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## **THE ACCOUNTING HALL OF FAME**

The Accounting Hall of Fame was established in 1950 at The Ohio State University by the Faculty of Accounting in the College of Administrative Science and with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University, for the purpose of honoring accountants who have made or are making significant contributions to the advancement of accounting since the beginning of the twentieth century. This year the 35th accountant has been elected to the Hall.

While selection to the Hall of Fame is intended to honor the people so chosen, it is also intended to be a recognition of distinguished service contribution to the progress of accounting in any of its various fields. Evidence of such service includes contributions to accounting research and literature, significant service to professional accounting organizations, wide recognition as an authority in some field of accounting, and public service. Obviously, a candidate, if living will have reached a position of eminence from which the nature of his contributions may be judged and his continuing influence may be reasonably forecast.

Annual election to the Accounting Hall of Fame is declared by a Faculty of Accounting Committee upon the canvass of a single ballot of a Board of Nominations. The sole purpose of the canvass is to determine the individual whom the Board of Nominations, by its ballot, has entered into the Hall.

Nominations and the election to the Accounting Hall of Fame by the Board are made annually by mail in two steps. Individual members of the board are asked to nominate one or two living or deceased accountants for possible election to the Hall of Fame. The faculty committee receives these preliminary nominations and prepares a ballot containing names alphabetically listed of not more than four candidates who have been nominated most frequently. The single candidate each year who receives the most votes on the ballot is entered into the Hall.

Evidence of election to the Accounting Hall of Fame takes three forms. A certificate signed by the President of The Ohio State University and a representative of the Board of Nominations and issued

under the seal of The Ohio State University is presented to each person elected (or to the representative of the person elected). The names of the elected persons are inscribed on a scroll, and a photographic portrait of each person elected and the citation attesting to the election are permanently displayed, together with the scroll, in the corridors of Hagerty Hall. Presentation of the certificate takes place at the American Accounting Association convention.

The 35 elected members of the Accounting Hall of Fame are:

Arthur Edward Andersen  
Thomas Coleman Andrews  
George Davis Bailey  
Andrew Barr  
Carman George Blough  
Samuel John Broad  
Percival Flack Brundage  
John Lansing Carey  
Arthur Lowes Dickinson  
Marquis George Eaton  
Harry Anson Finney  
Arthur Bevins Foye  
Paul Franklin Grady  
Henry Rand Hatfield  
Roy Bernard Kester  
Eric Louis Kohler  
Ananias Charles Littleton  
Perry Mason  
George Oliver May  
Hermann Clinton Miller  
Robert Hiester Montgomery  
Lloyd Morey  
William Andrew Paton  
James Loring Peirce  
Donald Putnam Perry  
Thomas Henry Sanders  
Hiram Thompson Scovill  
Elijah Watt Sells  
Leonard Spacek  
Charles Ezra Sprague  
Maurice Hubert Stans  
Victor Hermann Stempf  
Joseph Edmund Sterrett  
Robert Martin Trueblood  
William Welling Werntz

The Board of Nominations is an international one; it consists of forty-five accountants chosen from public practice, governmental and industrial practice, and the universities. Members are chosen for set terms. Over 150 accountants have served on the Board of Nominations.

The Faculty of Accounting at The Ohio State University does not participate in nominating candidates for the Accounting Hall of Fame, and no member of the Faculty of Accounting is eligible for membership on the Board of Nominations. Neither is a member of the Faculty of Accounting eligible for nomination or election to the Hall of Fame. In addition to the functions previously suggested, the Faculty of Accounting determines matters of policy, which are confined to operating procedures.

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