ELECTION RESULTS

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BYLAW AMENDMENTS

No. 1 - Proposal to raise minimum training requirements:
FOR - 827............AGAINST - 405

No. 2 - Change wording in clause requiring Executive Committee approval of scientific society membership:
FOR - 1,149............AGAINST - 71

No. 3 - Drop members from rolls when one year in arrears in payment of dues:
FOR - 981............AGAINST - 205

No. 4 - Allow members arrears in payment of dues to receive publications until dropped from rolls:
FOR - 1,052............AGAINST - 72

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

May I express my strong support of President Russell’s suggestions expressed in the July-August issue of The Professional Geologist.

I have previously written to AIPG in a similar vein, to the effect that its admission requirements eliminate the young men, without whom the organization cannot long survive.

September 4, 1969

Robert Greenwood, AIPG

JOIN THE DECISION-MAKERS

(Excerpt from an address by James R. Dunn, AIPG, entitled 'The Creation of Opportunities for Geologists,' given before the Iowa Section on September 13, 1969. The term 'we' refers to the speaker’s consulting firm, James R. Dunn & Associates, Inc.)

We find it valuable to join groups or societies which are peripheral to geology, specifically those that are populated by decision-makers. (We all enjoy geological groups and like to talk with geologists, but geologists will do better professionally by talking with someone other than themselves.) For instance, we belong to the New York State Crushed Stone Association, the Empire State Sand, Gravel and Ready Mix Association, the Pennsylvania Sand and Gravel Association, and the Pennsylvania Stone Producers Association. No other geological consultants belong. Yet it seems obvious enough that geologists who are interested in being of value to the extractive industry should be interested enough to join their societies, see their problems from their viewpoint, and meet the officers of the companies. Let you think this is a local thing, we also are members of the National Crushed Stone Association and the National Sand and Gravel Association, and are apparently still the only geological firm that belongs.

We have found it valuable not only to be members but to be very active, and to be in a position to influence policy on many matters. For instance, through the Technical Committee chairmanship of one of my associates, we not only keep well informed but are in a position to beneficially influence specifications.

NEWLY ELECTED SECTION OFFICERS (continued)

WEST VIRGINIA

President........................................Benton M. Wilmoth
Vice President.................................James O. Sayre
Secretary-Treasurer.........................Malcolm H. O’Brien
TIRED TRAVELER TELLS OF TALKS

Between February 26 and September 19 I visited AIPG State Sections and local groups of members from Alaska to Florida and New York to California. I didn't hit all the places in between, but quite a few -- a total of 24. Six invitations from other geological groups brought the number of luncheon, dinner, and other talks to 30. Attendance ranged from eight to 122, and in most cases several visitors (prospective members, I hope) were present, at some meetings they outnumbered the members. These junkets haven't cost the Institute anything (except some of Art Brunton's time on arrangements, and the local groups for the cost of my meals), nor have they cost me much, but they cost Marathon Oil Company quite a bit -- my expenses, plus my salary and my secretary's when on AIPG business instead of Marathon's. Has it been worth it? I don't know -- it's difficult to evaluate these things, especially some aspects. My hosts were generally complimentary and apparently grateful for the visit, but they would have given that impression anyway, just to make me feel good. Some commented that they were glad to see that there really is a national organization, with a president -- they had begun to doubt it. Others said that my visit had been a real shot in the arm, stimulating them to increased efforts for AIPG. But the proof of the pudding -- -- --.

I tried to stress three things:

1. The need for better communication. As aids, I mentioned that the national Executive Committee has suggested:
   a) appointment of individuals in each State Section to provide liaison with Institute committees;
   b) regular local meetings, and
   c) more use of The Professional Geologist to exchange news of local and state activities.

2. The need for thorough discussion of controversial issues before making a decision -- again requiring regular local meetings.

3. The need to increase our membership so that we represent a larger percentage of the qualified professional geologists in the country (and hence speak with more authority) and have a larger budget to help us solve the many urgent professional problems facing us. Whether my exhortations on these matters had any effect can only be determined by time.

On the other hand, there is no question at all about what I got out of these trips -- I learned a lot. Usually my address was followed by a good, spirited discussion -- sometimes heated, but commonly enlightening. I'd like to pass on some of the things I learned from these talks.

1. There are some general gripes, including:
   a) The apathy of many members. The same familiar faces show up at most meetings; the same work horses do most of the work; the majority of the members do nothing. I don't know the answer to this problem -- it exists in every organization. I can only offer the cold comfort that in AIPG, judging by what I've seen, there are more dedicated workers than in other organizations that I'm familiar with.
   b) The lack of interest in AIPG on the part of many geologists (difficulty in recruiting new members). Here the matter of which group is hardest to reach differs from place to place. The one most often mentioned is the university group, but in some localities it's the state and federal survey people, and elsewhere it's the employees of major companies. My conclusion is that the interest of a group (employer- or specialty-oriented) depends on the interest of a few key people -- get the leaders and many others will come in. How best to do this is a problem that several of us have been thinking about, and I'll have some ideas to pass on later.

   c) Lack of professional recognition and use of geology and geologists by engineers and architects, and by local, state, and federal agencies. This perennial problem of the public 'image' of the geologist is one of the chief reasons for the existence of AIPG, and most groups report progress, even though slow. The national Institute and its committees, and many State Sections, are continually working on this problem, but some State Sections and many individual members are not. One member told me that he thought it 'ostentatious' to use his AIPG seal on reports, documents, and correspondence; but you can be sure that the 'Professional Engineers' don't have any such qualms! All of us must do all we can to bring geology, and especially AIPG, to the attention of the general public, if we are to speed up progress on recognition. The Apollo 11 astronauts gave us a big boost by making geology a household word for the first time -- let's all take advantage of their help!

2. In contrast to these problems, on which there is general agreement, there are many matters on which there is a wide diversity of opinion, e.g.:

   a) The degree to which State Sections and the Institute should get involved in political matters, such as (1) mineral depletion allowances and other tax legislation affecting geologists; (2) statutory regulation of geologists, and other laws affecting the practice of geology; (3) actual participation by geologists in local and state politics. If we stay aloof from the first two we might as well strike out our tents and steal away -- we will not be performing our 'professional' function. On the last, I'm inclined to think that Stanford Eschner of Bakersfield has something -- he suggests that every local group of AIPG members make a concerted effort to get one of their number elected to their city council or county board of supervisors."

   b) Certification of geology departments. We're up to our necks in this now, even though some of our members may be opposed. Who else will do it if we don't?

   c) Qualifications of applicants, especially experience requirements, and the desirability of a 'junior' class of members. My column in the July-August issue of The Professional Geologist dealt with this problem, as did Bob Bates' editorial in the September issue.

   These are the most important items, as I recall our discussions, and I'll come back to some of them in my next column.

I don't recommend this cross-country junketing as a restful pastime, but it surely is educational!

R. Dana Russell
RESOLUTION

Whereas the members of the Mississippi Section of AIPG have always had profound admiration for Ben H. Parker—charter member and past president of AIPG; and

Whereas his contributions and service to the profession have been outstanding, unselfish, and dedicated to the professional welfare of his fellow geologists; and

Whereas his passing away this year, 1969, has left a void among geologists everywhere. --

Now therefore we, the members of the Mississippi Section of AIPG assembled at our annual meeting at Jackson, Mississippi, on September 10, 1969, do extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ben H. Parker and to members of her family, and we do hereby direct that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mrs. Parker and to the Executive Director of the Institute.

Approved this 10th day of September, 1969.

TEACHERS TAUGHT BY OKLAHOMA GEOLOGISTS

The Oklahoma Section of AIPG, together with the Oklahoma Geological Society and the geology department of the University of Oklahoma, are presenting a course in principles of geology for public-school science teachers of Oklahoma City and vicinity. The class meets every Monday from 7 to 9 P.M. at John Marshall High School. The teachers may earn college credit for the course, or may take it just to increase their knowledge of the subject.

Leroy Gatlin, AIPG, volunteered to organize the course when an Oklahoma City high school teacher was drafted into the Army. Gatlin will have the help of some 22 other geologists, both independent and company-affiliated. Besides lecturing in the course, these men will be available to the teachers as consultants and as speakers in science classes.

PROFESSIONAL PARAGRAPHS

JOHN M. HUMMEL, AIPG, has been promoted to the position of chief geologist, Mountain Fuel Supply Co., Salt Lake City. He will direct all geological and geophysical activities of the company except research, which will remain under the direction of W. W. SKEETERS, AIPG.

FRANK B. CONSELMAN, AIPG, independent consulting geologist of Abilene, Texas, and past-president of AAPG, has been named executive director of the International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies, at Lubbock, Texas. He will also be a professor in the Department of Geosciences at Texas Tech. Conselman is a former editor of The Professional Geologist.

L. K. (KEN) WILSON, AIPG, consulting geologist, has relocated the offices of Kenneth Wilson and Associates. They are now at 315 Montgomery Street, Suite 1120, San Francisco 94104.

L. L. SLOSS, AIPG, replaces the late Ben H. Parker as chairman of the Joint AAPG-AIPG Liaison Committee.

H. GARLAND HERSHEY, AIPG, state geologist of Iowa since 1947, has been named director of the Office of Water Resources Research of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Over the years Hershey has held numerous important posts in his state; currently he is chairman of the Iowa Natural Resources Council. A farewell party attended by 80 people was held in Iowa City on September 19.

ERNEST L. OHLE, AIPG, has been named manager of evaluations by the Hanna Mining Co., Cleveland. He was formerly assistant chief geologist. Ohle is vice-president-elect of the Society of Economic Geologists.

WILLIAM C. HAYES, AIPG, state geologist of Missouri, has been elected president of the Association of American State Geologists for the coming year.