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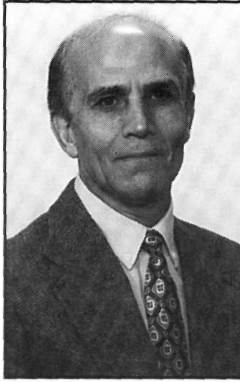
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as President of the Academy of Accounting Historians. The 1997 Committees that were established last Fall have been actively working toward fulfilling their established charges. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all officers, committee members, and the membership for their hard work and support.



Rasoul H. Tondkar

In order to better serve our international members and enhance the Academy's international focus, the International Relations Committee and the Strategic Action Committee, are in the process of establishing international area coordinators. The Membership Committee, chaired by Jean Harris, has been very active and has contacted approximately 200 individuals and libraries, encouraging them to join the Academy. As a result, our membership is on the rise. The Public Relations Committee, chaired by Jeanette Sanfilippo, has contacted our library members to offer them a complimentary copy of the bound volume containing volumes 1-3 of the *Accounting Historians Journal*. Thus far, 50 such library members have requested their complimentary copies of the volume. Furthermore, as in the past, Jeanette staffed the Academy's booth at the recent National Meeting of the American Accounting Association (AAA) in Dallas, Texas. The booth has provided tremendous exposure for the Academy and Jeanette informs me that 28 individuals joined the Academy during their visit to the booth at the recent AAA meeting. The Education Committee, chaired by Gloria Vollmers, is updating the "Guide to Integrating Accounting History into the Accounting Curriculum" which was first developed a few years ago. Gloria will distribute the finished product to all members and it is hoped that

this information would be helpful to our members in integrating accounting history into the curriculum.

On another matter, a front page article on Bill Samson and the Academy was published in the *Wall Street Journal* (July 16). This article provided tremendous exposure for the Academy and our Secretary, Bill Samson. Bill has informed me that he has received numerous inquiries on how one might join the Academy.

Another highlight for the year is the Academy's 1997 Research Conference. This year's conference, which focuses on a broad theme of "The Past, Present, and Future of Accounting History as it Relates to Methodology, Education, Technology, and International Organizations," will be held in Richmond, Virginia during December 5-6, (Friday and Saturday). A pre-conference reception will be held on Thursday, December 4, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Additional details concerning the conference, conference registration, and hotel reservation appear in this issue of *The Notebook*. The Richard G. Vangermeersch Manuscript Award and the Hourglass Award will be presented at this conference. A great program is planned, and I hope that each of you will attend the conference.

A meeting of trustees, officers, and key members of the Academy was held on August 17, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the annual meeting of the American Accounting Association, in Dallas, Texas. This meeting was very productive. Additionally, the Academy hosted a reception from 8:00-10:00 p.m. on August 17, and many members and others attended the reception.

Once again, it has been a pleasure to serve as President of the Academy of Accounting Historians.

Rasoul H. Tondkar