unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

After Treasurer Donald K. Saunders and Director William H. Toner had presented their reports, President Hayden introduced Vice-President Gordon F. Grimes who had served during the year as chairman of a special subcommittee appointed by the president to review the Society's bylaws. Mrs. Hayden explained that it had become evident that the Society's bylaws, which were last revised and amended in

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1981, were in need of further revision to enable the organization to operate even more effectively. In addition to Mr. Grimes, the subcommittee on the bylaws included Trustees John E. Ham, Jr., and Priscilla F. Gray.

Vice-President Grimes expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ham and Ms. Gray for their efforts in evaluating the current bylaws and proposing improvements in structure and language. For members present, he summarized the proposed bylaws revisions and amendments, a copy of which had been distributed to all Society members prior to the Annual Meeting. At the conclusion of Mr. Grimes's remarks, President Hayden asked members present to vote for or against adoption of the revised and amended bylaws as proposed. By the unanimous vote of members attending this Annual Meeting, the bylaws were revised and amended in accordance with the recommendations of the special subcommittee and the Board of Trustees.

President Hayden introduced Mrs. Joseph E. Porter, who presented the Election Committee's report. According to the report, the following individuals were elected by the Society's membership to the offices and terms indicated: (for a three-year term on the Board of Trustees) Robert N. Bass, Joel W. Eastman, Joan S. Hayden, William C. Pierce, Donald K. Saunders, Frank N. Strout, Harry Z. Sky, and James B. Vickery; (for a one-year term to fill a vacancy created by a resignation) Mary-Eliza Wengren. The following were elected to serve as officers for the year 1983-84: Joan S. Hayden, president; Gordon F. Grimes, vice-president; John E. Ham, Jr., secretary; Donald K. Saunders, treasurer.

When the business session of the 161st Annual Meeting adjourned, President Hayden met briefly with the other members of the Board of Trustees to set the date for their next regular meeting.