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## Minutes

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**Officers, Trustees, Committee  
Chairs, and Editors Meeting  
Atlanta Marriott Marquis  
August 11, 2001**

*Present:*

Ashton Bishop, Ed Coffman, Joann Noe Cross, Dale Flesher, Dick Fleischman, Finley Graves, Dan Jensen, Alan Mayper, Barbara Merino, John Riggsby, Bill Samson, Elliot Slocum, Dick Vangermeersch, Steve Walker

1. The agenda for the meeting was approved by vote of those present.
2. The minutes of the Academy's Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs' meeting of April 7, 2001, (St. Louis – Frontenac Hilton) were approved by vote of those present.
3. The Treasurer's report was presented by John Riggsby. Discussion followed. The comments indicated satisfaction with the financial condition of the Academy.
4. The Administrative Coordinator's report from Kathy Rice was presented by Finley Graves. The discussion strongly endorsed continuing to use Kathy's talents, even if she retired from the University. The letter from The University of Alabama (Rob Ingram) indicated that the Culverhouse School of Accountancy would be amenable to making the facility available to Kathy for Academy business, if she were to retire from the University. The motion was made to support Kathy Rice's memo to carry on the Academy's administrative coordinator's duties out of her home. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.
5. The Board passed a resolution thanking Alan Richardson for his years of service and support to the Academy.
6. Steve Walker gave *The Accounting Historians Journal* editor's report. Submitted manuscripts have increased, but overall quality of submissions is still a concern. Competition for good manuscripts from other journals necessitates that the Academy support the editor, especially travel to conferences.
7. Joann Noe Cross was successful with the March issue of the *Notebook* and is bringing out the next issue in October.
8. Finley Graves reported that the Monograph Series is going forward with a monograph proposal. The Miranti-Shoemaker "Accounting History Research" project has been taken up by Dick Fleischman, and progress is being made toward publication.
9. Dale Flesher reported that Ole Miss has received the AICPA's library collection and is now in the process of trying to unpack and catalogue this very large contribution which includes two copies of Pacioli's *Treatise*.
10. Elliott Slocum indicated that Georgia State has shown some willingness to continue to support the Academy's collection at Georgia State. The collection has now been listed on a data base.
11. The AAA Pre-Conference at Georgia State was successful with twenty-five registrants, eight papers, and lively discussions.

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12. Ashton Bishop asked for guidance in setting administrative policy about the need to formalize the advertisement for award nominations. The Hourglass Award is to be the President's decision, with advice that could come from a committee.
13. Ross Tondkar sent a report about nominations for the Education Innovation Award.
14. Gary Previts sent a report on the status of the Endowment Committee's activities.
15. Alan Mayer indicated that the financial advisory report would be issued at the Santa Fe meeting.
16. The web page has been developed by Kathy Sinning and transferred to Tommie Singleton. Those who have seen it have been impressed.
17. The International Relations Committee Report from Cheryl McWatters (Chair) was distributed. It will be discussed at the Santa Fe meeting.
18. The Life Membership report was given by Dick Vangermeersch, nominating three candidates for life membership: Bob Gibson, Bob Parker, and David Forrester. The motion for making all three life members passed.
19. Vaughn Radcliffe will present a report of the membership committee in Santa Fe.
20. There was no report from the Nominations Committee.
21. Finley Graves distributed the program for the Santa Fe Conference.
22. The Public Relations Committee will be holding a silent auction in Santa Fe and has a booth in the AAA book exhibit hall here.
23. The Regional Program Committee Report was received.
24. Finley Graves gave the report on the Research Committee for Joni Young. He thanked the Committee for its work in reviewing papers for the research conference.
25. Dick Fleischman stated that the Vangermeersch award will be presented in Santa Fe.
26. Dick Fleischman discussed the possibility that *The Accounting Historians Journal* be published commercially. He had made some preliminary inquiries with a couple of publishers and had discussions with some editors of other journals to see if it is feasible. Discussion followed about advantages and disadvantages. A motion was made for Dick to pursue the idea further by gathering more information from other publishers of what they would charge to handle the journal. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.
27. Steve Walker proposed that the "Hall of Fame" pages do not seem appropriate to *The Accounting Historians Journal* and suggested that perhaps alternative ways of publicizing this award could be found. The discussion which followed supported the idea that the "Hall of Fame" materials could better be handled in the *Notebook*.
28. Barbara Merino urged that Ph.D. students be invited to the Academy's Research Conference in Santa Fe. Finley Graves said that this was being done.
29. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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