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Northeast Region American Accounting Association Celebrates Fortieth Anniversary With the Establishment of A Hall of Fame

The Northeast Region American Accounting Association meetings held in Springfield, Massachusetts on April 18-20, 1991 celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first meeting of the region. In addition, the meetings recognized the 75th anniversary of the AAA and the 100th anniversary of the Basketball Hall of Fame. As part of the celebration program, an NERAAA Hall of Fame was established to honor accounting faculty members who made a significant contribution to the region. AAA President-elect Arthur Wyatt participated in the induction of nine faculty members into the NERAAA Hall of Fame. The inductees included John A. Beckett, retired University of New Hampshire faculty member who initiated the first meeting in Cambridge in 1951 while a member of the MIT faculty. The first meeting evolved to form the Conference of New England Accounting Instructors, the predecessor to the now NERAAA. Other inductees included Donald F. Arnold, Union College; Norman D. Berman, New York University; Robert L. Gray, New York Society of Certified Public Accountants; Spencer L. Martin, University of Rhode Island; and Gordon Shillinglaw, Columbia University. The induction also included retired faculty members Robert W. Lentihon, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Robert N. Anthony, Harvard Business School; and Porter S. Wood, University of Rhode Island.

Richard Vangermeersch of the University of Rhode Island and meeting chairperson Anthony Krzystofik of the University of Massachusetts presented a
brief history of the NERAAA and encouraged members to submit programs and other memorabilia of past meetings and activities.

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SOUTHWEST PHD CONSORTIUM

The Second Phd Consortium in the Southwest Region is in the planning stage. It will be held in San Antonio in March 1992. The Consortium was initiated by The Academy in 1991 for the purposes of exposing doctoral students to historical methods and research. All doctoral granting institutions in the Southwest region will participate.

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SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

FROM: Michael F. vanBreda
Chair, Education Committee

RE: Midyear Report

The education committee continues to pursue the idea of producing and circulating a monograph, containing a series of historical illustrations for use in class. Several examples were circulated to the committee members. These have drawn a number of responses with more expected.

The committee continues to seek for additional ways in which it can be of assistance to faculty and students in the classroom. In this regard, I might add that the 5th edition of Hendrksen’s Accounting Theory text is scheduled to appear in November this year. This new edition has 3 chapters dedicated to accounting history and numerous allusions to history scattered throughout the rest of the text. I am hoping that the committee might be able to use some of the material in this text as a basis for developing further teaching materials.