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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to express my gratitude to the membership for providing me the opportunity to serve the Academy of Accounting Historians. I will strive to continue the growth of the Academy and the enhancement of its national and international recognition. Of course, like any organization, the Academy’s success will depend on the hard work and dedication of officers, committees, and membership. The 1997 Committees were established last Fall and are actively working towards fulfilling their established charges. The information on committee members and their charges are presented in this issue of The Notebook. In order to better serve our international members and enhance the Academy’s international focus, the Strategic Action Committee is in the process of establishing overseas area coordinators, which was proposed by the 1996 Overseas Outreach Committee. The information of overseas area coordinators will appear in future issues of The Notebook.

It has come to our attention that, due to unforeseen mailing problems, some members of the Academy may not have received the June 1996 issue of The Accounting Historians Journal. On behalf of the Academy, I would like to express our regrets for any inconvenience this might have caused. Currently, we are taking proper measures to eliminate possible future mailing problems. If you have not received your copy of the June 1996 issue, please contact Professor Barbara D. Merino at the address that appears in a related announcement in this issue of The Notebook.

The Academy’s 1997 Research Conference will be held in Richmond, Virginia during December 4–6, 1997. Several mailings have been undertaken to provide members information on this conference. Additional detail appears in this issue of The Notebook concerning conference and hotel accommodations. I look forward to seeing you in Richmond.

Rasoul H. Tondkar

RESOLUTION OF THE ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

The Academy of Accounting Historians joins the University of Arkansas in honoring Professor Doris Cook. Along with her long time contributions to the University of Arkansas and to Beta Alpha Psi, Doris has been a key member of the Academy from its start. Not only has she done significant historical research, she has inspired her students to be actively involved in accounting history. Doris has served the Academy of Accounting Historians in many varied roles. Last year, Professor Cook served as President after a three year stint as Secretary of the Academy. Her directness, patience, hard work and dedication led the Academy through difficult times.

In recognition of her long and many contributions to historical research, to inspiring others to become involved in accounting history and her leadership and service to the Academy, the Academy of Accounting Historians has voted to honor Doris Cook as its thirteenth life member.

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