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Obituaries

Michael Chatfield

Michael Chatfield, the 1974 and 1996 award winner, was a long-time faculty member at California State University--Hayward, and most recently taught at Southern Oregon University. He received the 1974 award for his book entitled "A History of Accounting Thought." The 1996 award was for his coauthorship of "*The History of Accounting: An International Encyclopedia*." He received his doctorate from the University of Oregon in 1966.

Antonie van Seventer

Antonie van Seventer, was the 1977 winner for his translation of O. Ten Have's book, "*The History of Accountancy*." Dr. van Seventer's papers and books have been donated to the Academy's library at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Van Seventer, originally from Holland, practiced as a CPA in Alaska for many years and then moved to Ann Arbor, where he received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1966. He taught at several universities in the San Francisco area and was living in Palo Alto at the time of his death. He attended most international accounting congresses over the past 40 years.

Remembrance of Michael Chatfield

Michael Chatfield's service to the Academy of Accounting historians was significant. He was a member of its first Research Committee in 1974, a member of the Editorial Board from 1977 through 1994, a member of the Accounting History Education Committee in 1987 and a Trustee of the Academy from 1981 to 1983.

Richard Vangermeersch, a long-time associate of Chatfield described his willingness to devote long hours to the editorial work of "*The History of Accounting*". Vangermeersch noted recently that, when he was contacted by the publisher about producing

the *Encyclopedia*, "I agreed to do it only if Mike joined me on the project. He did, and must have spent 4000 to 5000 hours on the project because he believed in its critical importance." Vangermeersch further notes that Chatfield authored about 200 of the entries himself and did a magnificent job on the index.

As Vangermeersch observes, "Mike had an unquenching interest in the history of accounting thought. For that, we all should salute and remember him."

Recent Donors to Academy of Accounting Historians Research Centers

Several members of the Academy have recently made donations of books and other archival materials to the Academy's three research centers (National Tax History Research Center, National EDP Audit Archival Center, and the McMickle Accounting History Library) housed at the University of Mississippi. These include:

Michael Cangemi, Edison, NJ
Eugene Flegm, Bonita Springs, FL
Dale and Tonya Flesher, Oxford, MS
Peter McMickle, Memphis, TN
Family of A. van Seventer, Palo Alto, CA
Gary Sundem, Seattle, WA
Lawrence Waterbury, Hamden, CT

The Academy of Accounting Historians offers small travel grants (lodging only) to members who wish to conduct research at any of the three Centers. For information on grants, contact Dr. Dale Flesher or Dr. Tonya Flesher at the Patterson School of Accountancy, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.