

**ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Held at the 2009 Academy of Accounting Historians Research Conference  
Paris, France**

The meeting convened at 13:10. This meeting was 'informal' given the number of trustees present.

Present: Cheryl McWatters (president, chairperson), Jim McKinney, Gary Previts, Malcolm Anderson, Yannick Lemarchand, Bill Wootton, Christopher Napier

1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda carried unanimously.
2. C. McWatters gave a brief overview of reports received from various committee chairpersons and the need to 'encourage' some committee chairs to be more proactive, especially as these committees and their work serve to encourage membership and involvement in the Academy.
3. J. McKinney provided an oral report of the **External Relations committee** including updates on the Accounting Notebook, publishing deadlines and various web-based/electronic initiatives.
4. **Discussion of proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Academy and Italian Accounting History Society.** After brief discussion, it was agreed to proceed with this agreement. It was noted that the Italian Society is well established with a viable membership and journal. C. McWatters agreed to follow up with her Italian counterparts to carry out the formal signing of this memorandum.
5. **Report from C. Napier, the co-editor of *The Accounting Historians Journal*.** C. Napier provided us with an update on submissions and the June 2009 issue. He noted that there were about 20 papers 'in the pipeline' and he believed that the December 2009 issue would reflect strong submissions and a return from a somewhat slim June issue. He also noted a lack of North American submissions with most of those in hand from scholars in countries beyond the U.S. There was some discussion of the effect of the RAE exercise on potential submissions in that with this ranking exercise and similar ones in place at many institutions (FT40, etc.) on future submissions. At this juncture, a brief discussion ensued relative to safety stocks and inventory on hand, along with the discussion of how best to use these publications to encourage interest in the Academy (including dissemination at conferences, workshops, etc.)
6. **Membership.** G. Previts led a brief discussion of membership initiatives, efforts to recruit and re-recruit members. This included discussion of the breakdown between individual versus institutional members, and US versus non-US members. Discussion of additional means to recruit members took place including the linking of membership to conference fees, offering multi-year memberships and joint memberships with other organizations. The Academy's introduction of a membership for retired academics was noted.
7. **Other business.** None raised at this time.
8. The meeting adjourned at 14:00 in order for members to take advantage of the planned tour of the French National Archives or the Chateau de Sceaux.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl S. McWatters, President  
May 8, 2009.