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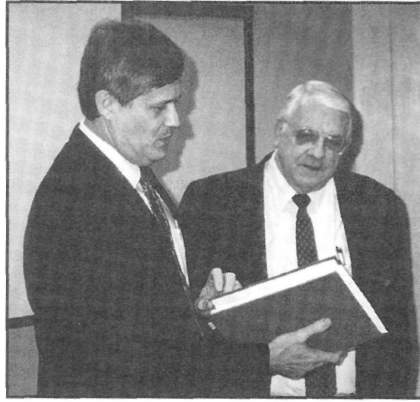
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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO AL ROBERTS

Dr. Alfred R. Roberts was awarded life membership in the Academy of Accounting Historians in recognition of his many years of service and contributions to the Academy. The award and recognition of Al was made during the dedication ceremony of the Academy's new Administrative Office at the Garner Center in the



*Dale Flesher and Al Roberts*

Culverhouse School of Accounting at the University of Alabama. Dr. Dale Flesher, of the University of Mississippi and a past president and trustee of the Academy, made the presentation to Al. Al also received a bound volume of letters of congratulations and appreciation from his friends and colleagues. Of course there is no truth to the rumor that it was a one page volume.

Al is a charter member of the Academy and made significant contributions in the establishment of the Academy in 1973 and its development in the formative years. He served as president in 1974-75, as secretary/treasurer in 1975-76, and as secretary for more than a decade.

Al has served as a trustee and on a number of committees during the past twenty years. Also, Al has served as a co-

director of the Accounting History Research Center at Georgia State University from its inception. He is one of a few individuals who knows the history of the Academy because he has been an integral part of its growth and development.

Al received his Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in

1971, writing his dissertation on the contributions of Robert Montgomery. Al was a member of the School of Accountancy faculty at the University of Missouri for several years before joining the faculty at Georgia State University in 1975. During his twenty year tenure at Georgia State University, Al made significant contributions to the School of Accountancy, the College of Business, and the University through his work on the University Senate, College Faculty Affairs and Promotion and Tenure Committees, and many other School of Accountancy Committees. He also served for two years as the acting head of the Department of Information Systems at Georgia State University. Al retired in June, 1995, and his presence and counsel are surely missed.

### A THOUGHT FROM THE PAST

*"...the ideal conception by the profession itself of its true mission, a conception from within and not dependent upon extraneous exigencies, places accountancy far outside the pale of all ordinary callings, and sets it upon a platform of its own as a learned profession, self-impelled to culture, to moral enlargement, and to scientific attainment; and lays a basis of confidence for every business enterprise that in professional accountancy there is a self-centered soul of economic truth."*

—C.W. Haskins,

*Dean and Professor of Auditing and of the History of Accountancy, "History of Accountancy," Introductory Lecture, New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, Commerce Accounts & Finance, Volume 1, Number 1 (Jan. 5, 1901): 6.*