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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this message, I will have almost completed my term as President of the Academy for 1991. At the very outset I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the trustees and officers of the Academy who have so ably supported me throughout this year. While being a year of intense activity for the Academy for both myself as President and Professor Tom Burns as President-elect, this year has not been without its difficulties. It is therefore a particular tribute to the commitment and cohesion of our Academy colleagues that we have been able to maintain the highest priority upon our continued pursuit of the Academy's objectives.

This has been a high profile year for the Academy with the very successful doctoral consortium in the Southwestern Regional AAA meeting earlier this year, and the upcoming Accounting History Research Methodology Conference at the University of Mississippi in early December. In addition, the CPE session on "Relevance Lost and the New Management Accounting" chaired by Professor Tony Tinker on our behalf at the Nashville AAA meeting ranked as one of the best attended of the CPE sessions at that conference and also ranked highly on attendees' subsequent ratings.

In addition, as a Presidential initiative this year, I instituted the Graduate Research Grant in Accounting History for which Professor Vangermeersch has already invited applications in a previous issue of this *Notebook*. We also witnessed the publication of the monograph in honor of Paul Garner under the very capable editorship of Professor Finley Graves. We anticipate further monographs to emerge under his editorship.

In addition, as foreshadowed in my



earlier message this year, the key officers and trustees have paid considerable attention to the development and streamlining of strategic structures and processes within the Academy. This work will continue on through 1992.

In summary, it is a credit to the personal commitment and time volunteered by so many to this body that it has advanced so greatly in recent years as a major international force in accounting academia. That level of support and commitment will be a prerequisite for this momentum to be continued. I warmly commend the Academy, its activities and services to your ongoing support and attention.

Lee D. Parker

SPRING MEETING OF THE ACADEMY

The Trustees and Officers Meetings of The Academy is scheduled for May 1-3, 1992. The meetings will be held at the Stouffers Inn in Dublin/Columbus, Ohio. Meeting notices and agenda will be mailed in the Spring.