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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The ninth annual meeting of the Academy of Accounting Historians was held at the Executive House Hotel in Chicago on August 6, 1981. President Dick Brief (New York University) made several announcements relating to recent Academy activities. As to the age-old question of whether the Academy would affiliate with the American Accounting Association, the answer was still "no." Brief's most exciting news was with respect to the possible establishment of a Center for Accounting History Research. Such a center would serve as a depository for collections and archives that could be useful for future research. Georgia State University has offered to provide the facilities to house the center. It was also announced that Paul Garner has arranged for several papers and books of George H. Newlove to be donated to the Academy. Brief's other announcements concerned the designation of life membership status to four distinguished members and the awarding of the 1981 Hourglass Award (both of these announcements are covered in separate stories elsewhere in this issue of THE NOTEBOOK).

Secretary Al Roberts (Georgia State University) gave his annual report which included mention of the fact that the Academy now has 495 members, 69% of whom live in the United States. A total of 44 different states and 22 countries are represented by the membership. Roberts also encouraged all members to begin planning now for the next World Congress of Accounting Historians, which is scheduled for Pisa, Italy in 1984.

The annual election of officers and trustees was held, and the following individuals were elected:

President: H. Thomas Johnson (Western Washington)

Vice-President: Kenneth O. Elvik (Iowa State)

Vice-President: Norman X. Dressell (Georgia State)

Treasurer: Richard Vangermeersch (Rhode Island)

Secretary: Al R. Roberts (Georgia State)

The new trustees, who will serve until 1984, are:

Richard P. Brief (New York University)

Edward N. Coffman (Virginia Commonwealth)

Ross M. Skinner (Clarkson, Gordon & Company)

Arthur R. Wyatt (Arthur Andersen & Company)

Basil S. Yamey (London School of Economics)

ENDOWMENT

Following the announcement of the Endowment Fund of the Academy which has been initiated by the \$2,000 contribution of Professor Kojima, several members have discussed their interest in arranging to make contributions to the fund on an individual basis as part of their estate plans. In particular one member has notified The Academy of his intention to have The Endowment Fund indicated as the preferred recipient of charitable contributions in lieu of memorials such as flowers, etc. at the time of his death. While it is not the most pressing matter for most of us, it is a thought worth sharing—that contributions to the fund, instead of flowers, at this time would provide an important and meaningful source of renewal to The Academy in behalf of the memory of a deceased member. Contributions should be sent to: Endowment Fund, The Academy of Accounting Historians, Box 658, University Station, Atlanta, GA 30303. Contributions are tax deductible.