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PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SYMBOLIC LOGIC

George Boolos, Professor of Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and President of the Association for Symbolic Logic, died May 27, 1996, at the age of 55, after an illness of several months. He served the Association as a member of the Council and Executive Committee 1982–85, as an Editor for Reviews of THE JOURNAL OF SYMBOLIC LOGIC, and as Vice President 1992–95 before becoming President in 1995. His enduring legacy includes work on provability logic and in the philosophy of logic and mathematics, and he was well known for his teaching and expository writing on logic. Boolos was born in New York City and graduated from Princeton in 1961 with a degree in mathematics. He attended Oxford University as a Fulbright Scholar and received a BPhil in 1963. He earned the PhD from MIT in 1966, receiving the first such degree in philosophy ever given by that institution. He taught at Columbia University from 1966 to 1969 and then returned to MIT where he taught for the rest of his life. Boolos is survived by his wife, Professor Sally Sedgwick of Dartmouth College, by a son, Peter D. Boolos, from a previous marriage, and by his mother. A memorial service will be held at MIT at a date in the Fall to be announced, and there will be a conference in his honor at MIT in the Spring of 1997.

A full obituary for George Boolos will appear in the December, 1996 issue of this BULLETIN.

The death of George Boolos creates a vacancy in the office of ASL President, which it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to fill. The Committee has asked Menachem Magidor, elected Vice President for 1995-98, to accept the Presidency, and he has agreed to serve the remainder of Boolos's term, to January 1, 1998.

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