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THE ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

Trustees, Officers, and Key Members Meeting
December 1, 1989 — Dusseldorf Room
Atlanta Hilton (Downtown) — Atlanta, Georgia

President Flegm opened the meeting at 8:15 and welcomed those present.

The Calendar of Responsibilities and Events prepared by Secretary Bishop was discussed. Several changes were noted. A revised version will be prepared and distributed to the officers, editors, directors, and chairpersons in January.

Secretary Bishop indicated that the Membership Directory, which contains new and continuing members in good standing as of September 30, 1989, will be mailed in early December. The 1990 Membership Directory was discussed. It was decided that 1) the directory should be enlarged (include such things as a listing of committees and their members, past presidents, and bylaws), 2) the directory should be distributed during May 1990, which would contain new and continuing members in good standing as of April 1, 1990, and 3) the cost should not exceed \$2,000.

Elliott Slocum and Al Roberts, Directors of the Accounting History Research Center, reported that preliminary indications are that insurance policies presently in force at Georgia State University would not cover the contents of the Accounting History Research Center. Tonya Flesher, Director of the Tax History Research Center, reported that the contents of the Tax History Research Center are not covered by insurance as the University of Mississippi is self-insured. The Directors of both centers are to investigate the feasibility and cost of microfilming irreplaceable items and report their findings at our March meeting.

Ross Tondkar, Treasurer, distributed a

new budget for 1990 which reflected full cost (funding). During the discussion of this budget, it was noted that Lee Parker (President-Elect in 1990) had requested travel funds. With the understanding that this be considered an exception due to the international nature of his position, a motion was made to cover up to \$2,500 of his travel cost during 1990. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Finley Graves (reporting for Lee Parker, Chairperson of Accounting History Research Committee) presented information regarding a proposed Accounting History Research Methodology Conference at the University of Mississippi on December 6-7, 1991. A motion was made to approve the conference in concept. After some discussion, the motion was seconded and passed. It was requested that the committee provide some details about the program planned for the conference at our March meeting.

Barbara Merino reported on efforts directed at putting together history programs for regional AAA meetings. She noted the only critical region where we failed to get on the program was the Southeast.

Gary Previts, outgoing Editor (with Mary Stone) of the *Accounting Historians Journal*, indicated that the Fall issue should be mailed very soon. Dale Flesher, incoming Editor (with Bill Samson), reported that he has received 20 manuscripts thus far. One has been accepted.

Elliott Slocum, incoming Editor of the *Notebook*, noted that he plans to continue the format with the same type of

content as developed by Dale Flesher (outgoing Editor). The Spring 1990, issue is in the early stages of consideration.

Ross Tondkar reported that sales of Volume 4 of the *Working Paper Series* are going well. He is preparing to mail additional promotional materials in an effort to generate more sales. Ashton Bishop, reporting for Horace Givens, the current Editor of the *Working Paper Series*, reported that several working papers have been received but none have been accepted at this point.

Finley Graves presented his status report on the *Monograph Series*. He is going to seek funding from NAA for the Garner monograph. After some discussion, it was decided to hold our Toronto meeting in honor of Paul Garner.

Gary Previts, Editor of the *Classics Series*, indicated that two additional books are now available in the series through Garland Publishing. They are: *The Growth of Arthur Andersen & Co. 1928-1973 An Oral History* by Leonard Spacek and *Studies in Accounting* edited by W.T. Baxter. The *Classics Series* is comprised of six volumes.

Directors of the Accounting History Research Center (Al Roberts and Elliott Slocum) and the Tax History Research Center (Tonya Flesher) reported that they are continuing to receive contributions of books and documents.

President-Elect Barbara Merino talked about her plans for the Academy during 1990. She reported that 93 members have indicated an interest in serving on Academy committees. She proposed incentives (similar to the AAA) be offered to persons who work on the Membership Committee. The incentive concept was discussed and approved (details to be worked out later). Briefly, Merino noted that the Academy will sponsor a history session in cooperation with the Center for International Education and Research at the International Conference (University of Illinois) in March and in cooperation with AOS at their conference in November. Also, a CPE session designed to bring about interaction between positive and critical researchers is being planned for prior to the AAA August meeting in Toronto. Additional details on these activities will be forthcoming.



President Flegm made closing comments about his year as President. He noted that, being the Academy's first non-academic president, he approached his term with some trepidation. He attempted to bring forth a different perspective. Under Flegm's leadership the Academy 1) did initiate and take part in regional and national seminars on the relevance of accounting history, 2) was successful in launching the Corporate Accounting Policy Seminars as an AAA sanctioned seminar, and 3) did accomplish some major restructuring as recommended by the Board of Trustees. He is looking forward to working with Barbara Merino and the Academy in future endeavors.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. as there was no further business.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashton C. Bishop
Secretary, AAH



THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST!

"Sincerity is to speak as we think; believe as we perform, act as we profess; perform as we promise, and really be what we would seem and appear to be."

Archbishop Tillotson
Church of England

THE ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

MEMBERSHIP AT DECEMBER 31, 1989

MEMBERS	DOMESTIC	NON-DOMESTIC	TOTALS	%
INDIVIDUAL: LIFE	1	4	5	
STUDENT	65	13	78	
REGULAR	323	119	442	
INDIVIDUALS (TOTAL)	389	136	525	63%
INSTITUTION	216	92	308	37%
TOTALS	605	228	833	
%	73%	27%		100%

MEMBERS (1989)	DOMESTIC	NON-DOMESTIC	TOTALS	%
INDIVIDUAL	81	20	101	75%
INSTITUTION	18	15	33	25%
TOTALS	99	35	134	
%	74%	26%		100%

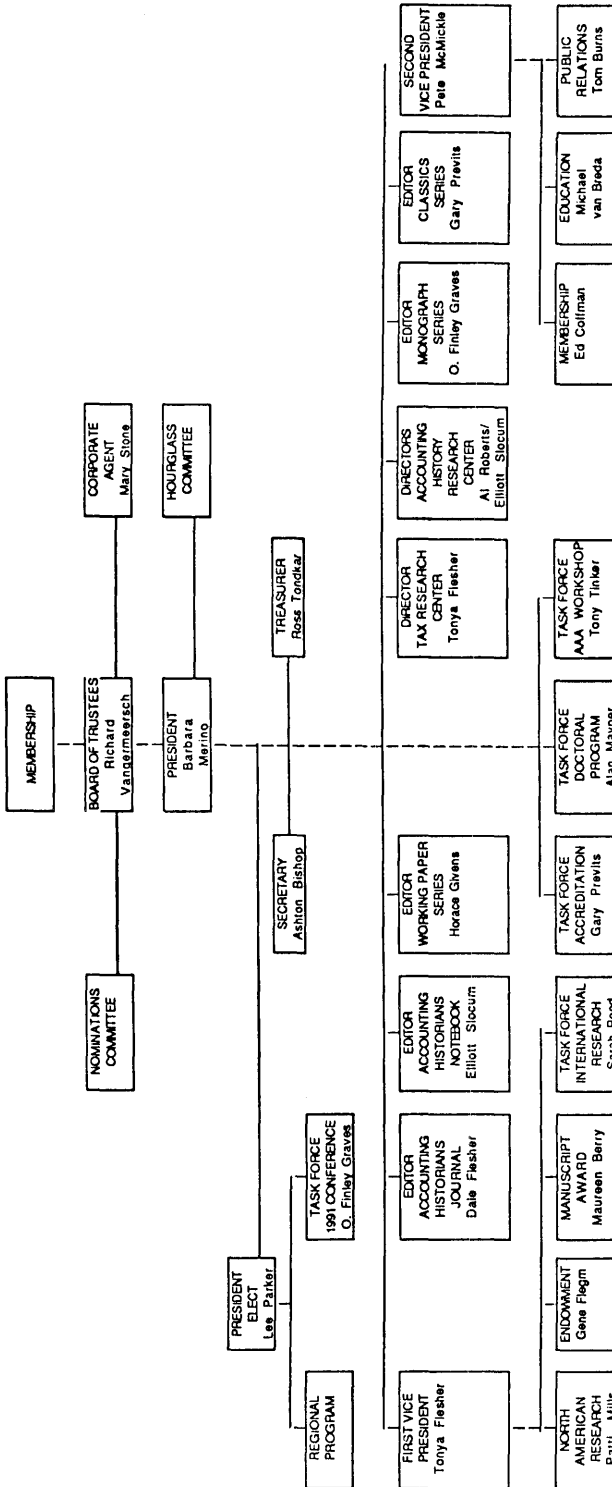
MEMBERS	3 YEAR COMPARISON					
	1989	DOMESTIC		NON-DOMESTIC		1987
		1988	1987	1989	1988	1987
INDIVIDUAL	389	354	351	136	127	114
INSTITUTION	216	203	184	92	82	80
TOTALS	605	557	535	228	209	194

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TRUSTEES MEETING AND MEETING OF TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AND KEY MEMBERS

Trustees of The Academy, which according to the by-laws includes officers, will meet on Wednesday, August 8, 1990, at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The meeting is scheduled from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The Holiday Inn is located about a block from the Sheraton which is the headquarters hotel for the annual AAA meeting. Goals and objectives of the Academy will be discussed. Dick Vangermeersch, Chairman of the Trustees, reports that he is hopeful that the goals of the Academy and its budget for 1991 will be voted on at the meeting.

Meeting of the Trustees, Officers, and Key Members is scheduled to follow the Trustees' meeting. This meeting is scheduled from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Information about the meeting room and an agenda for both meetings will be mailed to you prior to the meeting in Toronto. Please place these important meetings on your calendar, and make every possible effort to attend. Your guidance and support is needed.

Respectfully,
Ashton C. Bishop
Secretary

THE WORKING PAPER SERIES NEEDS MANUSCRIPTS

Manuscripts are solicited for The Academy of Accounting Historians' Working Paper Series. Submitted manuscripts need not be in the finished form required by academic journals. However, the manuscripts should meet reasonable requirements of documentation, etc. If you need information on requirements for the Working Paper Series, please contact Horace R. Givens, Editor, at (207) 581-1992. Send manuscripts to:

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SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

The Sixth International Congress will be held in Kyoto, Japan on August 20-22, 1992, at the Miyako Hotel.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Please send proposed papers to the Preparatory Committee by January 1991, as follows:

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