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1. President Tonya Flesher called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

2. Michael van Breda presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the Academy is in sound financial condition. The budget for 1994 is being prepared.

3. Doris Cook distributed a list of 10 members who have cancelled their membership for various reasons, such as retirement. She also distributed a list of 53 members who have sent no response to two dues notices. President Flesher will send a letter to each of the 53 members.


5. Gary Previts moved that the officers (President, President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary) be given the discretion to cancel the scheduled dues increase of $2 for 1994. This decision should be made after the 1994 budget is prepared and before the dues notices are printed. Perhaps the $2 dues increase is not needed financially and may be part of the cause of the decline in membership. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Ashton Bishop moved the following resolution which was unanimously approved:

   Resolve: The Board of Trustees of the Academy of Accounting Historians would like to formally recognize and profusely thank Nihon-Shoseki, Ltd. for their help in assisting the Academy's development in Japan. For 15 years (1977-1991) Nihon-Shoseki, Ltd. served as the exclusive wholesale distributor for the Accounting Historians Journal in Japan to non-members of the Academy. We are extremely grateful to Nihon-Shoseki for this valuable service. The Academy would be delighted and welcome the opportunity to continue to work with Nihon-Shoseki, Ltd. as a distributor of our publications in Japan.

   A special letter of thanks will also be sent to Nihon-Shoseki, Ltd. by Dr. Bishop. The resolution and letter are to show our appreciation at the termination of our exclusive arrangement with them for distribution of the Accounting Historians Journal.

7. Ashton Bishop presented a preliminary outline for a conference with an education theme. The suggested time is Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, including a Friday evening reception and dinner, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. The place suggested is Georgia State University in the Fall 1994. Mary Stone suggested that we communicate with the Teaching Curriculum AAA Section regarding the proposed conference.
8. President Flesher noted that she had good response to her request for committee members. Elliott Slocum will print the committees in the Notebook. It was also suggested that the committees might meet at the annual meeting in San Francisco in August.

9. Maureen Berry reported that she has received no submissions for the Vangermeersch Manuscript award so far. She will get a flyer ready for the annual meeting. Also, the announcement will be put in both the Fall and Spring Notebook.

10. Al Mayper reported that the membership committee has started a membership drive using an incentive system. It was suggested that more publicity to solicit new members might be obtained through the newsletters of the 10 largest state societies.

11. A report sent by Phillip Siegel, chair of the Education Committee, noted four items planned by the committee: (1) column in the Journal on education topics; (2) column in the Notebook; (3) complete work of last year’s committee; (4) compile class assignments related to accounting history from professors.

12. A report sent by Hans Johnson, chair of the Regional Programs Committee, noted that goals included: (1) having a history session at every regional meeting, and (2) compiling a list of titles and authors of papers presented at history sessions for 1993 and 1994 meetings.

13. Gary Previts discussed the plans of the Strategic Organizational Task Force. The charge of the Task Force is to identify the options for changes in the organization of the Academy. He will ask the Task Force members to respond to a series of questions and report the results. Some of the concerns include cost, tax exempt status, and maintaining identity of the Academy.

14. President Flesher noted that she would not be able to attend the Annual meeting in San Francisco in August and asked if we really need a meeting. President-elect Ashton Bishop will preside if we do have a meeting.

15. Gary Previts suggested that the $2,500 received from Nihon-Shoseki, Ltd. in settlement of their account be split between the two Centers, based upon the budget requests submitted by the Centers to the treasurer. This suggestion was approved.

16. Michael van Breda reported that he has made arrangements with a bank to receive dues by credit card. This change will be put on the next dues statement.

17. President Flesher thanked Al Roberts for making arrangements for the room and lunch for the meeting.

18. Gary Previts reported on his contacts with editor candidates to succeed Dale Flesher and Bill Samson as the editorial team of the Journal, effective January 1, 1994. Previts was told to continue the process with the understanding that the proposed new team of Barbara Merino and Patti Mills are acceptable to the trustees, provided they agree to serve. In addition, Sarah Reed, Texas A&M University, will be asked to serve as production editor. (Subsequently, Previts has confirmed Merino's willingness to serve such a term (Usually three years); Patti Mills had previously accepted with the proviso that another senior scholar jointly serve with her. Thus, Sarah Reed was not contacted.)

19. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Doris M. Cook, Secretary Academy of Accounting Historians April 27, 1993

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