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The last two years have been a whirlwind. Planning and executing NACCT 2007 New Orleans and NACCT 2008 Toronto have been the most visible AACT “products” during my presidency. NACCT planning has been redefined, the committee restructured, and continuing education has gone through a complete turnover. Thanks go to the NACCT Planning Committee (led by Lewis

Nelson), the education chairs (Matt Sztajnkrzyer and Greene Shepherd), and all of the symposium organizers both years for outstanding service.

Behind the scenes, your AACT executive, AACT Board of Trustees, and AACT committees have been busy. We initiated the Strategic Planning process (on track to be completed at our winter board meeting January 24). We also formalized our partnership with the AAPCC to put on the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT). With the AAPCC and EAPCCT, we negotiated a joint contract with the Informa to sponsor “*Clinical Toxicology*”. We have, and are, continuing to professionalize our management structure — office control systems, auditing, accounting, legal compliance, insurance and asset investment. Dividing the task of secretary from treasurer has made this practicable — thank you for approving that bylaws change. A draft website, a product of the Communication and Technology Committee led by Michael Holland, was showcased in Toronto. Our six interest groups have been increasing their “off-meeting” member collaboration; government advocacy and on-line discussion venues and information resources have emerged. By my count, we had not raised dues in over five (5) years.

In addition, we continue to collaborate with world toxicology bodies including the International Union of Toxicology (presented two symposia at the triennial International Congress of Toxicology in Montreal 2007), European Association of Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (collaborating on the EAPCCT meeting, NACCT, Clinical Toxicology, IUTOX ventures and aid to toxicology in Eastern Europe), the Asian Pacific Association of Medical Toxicologists (at their annual meeting and NACCT) and of course with AAPCC (NACCT and Clinical Toxicology), ACMT (NACCT), CAPCCT (NACCT), WHO IPCS (NACCT). As joint sponsors of Advanced Hazmat Life Support course, AACT continues to participate in worldwide HAZMAT education. Recently we have been happy to welcome the Middle Eastern-North African Toxicology Group to the fold of toxicological organizations. Please give them your support in Toronto as they meet for the second time.

I have been proud to serve this vibrant organization but I have only been the visible head. Those around me have done the work. Thanks to all of you who have served with me on the Board, committees, special interest groups, as speakers, etc. It could become an academy awards speech and I know I would leave far too many out. Most importantly, let me say thank you to my fellow members for giving me this honor. Your commitment to this organization makes it strong.

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The Academy continues to be in a good financial position. A detailed report was presented at the business meeting in Toronto. We have recently engaged an independent accounting firm to review bookkeeping entries and accounting procedures for the Academy's account on a monthly basis. Reports summarizing the accounting reviews will be sent to the President and Treasurer each month. In addition, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Board of Trustees approved, establishing an account at UBS Financial Services, Inc., for purposes of diversification of cash assets and future investment planning opportunities for AACT. The Board and Treasurer maintain a conservative investment philosophy and will develop an investment plan over the next year in consultation with investment advisors.

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