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THE ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

Trustees and Officers Meeting Four Points Sheraton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama Saturday, May 22, 1999

Present: Dick Fleishman, Dale Flesher, Sarah Holmes, Tom Lee, Gary Previts, Kathy Rice, Alan Richardson, Bill Samson, Kathy Sinning, Elliott Slocum.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Tom Lee.
2. The minutes of the Officers and Trustees Meeting, November 1998, in Atlanta, Georgia, were approved.
3. Kathy Rice gave the Administrative Coordinator's report. A second membership renewal card was mailed to 1998 members who had not renewed. Labels for the *Notebook* and the *Journal* were mailed to respective editors, and directory updates were sent quarterly to Kevin Carduff at Case Western for entry on the Academy website.

Tom Lee noted that although membership numbers are good, the majority of memberships currently are institutions. Individual memberships have not grown as projected in previous meetings.

4. Dick Fleishman discussed the problem of fewer manuscript submissions to the *Journal*. He proposed an annual prize for the best article to appear during the year. Dale Flesher pointed out that we currently have a manuscript winner and asked if this article would be eligible to win "best". It was agreed that it would.

There was some discussion about the exact nature of the prize. A motion was made to have three awards: \$500 for best article and \$200 each for the second and third best, so that total expenses would be about \$1000 per year. It was also agreed that this award would be given in each of the next three

years and then its impact assessed. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Bill Samson suggested that second and third places be designated "award for excellence" because of the negative connotation of being second (or third). This was agreed.

Lead time was discussed regarding publicity for the award. Bill Samson asked about giving one this year as a method of publicity. Gary Previts asked when the awards would be given.

Gary Previts asked about the future of the *Journal* in a new form on the web-site. We can print copies at a special price for those who want a hard copy. He recognized that this would be a future effort - perhaps within the next ten years. This item was tabled for future discussion.

5. Elliot Slocum gave a report on the April issue of the Academy *Notebook*. The publication process stalled in the galley stage, so the *Notebook* is running late. It is fairly large with 44 total pages. He expected the issue to be mailed by the middle of June.
6. Dale Flesher reported that Centers at The University of Mississippi are getting new book cases and file cabinets. Also, the new University catalog lists the Tax History Research Center and the Video and Audio Library.
7. Elliott Slocum reported that the Accounting History Research Center at Georgia State has been rearranged. The cataloguing of original holdings should be finished in 3-6 months. He will send findings for entry on web-site upon completion.

Gary Previts brought up the issue of succession planning regarding Kumar Sivakumar and Ram Sriram. Elliott Slocum will talk to each individual about his intentions for the future.

8. Bill Samson reported that there is nothing new at the Garner Center at Alabama. The Bruno Business Library is collecting historical annual reports, and additional reports have been obtained from Tulane. The library is excited about this collection.
9. Tom Lee shared Finley Graves' report on the monograph series. Finley has talked to Keith McMillan about publishing a monograph based on his dissertation. Tom Lee has seen parts of Keith's dissertation, and believes it will be the basis of a very good monograph.
10. Tom Lee discussed the CPE History Session scheduled during the AAA Conference in San Diego. He also encouraged future efforts to have papers accepted to AAA conferences via the Public Interest Section (PIS) of the AAA. In particular, he noted that the number of PIS sessions allocated by the AAA are based on the number of papers submitted.
11. Barbara Merino and Alan Mayper are planning a separate accounting history session at the San Diego AAA conference. This session is planned for Sunday afternoon when the next officers and trustees meeting is scheduled.
12. Gary Spraakman's report on the Toronto conference was shared by Tom Lee. The conference is scheduled for November 18-20, 1999, at the Toronto Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Conference and hotel room registration information has been provided to Academy members along with the call for papers.
13. Kathy Sinning reported on the year 2000 Joint AAH/Hall of Fame Research Conference. This conference will be November 9-11, 2000, at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. Dan

Jensen Ross Tondkar, and Ed Coffman are handling the plenary sessions, panel sessions, and Hall of Fame inductions and related ceremony. Gyan Chandra and Kathy Sinning are handling the concurrent paper sessions. Gary Previts, Gene Flegm, Andy Baily, and Dan Jensen are doing the fund raising. Julia Grant, Paul Miranti, and Kathy Sinning are handling the registration and conference announcements.

14. Gary Previts talked about Academy functions planned in conjunction with AAA conferences. Typically, there is a business meeting, the past presidents' dinner, and a reception for Academy members. There was a brief discussion regarding the past presidents' dinner and the low attendance in recent years. All were in agreement to do away with this event.
15. The AAH one-day conference prior to the AAA meeting in August of 2000 will be held at Drexel University on August 12, 2000. Barbara Merino and Alan Mayper of University of North Texas are handling the arrangements with Drexel and organizing the paper sessions. The Academy will provide lunch and refreshments.

Kathy Sinning asked about funding for the Drexel Conference. Dale Flesher stated that Finley wishes the Drexel Conference to take the place of the International Comparative Accounting History Consortium. Kathy Sinning said that Finley's concern is the responsibility of organizing the Consortium. He does not have time to organize both the Drexel Conference and the Consortium.

Elliott Slocum thought that the original group would organize future Consortiums. Tom Lee reminded the meeting that there was little enthusiasm among the 1999 invitees for doing this.

Tom Lee suggested that Kathy

Drexel Conference without involving the Consortium. The future of the latter would be discussed at a later time. Kathy Sinning made a motion that we fund the AAA conference in Philadelphia a maximum of \$1000.

16. The 2001 conference planned by Finley Graves will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Hotel rooms will be \$130 plus tax. Meeting facilities will be at the University of New Mexico. This conference will probably be in the second week of November.
17. Bill Samson discussed the location of the 2002 Research Conference. The International Study Centre at Herstmonceux, East Sussex, UK charges the US equivalent of \$60 per night for meeting rooms and \$100 per night for hotel rooms.

The time of year for this conference was discussed. May is not a good month for UK academics. Dale Flesher asked why the conference could not be scheduled for November since that is when they usually meet. Bill Samson offered that June would be a good month since it would allow attendees from overseas to stay and tour after the meeting. Tom Lee said that June is a peak time for travel and airfare is high. Alan Richardson said that May - July is the only time the castle will schedule conferences because it is used for classes during the remainder of the year. He added that the castle is in an isolated location. It is 20 miles from Brighton and 30 miles from Gatwick.

18. Kathy Sinning asked about discussing the organization of the 2003 conference with Trevor Boyns of the Cardiff Business School, Wales. This was agreed.
19. **Education Committee:** Bill Samson shared the Education Committee report from Ross Tondkar. Committee mem-

with ideas.

20. **Endowment Committee:** Recent endowments to the Academy include: \$1500 from GM and \$2000 from KMPG (per Sarah Holmes).
21. **Hourglass Award Committee:** The call for nominations for the Hourglass Award has been sent to a number of relevant journals. The deadline for nominations is July 30.
 Gary Previts asked for a copy of the Hourglass Award regulations to be added to the web-site.
22. **Public Relations Committee:** Jean Sanfilippo is now in Alaska and not available to report on the Public Relations Committee. Sarah Holmes said that she had no information on a request for a booth at the San Diego Conference. Bill Samson will contact Marilyn Emplaincourt.
23. **Regional Programs Committee:** New committee members are needed for the Northeast and Midwest Regions as Bruce Bradford of Fairfield Univ. in CT and Paul Shoemaker of the Univ. of Nebraska have resigned.
24. **Research Committee:** Tom Lee talked to Keith McMillan regarding the work of the Research Committee. Keith intends to use the occasion of the International Consortium in Tuscaloosa to meet with his committee.
25. **Search for Editor of AHJ** - Dick Fleishman said that Vaughan Radcliffe and Tim Fogarty of Case Western Reserve University are interested in the position of Editor of the *Journal*. He urged that a decision be made no later than August. Tom Lee reported that Dan Jensen of Ohio State University had also been approached. Paul Miranti is in the process of following up on these names.

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26. **Richard G. Vangermeersch Manuscript Award Committee:** The committee has advertised the contest in the traditional manner including announcements in *COSMOS Accountancy Chronicle* (IAAER) and *Accounting Education News*, a letter to all doctoral granting institutions. As of April 29 (date of report), no manuscripts had been received. However, they usually arrive in May or early June.
27. Tom Lee advised the vice-presidents (Bill Samson, Kathy Sinning, Finley Graves) that if they wish to initiate a major project or change in the Academy's affairs, it is necessary to start before the presidential year.
28. The problem of falling membership numbers was discussed. Marketing strategies were considered. Bill Samson offered the idea of obtaining lists of Ph.D. students and sending a compli-

mentary copy of the *Journal* to introduce students to the Academy. Elliott Slocum had a list of potential members (cards from the booth in New Orleans).

The suggestion was made that a *Journal* and a membership brochure be sent to those on that list.

29. Richard Mattessich has requested permission to use some articles printed in Academy publications for a Garland collection. Elliott asked for formal approval and this was given. He will respond to Professor Mattessich upon return to Georgia.
30. Kathy Sinning asked about hot-linking email addresses on the web-site. Gary Previts said he will ask Kevin Carduff about it.
31. Tom Lee called for new business. There was none.
32. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15p.m.

Academy of Accounting Historians Comparative International Accounting History Group Conference Four Points Hotel, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 20-22 May 1999

ORGANIZING A COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING HISTORY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Report to the President and Trustees of the Academy on the Plenary Session held on 22 May 1999

Participants: Debbie Archambeault (SUNY-Albany), Alberto Bisaschi (Universia degli Studi di Parma), Trevor Boyns (Cardiff Business School), Salvador Carmona (Universidad Carlos III), Garry Carnegie (Deakin University), Nandini Chandar (Rutgers University), Peter Clarke (University College, Dublin), Roger Daniels (College of Charleston), Jan Heier (Auburn University-Montgomery), Keith McMillan (Rockhurst College, Co-Chair), Sam McKinstry (University of Paisley), Cheryl S. McWatters (McGill University), Josephine Maltby (Sheffield University), David Oldroyd (University of Newcastle upon Tyne), Vaughan Radcliffe (Case Western Reserve University), Gary Spraakman (York University), Steve Toms (University of Nottingham), Steve Walker (University of Edinburgh, Co-Chair).

Introduction

The group were deeply appreciative of the opportunity presented by this gathering

to express their views, to work constructively towards the future of the Academy and to foster collaborative research. Special thanks