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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been an exciting year to be president of the Academy. As 1994 marks the 500th anniversary of the publication of Luca Pacioli's treatise on double-entry book-keeping (in his *Summa...*), a number of events have celebrated the significance of this occasion. I, and many of you, have been fortunate to have participated in several of these memorable events. Details of some of these celebrations appear elsewhere in this issue of *The Notebook*.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

The highlight of each year is the Academy's annual Fall conference. This year's conference, which focuses on using history to add value to accounting education, is scheduled December 9-10 (Friday and Saturday) at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers Hotel. A pre-conference reception will be held on Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. In addition to participation from Academy members, other speakers include Louis Galambos (past President of the Business History Conference), Ronald Patten (Dean, College of Commerce—DePaul University), Mansel Blackford (*Historical Perspectives on Business Enterprise* Editor), Philip Chenok (AICPA President), Doyle Williams (Dean, University of Arkansas and former Chair, Accounting Education Change Commission), and Clarke Price (Executive Director of the Ohio Society of CPAs). I am especially indebted to Ed Coffman (and his committee), Paul Miranti, Gary Previts, and Al Roberts for their assistance in organizing the conference. Given the increased attention devoted to restructuring accounting education, I encourage the membership to attend the conference. Also, please help advertise the conference and urge non-members to attend. The Hourglass Award will be presented at this meeting.

By the time you read this message, the Education Committee (Chaired by Kathy Sinning) will have completed their



"syllabi project." A computer diskette that contains syllabi for accounting history courses and courses where accounting history is being integrated will be available. The diskette also contains information about the Academy's Video Library (Dale Flesher, Director) and an article on the integration of accounting history into the curriculum. The diskette should prove to be extremely valuable to instructors who wish to add a historical perspective to their courses. I am extremely grateful to Kathy Sinning who provided outstanding leadership for this important project. Please be sure to obtain a copy of the diskette for yourself and inform non-Academy members about the availability of the diskette.

Special thanks to Kumar Sivakumar for conducting a very successful and significant CPE session in New York this August which was held in conjunction with the American Accounting Association Meeting. The session, **Use of Capital Markets Research Methodologies in Historical Accounting Research**, was initiated by Haim Falk (Chair, Research Committee) during 1993. Also, I am pleased to report that the current CPE Task Force, chaired by Finley Graves, is in the process of organizing a CPE session prior to the 1995 AAA annual meeting in

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

Dale Flesher and Bill Samson completed their tenure as Editors of *The Accounting Historians Journal* with the publication of the June 1994 issue. In addition, Patti Mills finished her term as Book Review Editor. The Academy extends our thanks to these individuals for their time, dedication, and contributions. They did an outstanding job.

Barbara Merino and Patti Mills are the new Editors of *The Accounting Historians Journal*. Victoria Beard is the new Book Review Editor. The Academy is very fortunate to have such a talented group serving as the new editorial team.

Sarah Reed has assumed the position of Treasurer from Michael van Breda. The Academy extends to Michael van Breda our thanks and appreciation for his dedicated service and leadership. Please join me in welcoming Sarah Reed to the leadership team.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to announce that Tom Burns and Gene Flegm have been awarded LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Academy of Accounting Historians by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees. This award is in recognition of their distinguished contributions to accounting history and for accomplishments in accounting. Congratulations to both for achieving this distinction. A detailed summary of their contributions and accomplishments will appear in the next issue of *The Notebook*.

## CLOSING

In a volunteer organization such as ours, a key to success is a willingness to serve in accomplishing Academy goals. This year, as in past years, an ever increasing number of members expressed a desire to serve. Indeed, the future of the Academy is unlimited as an international organization for research, publication, teaching and personal exchange.

Ashton C. Bishop

# SCHEDULE OF ACADEMY FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Academy for 1995 are tentative and are presented herein as a means of calling your attention to the plans currently in process.

## Spring Meeting, Officers and Trustees

April 5-7, 1995  
Midwest AAA Regional  
Hyatt Regency  
Dearborn, Michigan

Fall Meeting, Officers and Trustees;  
Past President's Dinner;  
Annual Academy Reception

August 13, 1995  
Annual AAA Meeting  
Marriott World Center  
Orlando, Florida

Annual Research Conference  
Annual Business Meeting  
November 3-4, 1995  
Jumer's Castle Lodge  
Champaign, Illinois

Program and information regarding the conference and meetings will be provided in the Spring, 1995 issue of *The Notebook*.



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