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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I look forward to serving as president of the Academy for the next two calendar years. My predecessor, Tom Johnson, leaves the organization on a solid foundation for which I am most grateful.

During the next two years, we plan to establish several new committees that will assist in accomplishing the objectives of the Academy. Plans are to establish an Accounting History Education Committee with its objectives being the identification and communication of various means of integrating historical accounting materials into collegiate accounting courses. We also plan to establish a Membership Committee that will undertake activities to expand the membership of the Academy beyond its current level of approximately 550. I am currently seeking persons for membership on these committees. If you would like to serve on either of these committees or if you know of someone who would make an excellent committee member, please let me know.

These new undertakings, in conjunction with the continuation of the established activities, will provide for an even more active and responsive Academy. Ongoing activities of the Academy include:

The Accounting Historians Journal: Ken Most, Manuscripts Editor (Florida International University), Mervyn W. Wingfield, Production Editor (James Madison University)

The Accounting Historians Notebook: (Newsletter): Dale Flesher, Editor (University of Mississippi)

Working Paper Series: Don-Rice Richards, Editor (James Madison University)

Accounting History Classics Series: Dale Buckmaster, Editor (University of Delaware)

Monograph Series: Jim Gaertner, Editor (University of Texas at San Antonio)

The Accounting History Research Center: (in cooperation with Georgia State University) Norman Dressel, Director; Elliott Slocum and Al Roberts, Assistant Directors.



The Academy will hold its annual Trustees meeting and its annual business meeting during the American Accounting Association meeting in Toronto on August 16-18, 1984. As you know, the Academy is not a section of the AAA; however, a close relationship exists between the two organizations. Concurrent sessions on accounting history are scheduled on the AAA program in Toronto.

One of the big events this year is the Fourth International Congress of Accounting Historians scheduled for August 23-27, 1984, at the University of Pisa in Italy. We would like to have as large a delegation as possible attend this meeting. For more information, contact Al Roberts, School of Accountancy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

At the annual meeting of the Academy, it will be proposed that the By-Laws be modified to allow for the election of a President-Elect. Under the current system, the incoming president has only four months (September-December) to become acquainted with the operations of the Academy. It appears that it would be advantageous if the new president had additional time to review the overall operating structures of the Academy and subsequently to construct committees, to appoint committee members, and to establish policies and procedures. It is therefore felt that the creation of the office of President-Elect would be extremely helpful in achieving the objectives of the Academy.

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