2010

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Yvette Lazadowski
ings. In 1999, he was actively engaged in the San Diego meet-
ings and in 2000, with assistance from faculty at Drexel University, he was engaged in supporting that conference prior to the Philadel-
phia AAA meetings in August. In 2003, he co hosted the Academy’s November Research Conference at the University of North Texas, his home campus. Alan also was active as a Review Board member for the papers submitted for the 2005 Hall of Fame Research Con-
ference. It was his generous spir-
it, as noted in the April 2006 issue of the Accounting Historians Notebook which will be widely remembered. Due to his financial support and that of Barbara, four doctoral students were able to attend the Hall of Fame conference. They were active supporters of doctoral students who expressed an interest in accounting history. They regularly made available support travel grants to assure that students could participate in Academy research events. At the re-
quest of the family, donations to the Alan G. Mayper memorial fund c/o of the Public Interest Sec-
tion of the AAA are invited.

Gary John Previts
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**ATTENDING:** Salvador Car-
mona, Robert Colson, Jean-Guy Degos, Dick Edwards, Kevin Feeney , Dick Fleischman, Dale Flesher, Tonya Flesher, Guiseppe Galassi, Joel Jame-
son, Eiichiro Kudo, Yvette Lazdowski, Norman Macintosh, Yoshimao Matsumoto, Jim McKinney, Barbara Merino, Brigitte Muehlmon, Hiroshi Okano, Lee Parker, Lan Peng, Gary Pre-
vits, John Rigsby, Diane Roberts, Robert Russ, Stephen Walker, Greg Waymire

The meeting began at 7:00PM with a brief welcome from President Greg Way-
mire.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. The minutes of last year’s meeting were accepted.
2. Dick Fleischman presented the best paper award to Norman Macintosh.
3. Lee Parker presented the 2009 Vangemeersch award to Jim McKinney.
4. Greg Waymire presented the past president plaque to Cheryl McWat-
ters, which was accepted on her behalf by Stephen Walker.

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5. The treasurer’s report was read by Yvette Lazdowski in the absence of AAH treasurer Jennifer Reynolds-Moehrle.

6. Dick Fleischman presented the editor’s report:
   - December’s Accounting Historians Journal issue is shorter, only five articles
   - Chris and Dick have four articles ready to go
   - Next year is last year of co-editorship, Dick recommends new editors need to be appointed quickly
   - 55 copies of the Journal put out this morning, only eight left two hours later, all gone now

7. Online website:
   - Two people had problems renewing their memberships
   - Most renewed directly online, but a handful were only able to renew by mail
   - Membership was asked to contact Tiffany Welch at tjw5@case.edu if they have any problems trying to renew their membership online

8. Ohio State Conference:
   - Yvette read Stephanie Moussalli’s note on the book auction and passed out the conference announcement notices
   - Conference announcements were distributed on AAA brochure table

9. 2011 Conference:
   - Jim McKinney is organizing this conference to be held on June 2-4, 2011 at University of Maryland
   - Theme is the 125th anniversary of AICPA in 2012

10. Strategic Initiative Discussion:
    - Report was sent out to membership a while back asking for comments
    - Membership reaction was requested at meeting (see below)
    - Suggested that comments be sent to Greg or Tiffany via e-mail
    - Surveys will be sent out to collect more feedback
    - Greg wants younger people to be made aware of the Academy

The membership proceeded to make candid comments regarding the strategic future of the Academy. Following are excerpted anonymous comments made during the friendly discussion:

- A minimum number of members are needed to become a section of the AAA—perhaps 100, but 400 are needed to maintain a section.
- But other AAA sections are small, such as the Diversity and 2-year College sections, however the AAA is not waiting for the AAH to join.
- AAH has a long tradition with roots in US and distinguished scholars, but equally distinguished academies exist in France, Germany, Italy, etc. It is in the best interest to develop an interna-
A non-trivial amount of people to target for AAA and how dues are structured.

- People come here for the first time because they get a paper accepted, many are international.
- Current AAA leadership have given us sessions for our papers, but it was not always this way.
- The AAA used to cap that number, but now they want a more broad mix.
- Congrats to Greg for thinking of us way ahead and this is good timing. What is feasible and practical? Public Interest section sends in lots of papers to get more sessions. With international option—how do we pull it off? What is the value proposition? We might expend a lot of effort and not get much result.
- Same questions—this organization is suffering—how many times have we re-visited this issue?

The meeting was adjourned around 8PM as the Ice Cream Social was set up and waiting for the membership in the next room. Menu items and service were well presented as requested from the hotel. Approximately 50 guests attended the Ice Cream Social.

Recorded by

Yvette Lazadowski

Dick Fleischman