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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first Key Officer meeting for 1991 has just taken place in Houston, Texas, and I am pleased to report that a high level of planned activity and strategic developments are already manifest at this early stage of the year. Committee and Task Force chairpersons are already busy framing activities for 1991. It is disappointing to note however, that the majority of committee members have still not responded to my letters offering appointment for 1991. I urge you to respond and also to contact your chairperson with a view to offering assistance.

The Key Officers meeting has now decided to discontinue the Academy's Working Paper Series. At this stage of the Academy's continuing development, it was felt that the Working Papers had fulfilled their role in promoting historical scholarship. We feel it is now important that all of us focus our attention on supporting the Academy's journal (AHJ) by providing and encouraging high quality submissions. We are committed to ensuring that AHJ stands as a premier research journal recognized internationally for its scholarship.

Strategic and policy issues are receiving special attention from the Presidential group this year. I have proposed a streamlining of the committee task force



appointment system and President-elect Tom Burns and Vice President Tonya Flesher will table their final version in response to my March proposal at our Nashville meeting in August. The President-elect and I held a Strategic Directions meeting in Houston to facilitate medium- to long-term planning of Presidential initiatives. This is intended to become a regular occurrence at the time of Key Officer meetings.

I have proposed, and the Key Officers have accepted, a new Academy award - a graduate research grant, to be made annually to a Masters or Ph.D. student engaged in an accounting history disser-

## THE ACADEMY PLANS CPE SESSION AT NASHVILLE

tation. The Chairman of Trustees, Dick Vangermeersch, will be in charge of this, and you will be hearing more from him on this, later.

Finally I commend to you two 1991 Academy events that form an integral part of my 1991 Presidential agenda. First, there is a CPE session planned for the Nashville AAA meeting in August with Professor Tony Tinker as moderator, supported by an organizing committee. It is to be a critical history workshop entitled "Relevance Lost and the New Management Accounting." Second is our Accounting History Research Conference to be held at The University of Mississippi in December. It is being organized by a special Task Force chaired by Professor Finley Graves. He is now calling for papers, and your submissions are now awaited. I commend both of these occasions to your support and participation.

Lee D. Parker

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

The Trustees will meet on Sunday, August 11, 1991 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The meeting will be held in the Cumberland C Room from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. A light lunch will precede the start of the meeting.

A meeting of the Trustees, Officers, and Key Members will follow in Cumberland C Room from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

An agenda for both meetings will be mailed to you prior to the meeting. Please make every possible effort to attend.

Ashton C. Bishop  
Secretary

The Academy of Accounting Historians is planning to host a CPE session at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association in Nashville. Tony Tinker, who will serve as Moderator of the session, reports that program content will involve a critical history workshop on "Relevance Lost and the New Management Accounting."

The workshop will include an in-depth review of the historical and social underpinnings of the Johnson-Kaplan critique of conventional management accounting. Participants will discuss the lineage of thought from Chandler to Williamson to Johnson and to Johnson and Kaplan and then appraise this emerging paradigm with alternative accounts and interpretations.

The format will center around a discussion group approach based on a number of articles which will be provided to the participants prior to the meeting. The condition of participation depends on prior study of the material.

The organizing committee for the CPE session includes: Cheryl Lehman (Hofstra University), Marilyn Neimark (Baruch College-CUNY), Lee Parker (Flinders University), Ross E. Stewart (Seattle Pacific University), and Tony Tinker (Fordham University).

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