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**Letter to Henry A. Niles re: Proposed employment, by the Board of Trustees of the Association, of an Executive Officer to serve as Secretary**

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American Association of Public Accountants. Committee on Guarantee Fund

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52 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

September 17, 1910

H. A. Niles, Esq.,  
111 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Niles:-

At the forthcoming annual convention of The American Association of Public Accountants, a most important matter will come up for consideration and action, involving a distinct departure from the previous order. It will involve several changes in the by-laws of the association, which are now being revised by a committee specially appointed for that purpose.

I refer to the proposed employment, by the Board of Trustees of the Association, of an Executive Officer to serve as Secretary one who can and who will devote all of his time and energy to the interests of the Association and through it to the profession.

Acting under authority conferred by the Board of Trustees, the President of the American Association appointed a Special Committee to determine the best way to raise a sufficient income to carry forward this proposal. Realizing the difficulties and the delays involved in any plan to increase the dues of the Association, the Committee has been actively engaged in securing voluntary contributions to a SPECIAL GUARANTEE FUND covering a period of three years beginning October 1, 1910. This fund already amounts to \$3,000.00 a year, and is growing with the receipt of each mail. From this you will see that the success of the movement is secured, at least so far as the financial arrangements are a factor.

September 17, 1910.

Thirty members of The New York State Society have been good enough to contribute to this Guarantee Fund. Your cordial support and co-operation are enlisted by the Committee in favor of the movement. To this end I am anxious that you should thoroughly understand the plans the Committee has in hand, and that you should be afforded an opportunity to make any suggestion or enquiry that may occur to you. I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience if you have anything to suggest to the Committee.

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You are a member of the New York State Society's delegation to the next convention of the American Association to be held at the Hotel Astor, in New York City, on October 18th to 20th.

It is proposed that a meeting of the New York delegation shall be held before the end of September to consider its course in regard to this whole matter and to decide upon the names of members of the Association to be nominated for the elective offices. Due notice of this meeting will be sent you, as soon as it can be learned what date will be convenient to the largest number of the delegates.

It will be most helpful to this movement for the uplist of the profession, if the New York delegation acts as a unit in favor of the report of the Special Committee. Looking to this end I am hoping to arrange that an advance copy of the Committee's report shall be in your hands before the end of this month.

I shall be very glad to hear from you in regard to this matter. With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo. Wilkinson*

GW/BE