The mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Quality Motel in Denver, Colorado on July 17, 1971. Seven members of the Committee were present making a quorum, and all candidates for 1972 offices were invited to attend.

A comparison of our first-half income and expenditures relative to anticipated income and expenditures was presented. It was noted, with considerable consternation, that 56 members have not paid their 1971 dues, in spite of two dues statements from Headquarters and one reminder from the Secretary-Treasurer. Part of this shortage in dues income was offset by the fact that the Institute had received 18 more new applications for membership than had been anticipated. Expenditures through June 30 have been less than anticipated, but this happy situation may be reversed before the end of the year because of the increase in postage rates.

A major topic of discussion under old business was a proposal for developing methods whereby State Sections could assist their State Surveys where and when needed, particularly with respect to budgetary personnel, and other such matters involving state legislatures. It was stressed that such assistance must be on a request and as needed basis.

The Committee considered a suggestion that routine Executive Committee correspondence be copied and sent to the State Section Presidents. It is hoped that distribution of such correspondence will help to increase a local awareness of the problems and activities of the Institute, and provide a more informed basis for the charging of Delegates to the Advisory Board.

The proposed program for the Annual Meeting, October 8 and 9, was presented and approved. It was noted that the Annual Meeting will be convened on the morning of the 8th as the official business meeting of the Institute and remain so convened until the close of the program on the 9th. This procedure will allow for official action on any Institute business at any time during the two-day program.

President Berg reported that he had written letters to all the AGI Member Societies informing them of the action taken by the Executive Committee in March (see The Professional Geologist, May-June issue, page 1) relative to the establishment of a single professional society. Only three of the Societies responded to the letter; one Society, AAPG, replied in favor of such action, and two Societies expressed little or no interest. President Berg was authorized to appoint two Delegates to a constitutional convention as proposed, and to set the time and place for the convention in cooperation with those Societies responding to his initial letter.

Leroy Gatlin was appointed Chairman of an ad hoc committee, whose charge is to determine, in cooperation with other Societies, a National Minerals Policy for the Institute, with special emphasis on the energy shortage.

The Professional and Scientific Standards Committee reported the completion of the cooperative evaluation of the Geology Departments at Oklahoma State University and Tulsa University. The Professional Employment Standards Committee reports a 40% return on the questionnaire sent to salaried geologists, and has suggested a questionnaire be sent to employers.

The Membership Committee reported that Institute membership is continuing to increase, but not at the rate the Committee had set as a goal. It was suggested by the Committee that State Section Officers be reminded to read their Procedures Manuals, in which it is noted that one of the duties of the Section Vice-President is to act as Section Membership Chairman. Please consider this the reminder and take action accordingly. Region #3 Co-Chairman, Meredith Ostrom, has received a note from the Kansas State Chairman, stating that: "I doubt seriously that our Kansas Section of AIPG will be able to attract members from among geologists in the petroleum industry (roughly 95% of the geologists residing in Kansas) so long as it appears that AIPG is making every effort to stimulate registration of geologists in each state." It appears that official Institute policy with regard to registration has been misunderstood, and needs to be stated again. The Institute is neither for nor against state registration of geologists, but will
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (continued)

support action taken by its State Sections in this regard providing: (1) the Section is taking action on behalf of a majority of the geologists in the state; (2) any proposed registration bill provide for the greatest possible mutual recognition (reciprocity) with other states, and (3) any proposed registration bill provide for a "board of geologists."

The Membership Committee report contained a recommendation that a periodic announcement be made in TPG to the effect that anyone knowing of a VIP geologist, who is currently not a member of the Institute, and who would like to see this VIP personally invited to become a member by the President, is requested to send the VIP’s name and address to the National Membership Chairman who will write a suitable letter of invitation for the President’s signature. This recommendation was approved and is initially implemented by the preceding portion of this paragraph.

The Regulatory and Legislative Committee reported that the State of Idaho has enacted a bill to register geologists. It was also reported that the California Legislature has faced with a number of proposed changes in the California Geologists Bill, and that the California State Section has been kept busy defending the integrity of the Bill.

The State Section Affairs Committee reported that four states—Arizona, Maryland, Michigan and North Carolina—now have in excess of the required ten members necessary for the formation of state sections. The Pennsylvania State Section had submitted a number of proposed amendments to the Section bylaws for approval. Most significant among the proposed amendments was a proposed change in the name of the Section to “Pennsylvania Professional Geologists, a Section of AIPG.” It is thought that such a change in name will give the Section added stature before State agencies, and indicate to the agencies a greater degree of autonomy. Approval of the proposed change would require a change in the bylaws of the Institute, and the matter will be referred to the Advisory Board for discussion and recommendation in October. It was suggested that the dates for future Annual Meetings be changed to a date later in the year. The second weekend of October, the date presently set by Institute policy, does not allow the Sections enough time after a long summer re-

cess to elect new officers and prepare business items for the Meeting. This suggestion has been referred to the Advisory Board for discussion and recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned early in the evening of July 17th with all members of the Committee still fairly friendly toward each other.

VOTE

Members still have until September 8th to cast their ballots for Institute Officers for 1972. If you have not voted, do so before the deadline. Remember, the candidates are:

For President: Neilson Rudd and Arthur O. Spaulding
For Vice President: Gordon W. Gulmon and Adolf U. Honka
For Secretary-Treasurer: Jackson M. Barton and Ellis L. Krinitzsky

NEWS OF MEETINGS

FLORIDA

The Florida Section of AIPG will hold its Annual Meeting at Home’s Restaurant and Motel in Ocala, Florida on Friday, September 10, 1971. A buffet luncheon will precede the meeting. Dr. Robert R. Berg, President of AIPG, will be the guest speaker. All visiting AIPG members in Florida are most welcome to attend. Should any inquiries be desired about the meeting, please contact Mr. J. William Yon, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Florida Section, Bureau of Geology, Post Office Box 631, Tallahassee, Florida 32302.

OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Section of AIPG will hold its Annual Meeting at the Petroleum Club in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Saturday, September 25, 1971 from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Senator Henry Bellmon will speak on "National Energy Policy." The subject is one of vital importance to all who are involved in exploration for energy fuels. There will be a question and answer period following Senator Bellmon’s talk. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Additional information and reservation forms will be mailed later.

TENNESSEE

The 1971 Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Section of AIPG will be held August 9 at the Capitol Hill Holiday Inn, Nashville, Tennessee. The hospitality hour starts at 6:00 P.M. followed by a dinner meeting at 7:00 P.M.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD D. BUCK, an independent geologist and producer, died on May 23, 1971 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was active in AIPG as well as several other scientific organizations.

WALLACE W. HANSON, an AIPG member since 1966, passed away June 1, 1971 at Glenshaw, Pennsylvania. Professionally, Wally was active in the AIPG, The Northern Appalachian Geological Society, and served as President and Council Member in The Pittsburgh Geological Society.

JACK R. WALKER died June 4, 1971 at Metairie, Louisiana. He was working as a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the time of his death.
The Colorado Section will host the Eighth Annual Meeting of AIPG on October 6th through the 9th at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. Advisory Board and Executive Committee Meetings will be held on October 6th and 7th. General Sessions on October 8th and 9th. As in past years, the theme of the Meeting will emphasize the goals of the Institute and the accomplishments of the current administration as reflected through its executive and operating committees.

All AIPG members cordially invited to attend the Eighth Annual Meeting. Areas of current interest to the geologic profession include - the geologist's role in protection of the environment, legislative action on registration of geologists, and the status of action regarding the establishment of a single national society dealing with professional matters that affect all geologists. Attend the Denver meeting and discover what your Institute colleagues are doing with regard to these and other matters! Make your views known! Fill out and mail your registration form today! It's on the reverse side of this page.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
Executive Committee Meeting .............. 8:00-12:00, 1:00- 5:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
1971 Advisory Board Meeting .................. 8:30-11:30
1972 Advisory Board Meeting ............... 11:30-12:30
Informal Luncheon .......................... 12:30- 1:30
Advisory Board Meeting ..................... 2:00- 5:00
Registration ................................ 5:00- 8:00
Informal Reception ......................... 6:00- 8:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
Registration ................................ 8:00- 5:00
First General Session:
Opening Remarks ........................... 8:45- 8:50
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer -
John B. Ivey ................................ 9:20- 9:35
Report of the Advisory Board -
Henry H. Neel, Chairman .................. 9:35-10:00
Coffee Break ................................ 10:00-10:30
Committee Reports - Wm. C. Hayes, Moderator
Finance - Herbert G. Davis, Chm. ........ 10:30-11:00
Membership - Vito A. Gotautas, Chm. .... 11:00-11:30
Ethics - Frederick L. Stead, Chm. ....... 11:30-12:00
Luncheon .................................. 12:00- 2:00
"Colorado's Natural Resource Environment"
Tom W. Ten Eyck - Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Second General Session:
Committee Reports - John W. Rold, Moderator
Professional Employment Standards -
Ellis L. Krinitzsky, Chm. ............... 2:00- 2:30
Professional and Scientific Standards -
Harold L. Fothergill, Chm. ............. 2:30- 3:00
Coffee Break ............................. 3:00- 3:30
Public Relations -
Thomas A. Simpson, Chm. ............... 3:30- 4:00
Man's Geologic Environment -
Frank E. Byrne, Chm. .................... 4:00- 4:30
Resource Development and Environmental Compatibility - Earl F. Cook, Chm. .... 4:30- 5:00
Cocktails ................................. 6:00- 7:00
Annual Dinner Meeting ................... 7:15

"Natural Resources and Man's Environment"
Dr. Richard H. Jahns, Dean, School of Earth Sciences, Stanford University, and President, Geological Society of America

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
Third General Session:
Registration ............................... 8:00- 9:00
Committee Reports - Richard Chojnacki, Moderator
Regulatory and Legislative -
Louis F. Villanueva, Chm. ............... 9:00- 9:30
Interprofessional Relations -
Emmett A. Finley, Chm. ................. 9:30-10:00
Coffee Break ................................ 10:00-10:30
AAGP-AIPG Liaison -
James A. Wheeler, Chm. ................ 10:30-11:00
"Wrap-up Session" -
President Robert R. Berg ............... 11:00-12:00
Informal Luncheon - on your own ....... 12:00- 2:00
"Old and New Business - Plans for 1972" -
Robert R. Berg and President-elect .... 2:00- 3:30
Adjournment ............................... - - -

There will be a hospitality room and informal entertainment for the ladies. Ladies are urged to attend the luncheon and dinner meeting.

The Preregistration Form on the reverse side of this page should be filled out and mailed now with your check payable to AIPG Eighth Annual Meeting to: Robert M. Lindvall, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Advance Registration Fee will be $7.00 - at the Meeting $10.00. Full refund will be made if cancellation is received by letter or telegram before October 6, 1971. Pre-registration deadline is October 6, 1971.

We beseech you to preregister early - we must know our attendance to finalize luncheon and dinner plans.

We also urge you to make your room registrations at the BROWN PALACE HOTEL as soon as possible. A block of rooms has been reserved by the 1971 Meeting Committee for your convenience.

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THE GREAT DEBATE

Recent issues of GEOTIMES (February, June 1971) have carried discussions about geology and geologists versus geophysicists and geophysicists. It seems to me that these arguments serve to underline the major professional problem of all geoscientists, and that is, the continued fragmentation of geological practice into many subdivisions.

Professional fragmentation means that geoscientists cannot speak as a single group, nor can they have an effective voice in social and political affairs of their states or the nation. The United States has drifted for many years without a national energy policy, heavily taxing the industries which provide the basic resources of our civilization, and using up these resources at an alarming rate with little thought of how we are to subsist without them. Geologists must share a part of the blame for not offering solutions, and even those few who have spoken out, often loudly and clearly, have not had the support of a unified profession behind them. Most commonly, geologists have represented only industries and not themselves.

Finally, in 1963, the founders of AIPG acted to form a true professional society for all geologists, an organization that could act in professional affairs as well as in political affairs. Members of the Institute took an early lead in political matters, such as promoting good legislation when statutory regulation of practice was imminent in California.

Now, geophysicists are concerned that the California Registration Law for geologists prevents geophysicists from earning a living in that state. They seek unity within the earth sciences, but the only solution that they offer is to change the name of the American Geological Institute because the word "geology" is too restrictive. Such an action would not appear to be a significant solution to any problem.

The complaints of the geophysicists regarding practice in California have been answered in a detailed and reasonable manner, primarily by AIPG members, but the battle of words was continued by other geophysicists who concentrated their criticisms on the meanings of the terms "geology" and "geologists" in order to effect a better choice of words. Meanwhile, real problems and real solutions go unrecognized.

Semantic arguments lead nowhere. In East Texas, such trivial activity is called "stomping ants." If professional geoscientists could learn to work together, we might become "stompers of elephants."

AIPG has taken a positive step towards the unification of all geoscientists. At the Executive Committee meeting on March 28, 1971, a resolution was adopted which favored the formation of a "single professional society" (TPG, May-June, 1971). By this significant action, the Institute recognized that all professional activities of geoscientists must be united for the common good.

The history behind this resolution extends back several years and by this time it should be a familiar story. In the interests of solving common problems, the AIPG and AAPG formed a joint committee to investigate ways to further cooperation among professional geologists. The work of this committee resulted in the Sloss report (TPG, January, 1971). This report concluded that AIPG and AAPG should accept a single professional program, and further, they should agree to merge their professional activities. The majority conclusion was that there should be only one organization as a certifying body and that the one organization should be AIPG.

Subsequently, AAPG offered a reciprocity agreement that would provide for joint membership and mutual recognition of professional certifications. This offer was rejected by the Institute, however, because it did not go far enough to solve the real problem. Such reciprocity could only serve to perpetuate two certifying organizations when the ultimate goal must be one professional society.

Thus, the AIPG resolution calling for a "single professional society" seems to be the only alternative to the solution of professional fragmentation. The intent of the Institute is clear and we offer unification to all geoscientists, including geophysicists. Accordingly, the AIPG resolution was presented to the AGI House of Society Representatives on March 28. An informal meeting of society representatives on the following afternoon showed that an overwhelming majority of geologists favored unification.

All geologists and geophysical societies were informed of this offer of unification. As might be expected only AAPG responded in a positive manner. In fact, the Professional Division of AAPG, through its president, Jim Lewis, is in full agreement for unified effort now, and not at some indefinite future date.

So all of this activity has had positive effects in demonstrating that there is a need and desire for unified professional action. We of the Institute pledge further cooperation with our fellow certified geologists of AAPG toward the ultimate goal of a single professional organization.

But what will happen to the geophysicists who continue in their separatist ways? Unfortunately, they are not the only subdividers of geoscience. Many professional geologists, including members of the Institute, would prefer to go their own ways, excluding all others who also work with earth problems but who may call themselves by a different name. A few geologists view any proposed change, even a change in organization name, as too revolutionary and as a move towards disruption rather than unification. Here the problem of semantics raises its head again.

No professional organization of geologists, regardless of name, can be significantly different from the present structure of AIPG. The Institute embodies the principles by which all professional practice must be guided, and it supplies an existing organization which can serve as a model for any professional organization. An Institute by any other name would still be a completely professional institute, as is AIPG.

How many will come forward and join us in making progress toward the goal - the stomping of elephants?

Robert R. Berg, President
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE. Geologic Profession Going To The Dogs?

Recently the Soviet Union announced that they were now using Canines (dogs) in their continuing search for ore deposits. The quite remarkable thing is that it reportedly takes only four to five months to train these dogs, while in the U.S.A. and other countries, it takes several years to train a geologist (human) to perform the same type task.

Where have we gone wrong? Perhaps AIPG will lead us back to a position of prestige.

P.S. If you don’t send more letters to the Editor, you are apt to get more of this type of thing.

MISCELLANEOUS

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

The Council of the Geological Society of Australia resolved last year to request legislation to control activities of geologists in the various states with complete reciprocity between states. The Society is now pressing for geophysicists and exploration geochemists to be included in legislation covering the geologic profession.

CLARIFICATION

A recent issue of TPG reported on the quality of geologic reports of the Forest Service but did not include the fact that the geologic reports of poor quality were not done by geologists. Those written by geologists were of professional caliber.

PROFESSIONAL PARAGRAPHS

THOMAS N. AMBROSE, AIPG, has started a consulting office in West Palm Beach, Florida, to specialize in worldwide geology and oil exploration with emphasis on Latin America. He recently resigned as general manager for OKC Corporation in Ecuador after 13 years in foreign operations.

JAMES BOYD, AIPG, has resigned as Chief Executive Officer of Copper Range Company but will continue as Chairman of the Board.

CHESTER O. ENSIGN, JR., President of Copper Range Company, has been named Chief Executive Officer to replace retiring James Boyd.

EDWARD R. KELLER, AIPG, President of Utah Chapter of American Institute of Professional Geologists, is moving to Denver, Colorado to manage Mountain Fuel Supply Company’s new Denver District. Mr. Keller’s unexpired term with AIPG is being assumed by the Chapter Vice President, James B. Lindsay.

GEORGE deVRIES KLEIN, AIPG, Associate Professor of Geology at the University of Illinois, is one of two U.S. geologists who have been asked to present lectures at the Centenary Celebrations of the founding of the Grant Institute of Geology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 11, 1971. He will be speaking on the topic, "Paleotides and Paleotidal Sedimentation."

WILLIAM E. MEAD, AIPG, is one of eight employees admitted to the partnership of Dames & Moore, consultants in environmental engineering and resource development.

PAUL H. PRICE, AIPG, retired Director and State Geologist of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, and Professor of Geology, received, at the 102nd Commencement, May 16, West Virginia University’s highest award for outstanding service to the University and to the State, the “Order of Vandalia.”

HOWARD E. ROTHROCK, AIPG, of Silver City, New Mexico, has been appointed by Governor Bruce King to the governing board of the Environmental Improvement Agency of the State of New Mexico.

GEORGE W. WHITE, AIPG, who was Head of the Department of Geology at the University of Illinois 1947-1965, and Research Professor since then, has been named Research Professor emeritus. He will continue his work on glacial geology and on history of American geology.