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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

Accounting language and practices are unacquainted to non-businessman and non-accountant personnel. As such, they do not take an interest in having a second look at figures, statements and report of accounts even if they are related to their own activities. This happens mostly in nonprofit organizations. Most members are oblivious or take for granted the financial position of their association and leave it to the committee members to deal with it and they are satisfied as long as their subscription records are correct.

This situation eventually constrains the accounting of fund in these type of organizations being maintained in the way the committee members would want it to be. Pathetically, the committee members are also non-accountants especially the Treasurer who is elected among the members. Making the matters worst, the committee has to work without a clear guideline and the most they could do is to follow what their forerunner had done before.

I feel bad about this situation. Embezzlement can easily happen and will be difficult to trace. I had once been elected as the Internal Auditor of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) in one primary school in Port