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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that the New Year is proving to be a happy and productive one for each of you. The year has started well for the Academy thanks to the many members who have volunteered to serve on the Academy's committees. The focus of our work this year is to identify the services that are desired by members and to develop plans to deliver those services. By now, each of you should have received a survey intended to obtain your input about the Academy's future direction. I hope that you will complete and return it. This is your opportunity to help guide the organization's path. If there is an area of concern that is not addressed in the questionnaire, please let me know.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is a list of Academy committees for this year along with their charges and members. Your responses to the survey will help several of those committees carry out their charges. The Committee to Review Academy Operations and Communications and the Strategic Action Committee will use your input to make recommendations concerning revising the Academy's operations and communications and restructuring officer and committee responsibilities.

A key to involving members in the Academy's activities is to be able to communicate with them in a timely manner. The Web Technology Committee is in the process of evaluating the Academy's web site with a view to making it more dynamic and useful. Please take a few minutes to review the Academy's home page at <http://weatherhead.cwru.edu/accounting>. If you have suggestions for the site, please let me know. If your email address is not included in the Membership Directory or if it is incorrect, please send an email message to the Academy's Administrative Coordinator at krice@cba.ua.edu to update your address. We intend to communicate with members using email to a greater extent.

An integral part of planning for the future is to ensure that the Academy has suf-

ficient members to remain a vital organization. The Membership Committee and the Overseas Relations Committee may request your help in distributing information about the Academy to your colleagues and doctoral students. I hope that you will be able to assist them. We especially want to encourage individuals from outside the United States to join the Academy since accounting history truly is an international discipline.

The Education Committee is in the process of assembling materials to help faculty integrate accounting history into the curriculum. If you have an accounting history case or project or a syllabus for an accounting history course, please consider sharing it with the Education Committee. They will make the materials available to all faculty on the Academy's web site.

The Vangermeers Manuscript Award Committee has revised the award criteria beginning with this year. The goal of the manuscript award is to encourage young academic scholars to pursue historical research. Any accounting faculty member who holds a full-time appointment and who received his or her masters or doctorate within seven years prior to the date of the submission is eligible to have a manuscript considered for the award. Co-authored manuscripts will be considered if at least one co-author meets the requirements. If you or your colleagues meet the award criteria, please consider submitting your manuscript for this award.

There are two program committees this year that are busy planning for the Academy's annual fall research conference and for an international accounting history colloquium. The Academy's annual fall research conference will be co-sponsored this year with the Ohio State University Accounting Hall of Fame. The conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio, at the Hyatt on Capitol Square on November 9-11, 2000. The program committee is arranging for many Hall of Fame members to present their views of the history

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CALL FOR PAPERS

THE SECOND ACCOUNTING HISTORY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OSAKA, AUGUST 8–10, 2001

Accounting History is the journal of the Accounting History Special Interest Group of the Accounting Association of Australia and New Zealand. The conference will feature papers which comply with the editorial policy of the journal. *Accounting History* aims to publish quality historical papers. These may be concerned with exploring the advent and development of accounting bodies, ideas, practices and rules. They should attempt to identify the individuals and also the local, time-specific environmental factors which affected accounting, and should endeavor to assess accounting's impact on organizational and social functioning.

Conference papers will be accepted across a wide range of topics and using a variety of approaches including biography, prosopography, business history through accounting records, institutional history, public sector accounting history, comparative international accounting history and oral history. The use of theoretical perspectives drawn from relevant disciplines such as economics, sociology and political theory is encouraged in conducting investigative, explanatory studies of accounting's past.

Notification of papers accepted for inclusion in the conference program will be made no later than May 15, 2001.

Submission of Papers

Papers should be submitted by March 15, 2001 to:

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and future of the accounting profession during plenary sessions and as part of panels. The conference offers a wonderful opportunity to meet these very influential members of the profession.

The accounting history colloquium is being co-sponsored with Drexel University on Sunday, August 13, 2000. The colloquium is prior to the start of the American Accounting Association's national meeting and is intended to provide an additional opportunity for Academy members to interact with others

interested in accounting history while they are in Philadelphia. Information about both programs and the calls for papers are included in this issue of the *Notebook*.

There are many ways for you to take part in the Academy's activities this year. If you would like to serve on one of the committees or have suggestions concerning the direction of the Academy, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at one of the future events.

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