Management and Governance

THE COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG Foundation benefited in 2003 from the participation of more than a score of distinguished men and women who served on the board of trustees and its committees, as well as on the board of directors and committees of the subsidiary Colonial Williamsburg Company. Their work on behalf of the foundation advanced the goals and mission of the institution and continued a more than seventy-five-year-old tradition of careful and thoughtful governance.

The Colonial Williamsburg community was saddened by the death of former colleague Charles Brown, chairman emeritus of the board of trustees, during the year. Brown became a trustee in 1979, the year he became chief executive officer of AT&T. He was elected chairman of the foundation's board in 1985 and also chaired the Colonial Williamsburg Hotel Properties board of directors. Brown retired in 1991. He died November 12 in Richmond, Virginia, at the age of eighty-two.

Also marked in 2003 was the death of former foundation trustee David Brinkley. Brinkley, who had a long and distinguished career as one of the nation's most respected television journalists, joined the board in 1966 and retired in 1990. He was a charter member of the Raleigh Tavern Society, Colonial Williamsburg's leading special donor society. Brinkley was the society's chairman from its inception in 1979 until he was succeeded in 2003 by co-chairs Jim Lehrer and Charles Brown. He died June 11 at his Houston, Texas, home at eighty-two.

Randall Tobias, chairman emeritus of Eli Lilly and Company, retired in 2003 from the foundation's board after thirteen years of service. He chaired its development committee and the steering committee for the Campaign for Colonial Williamsburg. He also was a member of the board's finance, nominating and governance, and executive committees. Tobias was appointed in July 2003 by President George Bush to be the nation's Global AIDS Coordinator, with the rank of ambassador, reporting to Secretary of State Colin Powell.