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President's Message

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Dear Colleagues,

Two years have passed by quickly just like a Ferrari on the roadway. My presidential term is going to finish very soon. In Oshkosh in October 2013, I said it was an honor to serve and I still feel that way. It is a privilege and personal joy to have served - and continue to serve - the AAH community. I warmly thank those who supported me so that I might be a good President, I hope I have fulfilled your expectations!

Usually, when one President is going to end his term, from one side he is exhausted for the energies spent and yet from the other side continues to have concerns about the existing issues and the future, which will be managed by the subsequent Presidents and Trustees.

But, I'm not anxious for the near future, for several reasons:

- I. I pass the responsibilities as AAH President to Prof. Robert Colson, a very wise and experienced colleague, who will begin to work in 2016 with a wonderful Board of Trustees to sustain and stimulate the future of our Academy.
- II. In 2016, I'll serve as the convener of the World Congress of Accounting Historians in Pescara,



Italy, 25-27 June 2016. This event will support and invigorate our research, our personal contacts and our sense of community. (www.wcah2016.org)

- III. Our renowned history journal, AHJ, is now represented in Scopus.
- IV. The main achievement during my Presidential term is the unanimous vote obtained at both the Trustee Meeting and the General Membership Meeting - held at the AAA Annual Meeting in Chicago - regarding the future association within the "AAA umbrella" as a section and the publication of AHJ as a AAA journal. With this may come the winding up of our separate legal entity which has existed since 1973.

As a consequence of this latter point, last August I served as the coordinator of a "Transition Task Force" with members: Robert Colson, President-Elect; Dale Flesher, Trustee; Jennifer Reynolds Moehrle, Treasurer; Gary Previts, Chair of Trustees and past