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Hyatt Regency Hotel—Chicago, Illinois
Wednesday, August 14, 1996


1. The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Doris Cook.

2. Jeanette Sanfilippo reported on public relations activities. T-Shirt sales and Academy information brochures are available at the Convention Exhibit. Free T-Shirts are given to new members who join during the Convention. A silent auction of books is planned for the Academy research conference in Cleveland, December 5-7.

3. Finley Graves gave the Communications Task Force Committee Report. He also gave an update on the Monograph Series in which several were in various stages of planning and development.

4. In the reports from the Centers, Dale Flesher reported that the Ole Miss Tax Center had received recently four large donations of tax history materials. He also stated that the video library loan activity is currently slow, but expected to pick up in the Fall. Elliott Slocum reported that Georgia State will receive the Jones Collection in September.

5. Gyan Chandra reported that his committee had received commitments from three AAA regions to hold sessions on accounting history in the Spring regional meetings. Others are being contacted.

6. The minutes from the May 1996 meeting in New York were distributed by Bill Samson. These minutes were approved. Samson also distributed the current membership report.

7. Sarah Holmes presented the financial statements. She submitted a tentative 1997 budget for the Academy. This will be proposed for approval at the December meeting. Progress is being made in getting the Treasurer and the Secretary bonded.

8. Gary Previs gave the Centers Coordinating Task Force Report. Gary Previs described his findings from a recent trip to the University of Alabama Business Library. The annual report collection would rank this library in the top five. Previs opined that UA could become an Academy Research Center with Academy holdings turned over to the library with no concern that these collections would not be maintained. Further discussion on UA's potential as an Academy Research Center will occur at the December meeting after a proposal is formalized.

9. Also Previs reported that the Academy's Website on the Internet now has Paul Garner’s book in its entirety and also the Academy's membership Directory is now online. It is hoped that the Directory will be updated frequently. Plans are being considered about reducing the number of directory copies mailed, as the Internet becomes a more widely adopted tool of Academy members.

10. The proposal of the Research Committee was distributed by Paul Shoemaker. He and Paul Miranti discussed the proposal. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the proposal is a good working outline. The research committee now plans to move...
forward to the next phase which is to secure authors and a publisher.

11. Next, the reports on the 1996 Research Conference were given. First, Doris Cook discussed the December Conference in Cleveland and distributed the tentative program. She gave Marilynn Collins' report on hotel arrangements. Kathy Sinning reported on the papers received. Plans are being made to video tape the plenary sessions at this meeting.

12. Gene Flegm outlined the research conference funding commitments that had been made by donors.

13. Ross Tondkar gave his report on the 1997 conference in Richmond, Virginia. Hotel arrangements have been made. Announcements about the meeting and call for papers are being distributed at this AAA Convention.

14. Barbara Merino gave the AHJ editors' report. The June 1996 issue has been printed and is in the mail. A proposal was made, seconded and passed that starting after 1997, the AHJ editorship would be a fixed three year term. A motion was made and passed to authorize the editor to appoint an associate editor to help with the publication process.

15. Elliott Slocum reported on the Notebook.

The Spring issue has been in the members hands for several weeks and the Fall issue is proceeding. Associate directors for the Georgia State Center and Notebook associate editors are being planned for.

16. Ashton Bishop gave the report of the Strategic Action Committee. At the December meeting, the Overseas Outreach Report will be described in detail.

17. Doris Cook gave Jean Harris' Membership Committee Report. To encourage practitioner interest in history, it was proposed that abstracts of selected AHJ papers be distributed to CPA societies and other practitioner groups such as the IMA for possible inclusion in their publications. The motion was made and passed that Jean Harris select the abstracts of appropriate papers and distribute these to practitioner outlets.

18. Brief reports from the Vangermeersch Manuscript Committee, the Education Committee, the Financial Advisory Committee, and the Nominations Committee were received. Complete reports will be presented in the December meeting in Cleveland.

19. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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authored numerous texts and treatises. His 1954 book, "A History of Cost Accounting to 1925," has been reprinted on two occasions and continues to be cited in contemporary work in the history of accounting thought. One of the last projects in which Paul was involved was the placing of this classic publication on the Academy's Website where it is available to scholars at no charge. The book is the first in accounting to be on the Internet.

Paul is survived by his wife Ruth and three children, Thad, Walter, and Sarah. As a memorial to Paul, the Garner family has requested that friends wishing to make donations in Paul's memory consider contributing to the Garner Endowment Scholarship Fund at the Culverhouse School of Accountancy, University of Alabama. A more in depth memorial will be published in a future issue of The Notebook.

ENCOURAGE DOCTORAL STUDENTS TO JOIN THE ACADEMY AT THE SPECIAL RATE OF $7.50 PER YEAR
President (1997), Rasoul (Ross) H. Tondkar, Virginia Commonwealth University, has established the following committees and chairs for 1997. If you have an interest in participating in any of the committees below, please contact Dr. Tondkar. All members are encouraged to be involved in the operations of the Academy.

**Education Committee**
Charge: Assemble and disseminate materials that foster the integration of history into accounting curricula.
- Professor Gloria Vollmers, Chair
  - University of Maine

**Endowment Committee**
Charge: Assist the Academy in raising funds for its scholarly and research activities, as well as special projects.
- Mr. Eugene Flegm, Chair
  - General Motors Corporation (Retired)

**Financial Advisory Committee**
Charge: Provide counsel and advice to the Academy’s Treasurer and to the Board concerning the Academy’s financial management.
- Professor Kathleen E. Sinning, Chair
  - Western Michigan University

**Membership Committee**
Charge: Enlist new individuals and institutional members for the Academy by contacting academics and practitioners.
- Professor Jean E. Harris, Chair
  - Penn State University-Harrisburg

**Nominations Committee**
Charge: Identify and nominate potential candidates for key positions.
- Professor Doris M. Cook, Chair
  - University of Arkansas

**Overseas Relations Committee**
Charge: Research ways in which the Academy could expand its services to overseas members and increase their involvement in Academy activities.
- Professor Thomas A. Lee, Co-Chair
  - University of Alabama
- Professor Lee D. Parker, Co-Chair
  - Flinders University of S. Australia

**Program Committee, 1997 Conference**
Charge: Prepare call for papers, read and evaluate papers, and arrange paper sessions for conference.
- Professor Edward N. Coffman, Chair
  - Virginia Commonwealth University

**Public Relations Committee**
Charge: Enhance awareness of the Academy and its activities and enlist the assistance of key persons at AAA national and regional meetings in distributing information and other projects.
- Professor Jeanette Sanfilippo, Chair
  - Maryville University-St. Louis

**Regional Programs and Continuing Education Committee**
Charge: Serve as liaison with other organizations with an interest in accounting history, such as regional AAA meetings; also, develop and coordinate continuing education programs in conjunction with other meetings.
- Professor O. Finley Graves, Chair
  - University of Mississippi

**Research Committee**
Charge: Encourage accounting history research, identify possible topics, identify sources of funding, and evaluate proposed research projects.
- Professor Paul J. Miranti, Co-Chair
  - Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Professor Paul A. Shoemaker, Co-Chair
  - University of Nebraska

**Strategic Action Committee**
Charge: Consider the Academy’s strategies concerning the long-term physical locations of its administrative and research facilities, study and evaluate alternatives.
- Professor Ashton C. Bishop, Chair
  - James Madison University

**Richard G. Vangermeersch Manuscript Award Committee**
Charge: Prepare announcement for the award, encourage submissions of manuscripts and select the outstanding manuscript for 1997 using established guidelines.
- Professor Donna L. Street, Chair
  - James Madison University