

# Pirates Invade Virginia Beach for Semi-Annual Meeting



More than 150 compatriots and guests gathered at the Virginia Beach Hotel and Convention Center over the September 18-19 weekend for VASSAR's 2009 Semi-Annual Meeting. The greatest attendance, 170, was at the Saturday luncheon.



(Left) The Friday Evening Reception featured the induction of Dr. William Kelso (center, chief archeologist at Jamestown into the Williamsburg Chapter. VASSAR President Bill Simpson conducts the ceremony while Williamsburg President Ben Fegan stands by to welcome Kelso as his Chapter's newest member. (Right) President Simpson presents former Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



Reports and awards took up most of the time during the Friday Board of Managers Meeting and Saturday's Business meeting but special programs were presented by President Simpson, former President General Bruce Wilcox and John Quarstein, award winning author, preservationist and city of Hampton Historian.



(L-R) FPG Wilcox briefed on recent events that resulted in work beginning on the new Headquarters Building and Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Bill Simpson presents John Quarstein an engraved award following his presentation on the Battle of the Capes. President Simpson spoke about Virginia's "real" pirates.