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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the last year a number of changes have been made in organizational matters of the Academy that we hope will allow for an even more efficient organization. Some of the changes that have been mentioned previously include the establishment of the office of president-elect, the initiation of an independent audit, the preparation of an annual financial plan by the treasurer, and the acquisition of a personal computer. The Accounting History Education Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Hourglass Award Committee were also established.

More recently established committees are the Accounting History Research Methodology Committee and the Nominations Committee. The Accounting History Research Methodology Committee will be chaired by Lee Parker; other members of this committee are Vahe Baladouni, Araya Debessay, Yoshiaki Jinnai, and Mike Mumford. The Nominations Committee will be chaired by Al Roberts; other members of the committee are Dick Brief, Tom Johnson, Gary Previts, and Hanns-Martin Schoenfeld. The organizational chart has been redesigned, which provides the basis for the operations of the Academy and reflects many of the changes above. It is presented elsewhere in this *Notebook*.

Reports from the chairpersons of the various committees of the Academy indicate that they are actively pursuing their objectives. As an example, Bob Kozub, chairperson of the Membership Committee, recently mailed all of us a letter asking us to help his committee to increase the membership of the Academy by recruiting at least two members. This appears to be a reasonable request and if we could do this the membership would triple.



As you are aware, the Academy is committed to serving its members; therefore, we welcome any suggestions you might have concerning its operations. Also, if you would like to get more involved in the activities of the Academy, please let me know.

I sincerely hope that many of you plan to attend the Academy's annual business meeting that will be held during the American Accounting Association meeting in Reno, Nevada on August 19-21, 1985. It will be nice to see you.

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