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and industry, public practice, government and education. The AICPA is the first national, professional association to be ISO 9001-certified, in recognition of its quality management and assurance practices. Last year, the AICPA decided to get out of the library business since it was an

expensive member service used by only a small percentage of the membership. The 83 schools of the Federation of Schools of Accountancy were invited to submit proposals to take over the AICPA library. Twelve schools submitted proposals, and the University of Mississippi was ultimately selected.

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## Minutes

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs Hilton St. Louis Frontenac April 7, 2001**

Present: Victoria Beard, Joann Noe Cross, Dale Flesher, Finley Graves, Gary Previts, John Rigsby, Bill Samson, and Elliot Slocum

1. Academy president, Finley Graves, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. The agenda for the meeting was distributed. The motion for its approval passed.
3. The minutes from the November 2000 Business and Officers, Trustees and Chairs meetings in Columbus, Ohio, were approved.
4. John Rigsby gave the Treasurer's Report. The audit for the 2000 financial statements has been completed and the

audit report will be issued shortly. It was agreed by the consensus of those present to continue the Academy's membership in the International Association of Accounting Education and Research and to maintain the practice of having audited financial statements for the Academy.

The request by the editor of *The Accounting Historians Journal*, Steve Walker, to be given direct access to the budgeted editor's funds was discussed. It was decided to set up a fund of \$3000 on an imprest basis to pay for the editor's travel and incidental expenses related to his service to the Academy. The proposal was put in the form of a motion, it was seconded, voted and approved.

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5. The Administrative Coordinator's report was distributed. The membership renewal decline was discussed.
6. The Vice President of Conferences and Partnership report of Alan Richardson was distributed. It contained a description of the flyer calling for conference proposals. Also, it announced two committees formed. The report was discussed.
7. Editor Joann Noe Cross distributed draft copies of the forthcoming Spring 2001 *Accounting Historians Notebook*.
8. Finley Graves reported on the changes in the publisher which have led to changes in the Monograph Series. The discussion focused on the publisher using an editorial board to review manuscripts which raised an issue about the Academy's role.
9. Dale Flesher reported that the Research Center at University of Mississippi has received a donation of books from Bill Ferrara. Also, a catalog of EDP auditing holdings at University of Mississippi has been created and is on the website.
10. Elliott Slocum reported on the status of the Center at Georgia State University. Space has become a problem. The issue of long-term maintenance of the Georgia State University collection was raised. Shifting some of the collection to the University of Mississippi and sending the annual reports to the University of Alabama was discussed.
11. Reports from the committee chairs were given:
  - a. AAA Pre-conference Workshop in Atlanta - a budget was distributed by Elliott Slocum. The plans for the conference and call for papers was discussed.
  - b. The Administrative Policy Committee report from Ashton Bishop was received. This committee will be presenting its report at the August meeting in Atlanta.
  - c. The Education Committee, reported by Ross Tondkar, said that a call for nominations for the innovations in teaching award has gone out.
  - d. Gary Previts presented

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- the Endowment Committee report stating that he and Gene Flegm had started to contact the Big Five CPA firms about supporting the November conference in Santa Fe.
- e. The International Committee, chaired by Cheryl McWatters, reported that it would be making a full report at the August meeting.
  - f. The Nominations Committee, reported by Kathy Sinning, has a call for officer nominations in the forthcoming issue of the *Notebook*.
  - g. Finley Graves described the activities planned at the Academy's conference in November (in Santa Fe). Calls for papers and meeting announcements will be sent with the issuance of the *Notebook* and by a separate mailing of letters.
  - h. Victoria Beard described the activities of the Regional Programs Committee and the various history components at the regional AAA meetings this year.
  - i. It was reported that members of the Research Committee, chaired by Joni Young, will be serving as reviewers for the papers for the November meeting.
  - j. Dick Fleischman's committee to select the winner of the Vangermeersch Award has an announcement calling for nominations in the forthcoming issue of the *Notebook*.
  - k. Dale Fleisher reported that the 2004 World Congress liaison has approached a person about serving as the local coordinator. The Committee is weighing the St. Louis site of the Congress with options including downtown, near the Washington University campus, or at Frontenac. The exact date is being considered with the AAA August meeting in Orlando in mind.
  - l. Gary Previts reported that the agreement has been made with Gale Group regarding copyright use of Academy

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writing, contact the history department of a local college or university. Someone there might be very interested in helping you put your thoughts and experiences on paper.

- You can also get a modest begin-

ning by writing a short piece for *The CPA Journal*. We are always interested in talking with potential authors and frequently assist authors in organizing, writing, and editing thoughtful commentaries on their experiences as CPA. ■

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materials. This led to a discussion of the need to ensure that permission from authors continues to be obtained by the editor of AHJ.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by W. D. Samson

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## The Academy of Accounting Historians Awards (continued)

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### HOURLASS AWARD

The Academy of Accounting Historians has established the Hourglass Award which is presented annually to the person or persons who have made a noteworthy contribution to the study of accounting history. In the past award recipients have been authors or editors of books, authors of significant article series and others as appropriate.

Nominations are taken in the summer for presentation at the Academy's annual meeting.

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### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Bylaws of the Academy of Accounting Historians provide that scholars of distinction in accounting history may be designated as life members. Selection of such members is made by a committee of the board of trustees. The first life memberships were awarded in 1981.