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Brief: President's message [1980, vol. 3, no. 2]
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the August meeting the Trustees and key personnel of The Academy voted against a proposal to become a section of the American Accounting Association. However, the vote did not preclude further discussion to explore the possibility of affiliation with the AAA.

Attendance was excellent at the business meeting and at the technical session in the AAA program sponsored by The Academy. Many of those attending the Boston meetings also were present at the World Congress of Accounting Historians in London. This mid-August event was outstanding in every respect. Attendance was very good, the facilities at the London Business School were excellent and the papers delivered at the Congress were noteworthy. Our thanks go to Professors Bird, Lee and Parker who planned and organized the Congress.

During the remainder of my term as President of The Academy, I plan to evaluate our existing activities and to introduce more effective controls. I have circulated among key members a list of seven proposed changes in accounting policies. These proposals will strengthen The Academy's financial position by formalizing the budgetary process and by assigning responsibility to our various cost and/or profit centers. In addition, I have appointed Tom Johnson to chair an *ad hoc* Publications Review Committee. The charge of this Committee is to take a hard look at all aspects of The Academy's publication efforts. I hope that the Committee will have its preliminary report ready in time for the meetings next August.

Richard Brief

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If any members are interested in serving on a committee of the Academy, they should notify the president, or the appropriate committee chairman, of their desires. The present committees and chairmen are as follows:

Research Committee

Diana Flambholtz

Archives Committee

Richard Vangermeersch

Taxonomy Committee

Harvey Mann

Accounting History Course

Thomas Burns

Publicity Committee

Peter McMickle

Translation Committee

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Membership Committee

Gyan Chandra and Dale L. Flesher

The addresses of the above chairmen are available in the Academy Membership Directory.

MANUSCRIPTS AND SHAGGY DOG STORIES

Anyone wishing to submit article manuscripts, short notes, cartoons, shaggy dog stories, letters to the editor, or other filler to THE ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS NOTEBOOK should send the material to the editor, Dale L. Flesher, School of Accountancy, University of Mississippi, University, MS 389677.

Accounting and Business Research *Special Issue*

A special history issue has been published of the research quarterly, *Accounting and Business Research*. The special issue is in honor of the centenary of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and this year's International Congress of Accounting Historians. Eight excellent history articles are included in the special issue. The specific contents are listed elsewhere in this issue of the *Notebook* in the "History in Print" column. A few copies of the special issue are still available and can be obtained from Accounting and Business Research, 56-66 Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7AB. The price is five pounds (twelve dollars).

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