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## THE ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

### Trustee and Officers Meeting

### Marriott Hotel, San Diego, California

August 15, 1999

*Present:* Ed Coffman, Sarah Holmes, Richard Vangermeersch, Finley Graves, Elliott Slocum, Kathy Sinning, Dale Flesher, Ross Tondkar, Gary Previts, Tom Lee, Ashton Bishop, Michael Gaffikin

1. The meeting was convened at 1:10 p.m. by Tom Lee.
2. The minutes of the Tuscaloosa officers' and trustees' meeting on May 22, 1999, were approved.
3. Kathy Rice's report indicated that membership dropped by 49 individuals to 808 members from August 10, 1998, to August 10, 1999. Membership is an issue that must be addressed next year. Kathy Rice's report indicated that it would not be financially sound to acquire a bulk mail permit.
4. Sarah Holmes gave the Treasurer's Report. The 2000 proposed budget will be finalized by the November 1999 meeting. The November 1999 Research Conference had received funds from KPMG, \$2,000; GM, \$1,500, and Deloitte and Touche, \$5,000. There are two requests outstanding to Arthur Andersen and Ernst and Young. The conference budget is \$8,500 and has been met by the gifts. We will have to withdraw some funds from the savings account to cover the balance of the year's expenses. No additional funding was received for the May 1999 Comparative International Accounting History Research Consortium. The conference was funded out of the 1999 conference budget.
5. Editorial reports were received from Elliott Slocum and Finley Graves.

The *Notebook* will go to the printer in mid-September. Finley reported that
- Keith McMillan's dissertation will be published by the monograph series if it can be made camera ready by Keith. Dale Flesher has a large supply of the Garner monograph. It can be made available to the membership committee.
6. Dale Flesher reported that the EDP/Auditing Archival Center has new furniture and is ready for members to use. The Tax History Research Center and the McMickle Library are also ready for use.

Elliott Slocum reported that the Accounting History Research Center is in the process of completing the shelving of the Jimmy Jones collection. The Center has a number of extra books that can be used for the Silent Auction in Toronto. Elliott will look into purchasing a new computer for the center to facilitate cataloging collections.
7. Reports on Research Conferences—Richard Vangermeersch proposed that the Academy investigate making a proposal for the Ninth World Congress and to hold it in St. Louis in the year 2004. He also indicated that we should commend the *CPA Journal* for its coverage of accounting history.

Tom Lee reported that the 1999 Research Conference planning is well under way.

Kathy Sinning reported that the 2000 Research Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio, as a joint conference with the Accounting Hall of Fame. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt at Capital Square from November 9 through November 11, 2000.

Finley Graves reported that the 2001 conference will be held at the La

Fonda Inn in Sante Fe. Joni Young and Tom Mouck, of the University of New Mexico, will co-chair the conference. The conference will be held November 15 - 17, 2001. The academy needs to sign a contract with the hotel to guarantee the very favorable rates.

Tom Lee reminded members of the Eighth World Accounting History Conference to be held on July 19-21, 2000, in Madrid, Spain.

8. Committee reports were reviewed and discussed. No manuscripts were received by the Vangermeersch Manuscript Award Committee. It was recommended that the guidelines be altered to allow co-authored papers. The committee was asked to change the guidelines for next year. Finley Graves was to contact Keith McMillan regarding the work of the Research Committee.
9. New Business - Other business discussed included:

A special issue of *AHJ* dealing with accounting history in Asia was discussed. It was agreed that the editor of

the journal should make that decision.

Decision was made on the appointment of Steve Walker to replace Dick Fleischman as Editor of *The Accounting Historians Journal*. Need for a revised budget to allow for Steve's location.

Tom Lee discussed the report of the Comparative International Accounting History Research Consortium. The consortium will not continue on an annual basis, but future conferences will be considered.

Donation of \$100 to North Texas (re Jim Merino).

Leadership retreat - to be held on Friday, April 14 in Indianapolis at the Midwest AAA meeting site.

Discussion will include the duties of the officers in the future.

Need budget for international travel by president.

Secretary and vice presidents to review duties and responsibilities of officers.

10. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

\*Minutes taken by Kathleen E. Sinning for Alan Richardson



## TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS MEETING

November 20, 1999

Westin Hotel, Toronto, Canada

*Present:* Edward Coffman, Richard Fleischman, Finley Graves, Sarah Holmes, Tom Lee, Gary Previts, Alan Richardson, William Samson, Kathleen Sinning, Elliott Slocum, Rasoul Tondkar, Richard Vangermeersch

The meeting was called to order by Tom Lee at 3:30 p.m.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting in San Diego were approved as circulated.
2. Editors' Report
  - a. *Accounting Historians Journal* (Dick Fleischman) - report attached
    - submissions to the *Journal* are down

largely due to competition from other publications

- the transition from Dick Fleischman to Steve Walker as editor will occur in July 2000
- the editorial board of the journal will be reconfigured at that time to reduce its size and balance membership against current areas of historical scholarship
- it was suggested that the Academy examine the AAA editorial succession policy and that a policy of this

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- nature be added to the Policies and Procedures manual.
- b. *Accounting Historians Notebook* (Elliott Slocum)
- The *Notebook* has been delayed in printing (six weeks so far).
  - The Academy is still looking for a replacement for Elliott Slocum as editor.
- c. Monograph Series (Finley Graves)
- There has been no progress on converting Keith McMillan's dissertation into a monograph. Keith is currently publishing material from the dissertation and this may obviate the need to publish the dissertation.
  - A new proposal by Paul Miranti and Steve Loeb is being considered.
  - The Academy needs to replace Finley Graves as editor of this series and/or reconsider the need for the monograph series.
3. Reports from the Centers - no reports were given.
4. Conferences
- a. 1999 Fall Research Conference - regarded as a success, attendance was down from last year but fund-raising was very successful.
- b. 2000 fund raising is progressing well; conference fee has been raised by \$10.
- c. 2001 La Fonda Inn Santa Fe has been booked; no budget has been established.
- d. 2002 planning committee has been formed.
- e. 8th World Congress has asked for a subvention.
- Moved that a subvention of no more than \$3,000US from general funds be approved to aid the 8th World Congress of Accounting Historians. Motion passed.
5. Committee Reports
- a. Administrative (Alan Richardson) - report attached.
- The Policy and Procedures Manual has been completed by the committee (John Rigsby, chair). The Manual will now be reviewed by each incumbent in a position named in the manual to ensure that it is comprehensive. In addition, officers should look for areas that need to be included in the manual. Two items emerging from this meeting are the need for a policy on editorial succession and a conflict of interest policy.
- b. Education (Ross Tondkar) - report attached.
- c. Endowment - given under item 4.
- d. Financial Advisory - no report.
- e. Hourglass Award - the committee (Lee Parker, chair) has completed its activities.
- f. Membership - no report.
- g. Public Relations - Marilyn Collins has taken over as chair of the public relations committee.
- h. Research - no report. The lack of a report is of concern to the officers, and will be pursued by President-elect Sinning.
- i. Editor Search AHJ - Stephen Walker has been appointed as editor.
- j. Vangermeersch Award - no award was given as no submissions were received. The terms of reference of the award will be changed to allow co-authors.
6. Strategic Issues 2000
- a. A strategic planning meeting will be held in Indianapolis April 14-15, 2000, with President-elect Sinning. A key issue is increasing competition for the *Accounting Historians Journal*, and the possibility of a new accounting history organization being formed outside the US.
7. New Business
- a. Chambers Archive
- Moved that the Academy of Accounting Historians endorse the creation of the Chambers Archives at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. Motion passed.

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