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The slate of candidates were seconded, voted by the membership and elected.

14. Paul Miranti gave the Research Committee's report and indicated slow progress in finishing the research book.

15. Donna Street reported that the Vangermeersch Award Committee had sent out the announcements for the 1999 award.

16. Ashton Bishop reported that the Strategic Action Committee was concluding its work and passing the initiative to the new president, Tom Lee.

17. New business included discussion that the World Congress meeting in 2004 be proposed for the city of St. Louis. Dick Vangermeersch will chair a committee to investigate this possibility.

18. Dale Flesher reported that the Tax History Research Center has issued a grant to support one scholar, and the McMickle book collection will be shelved in the new facility. This collection will be listed on the Academy's web page.

19. Elliott Slocum reported that the Accounting History Research Center will put the holdings on the web. The books are being rearranged on the shelves to make the groupings more logical.

20. The meeting was adjourned by Elliott Slocum at 3:40 p.m.

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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

“Comments about the Acceptance of
Accounting History Research in Dissertations, Promotion and Tenure, and Academic Employment

Panel: Joann Noe Cross, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
“A Genealogy of Accounting History Dissertations”
Robert J. Bricker, Case Western Reserve University
Barbara Merino, University of North Texas
“Making Historical Research Meaningful and Relevant”
Vaughan Radcliffe, Case Western Reserve University
“Methodologies: Old and New”

Lunch and Awards
Panel: “Academy of Accounting Historians: Its History”
Edward Coffman, Virginia Commonwealth University
Al Roberts, Georgia State University, Retired
Gary J. Previts, Case Western Reserve University

Concurrent Sessions
Session A: International Perspectives on Financial Reporting
Moderator: Charles W. Wootton, Eastern Illinois University
“Cultural and Administrative Antecedents of Financial Disclosure in Modern China”
Max Aiken, La Trobe University
Wei Lu, Monash University
“The Development of Financial Reporting in Ireland”
Peter Clarke, University College Dublin
“A Comparison of the British and United States Balance Sheets to 1917”
Darwin L. King, St. Bonaventure University

Session B: Financial Reporting for Railroads and Coal Industry
Moderator: Victoria Beard, University of North Dakota
“Exploring the Contents of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Annual Reports: 1827-1856”
Gary J. Previts, Case Western Reserve University
William D. Samson, The University of Alabama
Jan Richard Heier, Auburn University Montgomery
“Financial Reporting in the Belgian Coal Industry: Cases from the First Half of the 20th Century”
Ignace De Beelde, University of Gent (Belgium)

Session C: Concepts, Issues, and Roles of Financial Reporting
Moderator: Judith C. Walo, Central Connecticut State University
Dale L. Flesher, University of Mississippi
Jeffrey S. Zanzig, Millsaps College
“The Roll of Accounting in Reconciling Changes in Socioeconomic Relationships in the United States Following World War II”
Diane Kay Pence, Prairie View A&M University
“Historical and Philosophical Looks at the Pre-SFAS #95 World of the Funds Statement”
Richard Vangermeersch, University of Rhode Island
Concurrent Sessions

Session D: Auditing and the Audit Report

Moderator: Keith McMillian, S.J., Rockhurst College

“Auditing and Stewardship: The Role of Agency Theory and Stewardship Theory in the Assessment of Audit Risks”
Donald L. Ariail, Ariail & Company, P.C.

Darwin L. King, St. Bonaventure University

“Images of Audit 1844-1944”
Gerard McHugh, Trinity College

Session E: Business Disclosures as Illustrated by Various Companies

Moderator: Marilynn Collins, John Carroll University

“The Disclosed Profit and Loss accounts of Schneider and Co. (1837-1852)”
Daijiro Fujimura, Hiroshima Shudo University

“Accounting and Business Disclosure Practices of the St. Joseph Lead Company 1864 to 1900”
Glenn Vent, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Ronald A. Milne, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

“United States Rubber Company, 1893-1917: An Examination of Reporting Practices”
Elliott L. Slocum, Georgia State University

Concurrent Sessions

Session F: Ethics and Governance

Moderator: Alan Mayper, University of North Texas

“Business Ethics and Social Responsibility - A Historical Perspective Derived from Annual Reports”
Duffy A. Morf, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Mississippi

Dale L. Flesher, The University of Mississippi

“Information, Contingency and the Evolution of US Corporate Monitoring”
Paul J. Miranti, Jr., Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Mary Ellen O'Grady, Ramapo College

Session G: Taylorism and Rhetoric

Moderator: Ann L. Watkins, North Carolina A&T State University

“Completing the Triangle: Taylorism and the Paradigms”
Richard K. Fleischman, John Carroll University

Session H: Business and Government Reporting Practices

Moderator: Ashton Bishop, James Madison University

“Analysis of an Early American (1801) Reference Book on Business and Accounting Practices”
Robert Bloom, John Carroll University
John Solotko

“The Development of Performance

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Reporting within State and Local Government
Judith A. Kamnikar, Auburn University
Edward G. Kamnikar, State of Alabama

Session I: Issues in Reporting to Stakeholders, Internal Audit, and a Case of Political Influence
Moderator: Donna L. Street, James Madison University
“The Ford Motor Company’s Financial Reporting to Stakeholders - Dormant or Extinct?”

Call for Papers
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