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Academy of Accounting Historians Minutes—Meeting

of Trustees, Officers, and Key Members

Grand Hyatt Hotel—New York City

Saturday, April 20, 1996

Present: Ashton Bishop, Ed Coffman, Doris Cook, Dale Flesher, Jean Harris, Sarah Holmes, Tom Lee, Barbara Merino, Paul Miranti, Gary Previts, Bill Samson, Paul Shoemaker, Elliott Slocum, Dick Vangermeersch

1. The meeting was called to order by President Doris Cook at 1:00 p.m.
2. Doris Cook distributed the minutes of the Urbana, Illinois (November 1995) meeting. The minutes were approved.
3. Doris Cook distributed the 1995 year end membership report. Bill Samson gave the membership status for 1996. The retention of members and the recruitment of former members who have not renewed were discussed. The President will write to non-renewing members to encourage them to renew for 1996. A free gift of either monograph 3 or 4 will be offered as an incentive to renew.
4. Sarah Holmes presented the report of current 1996 revenues, expenditures and cash balance. Also submitted were the audit report and the 1995 financial statements.
5. Sarah Holmes made a motion that bonding be acquired for the treasurer and secretary. The motion was passed. She also proposed that the secretary and the treasurer be given solely signature power over Academy bank accounts. This motion passed.
6. Sarah Holmes made a motion to amend the 1996 budget to provide for a maximum of \$720 for the Home Page Network project. The motion was passed.
7. Barbara Merino made a motion to amend the 1996 budget to increase the treasurer's travel budget to \$2,000 (from \$1,000) placing it on par with the



Grand Central

secretary's and the president's amounts. The motion was passed.

8. The report and agenda for the 1996 research conference (Cleveland, December 5–7), prepared by Doris Cook, was given. Preliminary program, call for papers, and other information about the conference will be mailed to all individual members in letters from the President. Kathleen Sinning has publicized the conference in several places.
9. Barbara Merino gave the editor's report for *The Accounting Historians Journal*. The delays in publication are being overcome. The December 1995 issue has been printed and will be mailed out next week; the June 1996 issue is well along and should be published close to the June 30th target. Discussed at length were the problems in delays in members receiving the *Journal*, postage and mailing. Barbara

Merino proposed, and the motion passed, to use book rate, rather than bulk mail, for the journals being sent to the U.S. members. This method will be used for the December 1995 and the June 1996 issues to see if copies are delivered more rapidly to members.

10. Barbara Merino proposed that the submission fee of the *Accounting Historians Journal* be reduced from \$15 to \$0 for members and be reduced from \$38 to \$25 for non members. By this latter change, authors who were not members would no longer automatically be given membership status by the submission. After discussion, the motion was approved.
11. Elliott Slocum reported that the Spring issue of *The Accounting Historians Notebook* is in progress and short articles are needed to complete the issue.
12. Elliott Slocum reported that the inventory of the Academy's holdings of historical materials at Georgia State is in progress.
13. Dale Flesher reported that the research center at Ole Miss had received some additions to the video tape collection.
14. Gary Previts described the May 31–June 1 meeting of the Coordinating Task Force to be held at University of Alabama. The purpose is primarily to coordinate the Academy's Centers, particularly the overlapping holdings of
15. Paul Miranti and Paul Shoemaker described the progress of their Research Committee of developing a document titled "Historical Methods for Accounting Researchers." A tentative table of contents was presented. Issues about how to make this available and how to fund the project were discussed. The Committee is to consider these issues and make a formal proposal at the August meeting (Chicago). A motion supporting the concept of this project was made and approved.
16. Jean Harris reported on the Membership Committee's activities. The Committee has undertaken several new approaches to bring in new members. Plans to recognize and reward members for sponsoring new members were discussed. The idea of getting more members from the practice community was suggested.
17. The report of Jeanette Sanfilippo's Public Relations Committee was read. The t-shirt sale of 1995 broke even, after considering the free t-shirts given to new members. This activity was felt to be worthwhile and should be continued. A motion was made to use \$600 to again fund this project for 1996. The motion passed. A table has been reserved for academy brochures, flyers, announcement, etc. at the World



Congress in Canada, August 11-15. A

booth has been reserved for the Academy at the AAA meeting in Chicago.

- 18. Ed Coffman presented Ross Tondkar's report on the plans for the Research Conference in Richmond (December 1997). A motion was made and passed that the Academy should not agree to an indemnification clause in the hotel contract.
- 19. Because of the financial support raised by Barry Huff, it was proposed that his 1996 membership fee be waived in appreciation of this effort. This motion passed.
- 20. Gary Previts gave Gene Flegm's report that progress was being made on raising funds from business donors.
- 21. Ashton Bishop delivered Donna Street's report on the Vangermeersch award. She has publicized this award in several places.
- 22. Tom Lee presented Gary Carnegie's

Overseas Outreach Report. Gary has resigned and Tom Lee has replaced him as the co-chairman. In the report, there were three recommendations to improve the Academy's service to international members. These recommendations will be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee for future action.

- 23. Tom Lee reported on efforts to include graduate students at history conferences. In particular, the session planned for Ph.D. students at the December 1996 Conference (Cleveland) has been postponed until the Richmond Conference (December 1997). It was felt that funding of \$1,000 per year could be raised for such a Ph.D. session. The donation of Tom Lee's, Ashton Bishop's and Bob Parker's royalty check of \$600 from Garland was cited as a good start at meeting this objective.
- 24. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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