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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2008
(VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL)**

Present: Herbert A. Brail, Karen K. Greenberg, Kathleen Hogan Morrison, Lynn J. Bodi, David P. Broome, Lisa L. Collins, Mark Demaray, John R. Greene, , Albert G. Lirhus, Philip "Jay" McCarthy, Jr., Colleen Marea Quinn, Margaret E. Swain, and Ellen A. Yarrell.

Not Present: Denise M. Bierly and Seth A. Grob.

The meeting was called to order by President, Herbert A. Brail at 3:05 p.m. EST

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board immediately went into Executive Session to consider a certain Investigative Report and Respondent's Response pursuant to Article IX(B) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure.

The action of the Board of Trustees with Respect to Discipline is reported as follows:

1. The Board reviewed, considered and unanimously accepted the findings contained in the Investigative Report involving Academy Fellow, Steven G. Dubin – G***** Complaint, delivered to him on October 11, 2007, as evidence of misconduct under Academy's Code of Ethics. In making this finding, the Board additionally considered the Respondent's Reply dated

November 6, 2007. Respondent did not request to appear before the Board when the Investigative Report was considered.

2. The Board unanimously imposed the following discipline in accordance with the seriousness of the misconduct: *Suspension from membership for an indefinite period of time subject to reinstatement upon application and approval by the Board of Trustees.*

3. The Board unanimously ordered deletion of the suspended Fellow's online and print directory listings, termination of all email and listserv privileges, ineligibility of suspended Fellow to attend the upcoming annual meeting in St. Louis, and immediate cessation of all use of the Academy logos or references by the suspended Fellow to himself as a Fellow of the Academy.

4. In accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure, the President is directed to publish a Notice of Disciplinary Action under Article XIV(A) of the Rules.

5. The Treasurer of the Academy of the Board of Trustees is directed to refund payment of the suspended Fellow's 2008 dues in full.

ADJOURNMENT AT 3:50 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert A. Brail, President
January 7, 2008