Academy of Accounting Historians. Membership, trustees and officers Meeting, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday, November 14, 1998; Membership, trustees and officers Meeting, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday, November 14, 1998

William D. Samson
1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Elliott Slocum.

2. The minutes of the Membership Meeting, December 1997, in Richmond, Virginia were distributed. The minutes were approved.

3. The minutes of the Trustees and Officers Meeting in August 1998 in New Orleans were distributed. These were approved also.

4. Secretary Samson distributed the 1998 membership report. It was noted that membership has been increasing during the last two years, with an increase of 42 members this year and now stands at 894 total members. The increase is in the US individual and institutional membership, with non-US membership declining slightly.

5. Secretary Samson distributed the 1999 calendar of duties to the officers. Also distributed was the report from Kathy Rice, Administrative Coordinator of the Academy.

6. Sarah Holmes, Treasurer, distributed the 1998 financial statements and the 1999 budget. Several items were discussed including the success of the silent auction book sale and the fact that 1998 expenditures for the journals were less than budgeted. Budget amendments were made to allocate money for maintaining the website and leadership transition. Also, the provision for San Diego conference was increased $500. The Treasurer's report was voted upon for acceptance; it passed unanimously. The budget, as amended, was voted upon and unanimously approved.

7. Dick Fleischman gave the AHJ editor’s report and discussed the number of paper submissions and quality of papers. The December 1998 issue of AHJ is being mailed and should reach all members well before the year-end. Editor Fleischman asked that the search begin for a new editor, given the lead time in the editorial transition process. Tom Lee will be forming a committee to select the next editor.

8. Elliott Slocum indicated that the Fall issue of the Notebook is in the mail.

9. Finley Graves indicated that there was no change in the Monograph Series.

10. The need for an Academy Policy Procedures Manual was discussed at length. Tom Lee will report on a proposal to develop such a document at the Spring meeting.

11. Tom Lee reported that 30 invitations have been sent out for the Tuscaloosa meeting in the Spring. Hopefully this will involve accounting historians from around the world. Tom Lee also described the developments of the 1999 annual meeting which will be held in Toronto, November 18-20, 1999.

12. Committee reports were given. First, Dick Vangermeersch discussed setback encountered by the International Committee.

13. Next, the Nominations Committee, chaired by Ross Tondkar, gave its report. The slate of nominees for offices in 1999 are:

Officers
- President, Tom A. Lee, The University of Alabama
- President-Elect, Kathleen E. Sinning, Western Michigan University
- First Vice-President, O. Finley Graves, Kansas State University
- Second Vice-President, William D. Samson, The University of Alabama
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The Academy is grateful to the conference sponsors that made this research conference a great success. The sponsors include Arthur Andersen, LLP, the General Motors Foundation, and the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation. The Academy appreciates the chairmen and their efforts of organizing the conference. The conference program was co-chaired by Kumar Sivakumar and Ram Sriram. The organization of the facilities was chaired by A. R. Roberts. The following is the conference program:

Plenary Session: "Business Reporting in an Era of Change"

Edmund L. Jenkins, Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board

Plenary Session: Research Methodologies and Acceptance of Accounting History In Education and Dissertation Research

Moderator: Ram S. Sriram, Georgia State University

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