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NEWS AND NOTES

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ON WEB

Secretary William Samson reports that based on decisions made at the Academy's April meeting in Nashville, the Membership Directory will be placed on the Web as part of the Academy's Home Page. As a result, the Academy will not mail out the printed copy of the Membership Directory as in previous years unless such a copy is specifically requested. The Academy is seeking ways to reduce expenditures while continuing to provide this service to members.

The updated membership listing is expected to be placed on the Web by June, 1997, and will be periodically updated for new members. The Academy hopes this will provide ready access to the most current listing of members from which one could also print hardcopy if desired. The Web address is <http://weatherhead.cwru.edu/Accounting>.

For those without Internet access, a limited number of printed Membership Directories will be available upon request. If you need a printed copy of the Membership Directory, please contact the Secretary, William Samson, during July at: The Academy of Accounting Historians, Culverhouse School of Accountancy, The University of Alabama, Box 870220, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35487-0220.

VIDEO RECEIVES AWARD

The video entitled, *The First Century of the CPA*, scripted and co-produced by Academy members Gary Previts, Dale Flesher, and Paul Miranti on behalf of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has received a *Crystal Award of Excellence*. The Communicator Awards, a national awards organization founded to recognize outstanding work in the field of communications, judged the video to exceed high standards of excellence and serve as a benchmark for the industry. Indeed the video is described as a video-library "must" for use in presentations to civic groups, schools, and community organizations.

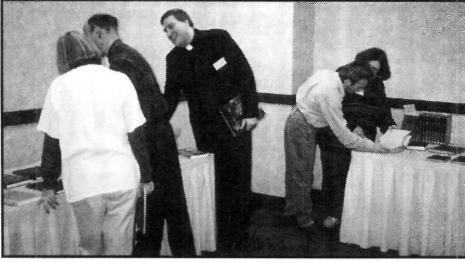
SOME THINGS ABOUT THE NOTEBOOK

As you will note with the next issue of *The Notebook*, we have changed the date reference from Spring and Fall to April and October. This will mean that beginning with Volume 20, Number 2, October, 1997, future issues of *The Notebook* will be mailed at a different time during the year. With the exception of the April, 1997 issue, which will be mailed in June, future issues should be in the mail in the months of April and October. The Editors decided to make this change in 1997 rather than in 1998. Please be aware that postal delivery in the U.S. can take as much as four weeks, and destinations outside the U.S. can take as much as six weeks for delivery.

Dr. Kumar N. Sivakumar, School of Accountancy, Georgia State University, has been appointed Co-Editor of *The Accounting Historians Notebook* for 1997. With his guidance, we expect to begin to experiment with placing *The Notebook*, or a substantial part of it, on the Web. This experiment may begin as early as the October issue.

JEANETTE HAS A SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

Jeanette Sanfilippo, chair of the public relations committee, reports that The Academy's first silent auction was a success. This was the first silent auction of old accounting and business books by The Academy, and it was held during the research conference in Cleveland in December, 1996. Jeanette reports that approximately \$800 was raised from the auction. As noted in the Fall, 1996, *Notebook*, and The Academy's home page, another auction is planned for the research conference in Richmond on December 4-6, 1997. An initial list of books to be available from the Accounting History Research Center was published in the Fall, 1996, *Notebook*, and the complete list from the AHRC will be provided in the October issue. Jeanette expects the second auction to be a greater success due to more advanced information and larger inventory of books.



Members view items on auction.

SAMSON WINS

Dr. William D. Samson, Roddy-Garner Professor of Accounting at The University of Alabama, School of Accountancy was selected earlier in 1996 as recipient of the 1996 EMBA Excellence Teaching Award at The University of Alabama. The recipient of this award is chosen annually by the graduating class of the Executive Master of Business Administration program.

ACTIVITIES AT THE AHRC

Dr. A. R. Roberts has been appointed as Director Emeritus, and Drs. Kumar Sivakumar and Ram Sriram have been appointed Associate Directors of the Accounting History Research Center at Georgia State University. Dr. Elliott Slocum continues as Director of the AHRC.

Cataloging activities for the AHRC are continuing as the database is now being

edited. Although the process seems to be moving ever-so-slowly, we hope that in the near future individuals may be provided with a current listing of holdings available on disk or hard copy.

A substantial contribution of publications from the estate of Mr. James W. Jones by Mrs. Virginia Jones has been received. Information about this contribution will be provided in the future once it has been cataloged and displayed.

SLOCUM RECEIVES FSA AWARD

Dr. Elliott Slocum, Georgia State University, and long time member of The Academy received the Federation of Schools of Accountancy Joseph A. Silviso Faculty Award of Merit. The award was presented at the FSA annual meeting in New Orleans on December 2, 1996. This award is presented annually to a faculty member teaching in a post-baccalaureate professional program offered by a member school of the FSA to recognize, honor, and reward the faculty member for service to the FSA and the accounting profession. The award is particularly meaningful to Dr. Slocum because it is named for Dr. Joseph A. Silviso, Professor and Head of the Department of Accountancy during his doctoral studies at the University of Missouri.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR HOURGLASS AWARD

The President's Hourglass Award is presented annually by the Academy (1) to the author or authors of a particular publication deemed especially noteworthy in the field of accounting history or (2) for a lifetime of research or contributions to the literature in accounting history.

Members of the Academy are invited to make nominations for this prestigious award. Nominations should be sent to Dr. Ross Tondkar, School of Business,

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA 23284-4000, before October 1, 1997. The letter of nomination should include sufficient evidence to support the nomination and include current address, telephone and FAX numbers for the nominee.

This award will be presented at the Academy's annual research conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia, December 4-6, 1997.