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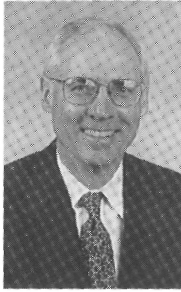
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Message From the President

Dear Academy Members,

Greetings from Manhattan, Kansas – or, as it is known locally, the “Little Apple.” I write this message shortly after returning from the American Accounting Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta. A special thanks is due Ram Sriram and Elliott Slocum for organizing the Academy’s pre-conference on Saturday, August 11, at Georgia State University. The pre-conference functioned much as a day-long research workshop with a series of papers on various accounting history topics and a lively discussion after each paper. Next year, Bill Samson, President Elect of the Academy, plans once again to hold a pre-conference at the AAA Annual Meeting, which will be in San Antonio, Texas. He has asked Sandy Welch of the University of Texas at San Antonio to organize the pre-conference at UTSA’s downtown facility. To be sure, the 2002 pre-conference will take the place of the annual research conference. The Academy Trustees decided not to hold an annual research conference in 2002 since the World Congress of Accounting Historians will meet in Melbourne, Australia, in 2002. I hope many of you will plan to attend the pre-conference. Both authors and participants gained a great deal from the discussions in Atlanta, and the day-long event provided eight hours of CPE. Since the AAA meeting is shifting to a Wednesday through Saturday schedule in 2002, the pre-conference will be held on Tuesday. We also had an exceptional turnout for the Academy’s reception on Sunday evening. I certainly thank those



of you who came. I especially enjoyed meeting so many new members and their guests. As to the Trustees’ meeting on Saturday evening, the lengthiest discussion centered on the publication of *The Accounting Historians Journal*. The question has been raised as to whether or not the Academy should publish the

Journal with a commercial publisher. Dick Fleischman, Vice President – Communications, is gathering information from a number of commercial publishers to present at the Trustees’ meeting in Santa Fe. The minutes of the Trustees’ meeting in Atlanta, of course, will be published in the *Notebook* and posted on the Academy’s Webpage.

As to the Santa Fe conference in November, the program committee (Finley Graves, Joni Young, and Vaughan Radcliffe) completed the program and mailed notices to authors the week preceding the AAA meeting in Atlanta. There will be two plenary addresses, one Friday morning and one Saturday morning, and twenty-seven research papers in nine concurrent sessions. Both plenary speakers, Sue Llewellyn of the University of Edinburgh and Luca Zan of the University of Bologna, and forty-one percent of the research papers are from outside of the United States, as are at least five of the session moderators. In addition, Garry Carnegie from Deakin University will present a preview of next summer’s World Congress in Melbourne. We are expecting a truly international conference. We also have a broad mix of research philosophies represented, from Critical

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Theory histories to archival findings. Both Vaughan Radcliffe and I would like to join Joni Young, Chair of the Research Committee, in thanking the Research Committee members for reviewing the submissions on such a timely basis. Members of the Research Committee include Joel Amernic, Ed Arrington, Theresa Hammond, Steve Loeb, Cheryl McWatters, Christopher Napier, Michael Scorgie, Tom Tyson, Steve Walker, and Paul Williams. We would also like to thank Phil Bougen, Michele Chwastiak, Tom Mouck, and Alistair Preston of the University of New Mexico who reviewed papers as well. Joni and Vaughan read and evaluated every paper submitted, and Joni envisioned the organization of the concurrent sessions. Working with Joni and Vaughan to organize the conference has made the work nothing short of fun. I cannot thank them enough for their enthusiasm and support. The various 2001 Academy award winners – Vangermeersch Manuscript Award, Hourglass Award, Innovation in Education Award – have already been selected or are near final selection and will be recognized at the Friday evening dinner in Santa Fe. In addition, the winner of the Vangermeersch Manuscript Award will present the award-winning manuscript at the conference.

The Academy's annual business meeting will take place at noon on Saturday, November 17, in Santa Fe at the close of the last concurrent session. I hope all of you who at the conference will attend the business meeting. Reports from the 2001 Academy committees will be presented, and any issues facing the Academy will be aired. In addition, the Nominations Committee, which is chaired by Past President Kathy Sin-

ning, will present its slate of nominees for officer and Trustee vacancies. At the business meeting, all members are welcome to ask questions and join in the discussions. Of course, members are also welcome to offer nominations for officers and Trustees from the floor. We welcome and encourage your participation. I would also encourage any member who wishes to become more involved in the Academy to contact President Elect Bill Samson at the University of Alabama (wsamson@cba.ua.edu) and let him know. The Academy has a wide range of committees, and joining in the work of a committee is a sure way of having an impact, networking, and building life-long friendships.

See you in Santa Fe!

Finley Graves
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August 24, 2001

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