There was a spirit of expectation as a whole series of new programs were unfolded at the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque. Many of these programs are already in effect with some of the strongest committee leadership that I have ever seen in APGS. Most of the new plans are a result of the membership input to the recent questionnaire and the recommendations of the ad hoc Plans and Programs of the Future Committees.

So what's new? I will enumerate the answers to that you can keep track:

1. The Annual Meetings Committee has now been completely organized under the capable leadership of A. Wayne Wood of San Antonio. He heads the "At Large" group and there are four other groups representing the 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 meetings, (far cry from a few years ago when people were calling headquarters a month before a meeting to find out where it was to be held). Dates and places are shown on the second page of this newsletter.

2. The Consultants Committee is the newest of two ad hoc committees which I hope will have standing status by the end of the year. It is under the enthusiastic leadership of Russ Slayback of Connecticut. This group will primarily be in charge of the "Consultants Workshop" at the Annual Meetings. They will choose the subject and panel of speakers. This workshop was held as a trial program at the Albuquerque meeting and was one of the most well-attended sessions.

3. The Registration Alert Committee is the other new ad hoc group which already has almost more than it can handle. It is under the capable leadership of Bill Cutchiff of New York who took over just in time to see a unique state certification proposal in Indiana where geologists are certified by the Department of Natural Resources which accepts membership in APGS as evidence of qualification. It has already passed the Indiana Senate. How about that? Looks like we just got this committee started in time. If you have any information as to registration in your area, please send the dope along to Bill. He will find some way to correlate it and tell us what is going on via the newsletter.

4. A new format in the newsletter shows that our new editor, Russ Ditcher, is caught up with the renewed enthusiasm that is taking over APGS. Russ tells me there will be new sections in the newsletter for a Special Legislative and Regulatory Committee report, a section for in-house news and other changes. The Executive Committee has authorized a monthly issuance of the newsletter starting with this issue. Let Russ know what you like and dislike about it. He also wants local, section and personal news.

5. An Annual Questionnaire will be forthcoming. We received some great input from the members on the last one mailed in September (and some experience in the construction thereof), but this is another whole article in itself.

6. A Member Recognition Program or what might be called "internal public relations" will be started at headquarters. It will primarily involve news releases on members in their local area with a very brief resumé about APGS. This would be done as committee members are appointed, officers elected, and any newsworthy escapades of members occur. Next year this will include pictures of committee chairmen and other appointees in the directory. When you get a request for the name and address of your local and regional newspaper, radio and TV stations and alumni directors, you will know why. Other newsletters and directories will be studied to see that we are doing all we can for our members. Our assets are about ten percent dues and ninety percent the people's time who serve free of charge to promote our noble purposes. We need to do all we can for the people who are doing something for APGS.

7. The Membership Committee is making a new approach to their job by making an extensive analysis of: (a) who is joining us, (b) who is leaving us, (c) our rate of growth patterns, and (d) other things that may give some direction as to where to put out efforts. Some interesting statistics have already come to light.

A. In fifteen years we have grown more than AAPG did in its first twenty-four years.
B. Since our first eight years, we have grown yearly, increasing about five percent per year.
C. During the period of amalgamation with AAPG 1976-1977 we grew at a rate of fifteen percent per year.
D. In the last five years APGS's average growth for active members was at the rate of about 2.35 percent per year. Last year it was about five percent or a three-fold increase over the previous year.

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BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

ALAGOOD, Jerry D.; Shreveport, LA
AMARI, Dominick J.; Knoxville, TN
ARNOLD, Billy Mack; Longview, TX
BAILEY, Clive R. G.; Naturita, CO
BEHNKEN, Fred H.; Rock Island, IL
BERGER, Roger J.; Youngsville, LA
BONIFACI, Paul K.; Woodinville, WA
BRUNS, Thomas M.; Greenfield, IN
CANARD, Curtis Lee; Tusla, OK
COBB, William Henry; Sterling, CO
DIETZ, Carl Frederick, Black Hawk, CO
GATTEN, O. Jay; Kaysville, UT
HAWKINS, Connie M.; Denver, CO
HYNES, Jeffrey L.; Denver, CO
LANDON, Susan M.; Lakewood, CO
OFRTFI, George F. II; Newport News, VA
RACKLEY, Ruffin I.; Denver, CO
RIFE, David L.; Englewood, CO
RILEY, George C.; Minneapolis, MN
ROSCEO, Michael S.; Clairsville, OH
ROKE, Winthrop A.; Denver, CO
SMITH, Donald R.; Birmingham, AL
TAYLOR, David G.; Manchester, MO
URBAND, Howard T.; Denver, CO
WALTON, Charles G., Jr.; Summerville, PA
WESTLY, Robert L.; Tampa, FL
WOODWARD, Ralph O.; Houston, TX

If any Member has any recommendations, positive or negative regarding the application of any of the above applicants, please mail your comments to General Headquarters within 30 days. Your comments will be held confidential within the Executive Committee and Screening Board of the local Section.

NEW MEMBERS

BENGAL, Lawrence E. #4476; Savoy, IL
BEVERLIN, Richard B., Jr. #4477; Houston, TX
BOGNER, Jeann Eileen #4478; Wheaton, IL
BRIDGES, William C. #4479, Dallas, TX
BUNCH, John Paul #4480; Lakeland, FL
CULVER, Judith C. #4481; Golden, CO
DECKER, Tim L. #4482; Littleton, CO
GALLEN, W. Arthur #4499; Wyncoat, PA
HAMPF, Andrew William #4483; Houston, TX
HLAVIN, William J. #4484; Independence, OH
HRABAR, Stephanie V. #4485; Houston, TX
HUSON, Presley Connie #4486; Mount Pleasant, TX
KANE, Byron Lyle #4487; Humble, TX
MERRILL, Harvey #4488; Moab, UT
MOTT, Norman E. #4489; Houston, TX
ROWLAND, Mark R. #4490; Columbus, OH
RUOFF, William A. #4491; Houston, TX
SHEPARD, Robert H. #4492; Lafayette, CA
SMITH, E. L., Jr. #4493; Portland, TX
SNODGRASS, Thomas W. #4494; Portland, TX
STEPHENS, Robert M. #4495; Houston, TX
SYDNOR, Robert H. #4496; Mission Viejo, CA
TAN, Julian Chi-Liang #4497; Midland, TX
WARD, Bernard H., Jr. #4498; Tyler, TX

NOTE: Headquarters maintains a file of registration and certification bills for those who are interested. Write to Mrs. Deborah Dare, P. O. Box 957, Golden, Colorado 80401 (303) 279-0026 for copies.
SECTION NEWS

COLORADO SECTION NEWS

The Colorado Section of APGS is proud to announce the following officers for 1979:

John D. Pruitt, President
Edward M. Warren, Editor
Bruce O. Tohill, Vice President
Paul W. Fairchild, Executive Committee
Chris Erskine, Secretary-Treasurer
Donald R. Hembre, Executive Committee
Richard W. Lemke, Past President
John E. Lucken, Executive Committee

The Colorado Section March Luncheon meeting will be held on March 19, 1979 at 12:00 noon at the Petroleum Club. The speaker will be Mr. James Watt, President of Mountain States Legal Foundation. Mr. Watt will speak on current and pending activities of the Foundation updating his last year’s speech which was extremely well received. He was also former vice-chairman of the Federal Power Commission under President Ford.

Please make reservations by noon on March 15. You are welcome to hear the speaker without a reservation, but you must have a reservation for lunch.

Reprinted from page 10 of the Colorado Communicator
Volume 9, No. 1:

Mountain States Legal Foundation Requests
Information in Suit Against RARE II Withdrawals

On September 11, 1978 the Mountain States Legal Foundation, a public interest law firm based in Denver, filed suit on behalf of its members, including some who are also APGS members, in Federal District Court in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The suit requests that the Court order the U.S. Forest Service and the Secretary of the Interior to either withdraw the land properly by reporting it to Congress or to resume leasing and permit mineral development on public lands now withdrawn for the RARE II evaluations.

The suit contends the Secretary and the Forest Service have exceeded their legally authorized powers in making these withdrawals. In December the Forest Service moved to have the case dismissed for lack of merit; the motion was disallowed by the Court. MSLF attorneys are now compiling evidence in the case.

If you or your company have had any correspondence with either the Forest Service or the BLM which indicates that lease applications will not be acted upon or that absolutely no surface occupancy will be permitted on issued leases because the lands are within RARE II areas, please contact Jim Watt or Kea Bardeen MSLF, 1845 Sherman, Room 675, Denver, CO 80203 telephone: (303) 861-0244

CALIFORNIA SECTION NEWS

The California Section announces their new officers for 1979:

Joseph W. Fusso, Jr.; President
Cliff Gray; President-Elect
Howard T. Anderson; Past President
David Cummings; Secretary-Treasurer
William A. Adent; Editor

Reprinted from the January 1979 Newsletter

1979 Examination Schedule

The State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists has scheduled a geology and geophysics examination for May 18, 1979, and the engineering geology examination for May 19, 1979. New applications must be received by February 18, 1979. Applicants who are retaking the examination must submit their applications by March 18, 1979. Examinations will also be given for geology and geophysics on November 16, 1979 and for engineering geology on November 17, 1979.

If you have questions regarding the examination, please contact the Board office at 1020 N Street, Room 421, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone (916) 445-1920.

Policy Guidelines

At the July 17 meeting of the State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists, board members stated the licensing of geologists and geophysicists alone was not sufficient to protect the public against incompetent geologic work. To better protect the public, the Board adopted Guidelines for geologic studies and report preparation to minimum standards of competency.

These Guidelines will be sent to all registered geologists as well as the city, county, and state geologists who are responsible for reviewing geologic reports. Geologists employed by the municipalities and state agencies are being asked to notify the Board when they encounter reports that appear to fall below the standards established by the Guidelines. According to the provisions of its Act, the Board intends to initiate investigations of geologists who demonstrate incompetent work.

After two days of testimony from engineering geologists and geologists from other areas of practice, the Board found that many municipalities either did not have adequate standards for geologic reports or were receiving reports that fell below their standards and/or state-of-the-art.

The Board, now composed of a majority of public members and newly appointed professional members has issued these Guidelines as an important step in the Board’s program to better protect the public against the many geologic hazards that exist in California.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA SECTION NEWS

The "Big News" from this section is that a bill for the certification of professional geologists has been introduced in the Indiana Legislature. As near as we can tell the bill has passed the Senate and its sponsor feels it will clear the House.

The section newsletter, (a special edition) in February states . . . "Senate Bill 35 was written by Indiana Senator James Harris, who many years ago worked as a geologist in the oil industry. He submitted the bill to the Indiana Senate. It has passed the Senate and is now (February 7, 1979) before the House.

Senator Harris introduced the bill to define the term "geologist" in the Surface Mining and Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-87). He has attempted to model the requirements of a "geologist" as established by the Division of Professional Affairs of AAPG. He is interested in seeing a "bare bones" bill passed to meet the geologist's need. Senator Harris
does not see a need for a grandfather clause. He feels reciprocity is not necessary if those who are qualified simply establish that fact to work in Indiana. The program will be operated under the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. He assumed a committee or board will be established by the Department to run the program.

Senator Harris invited those wishing to comment on the bill to contact him as soon as possible. The bill passed the Senate and is now under new sponsorship in the House. Senator Harris believes the bill will pass this Spring."

From what we can ascertain Indiana geologists, members of the Indiana-Kentucky Geological Society, and members of APGS were not asked to contribute to this bill.

The impetus behind it is evidently the new federal strip mine bill, regulated by the Office of Surface Mining, which requires that certain permits require the endorsement of a "certified professional geologist".

If anyone is interested in further information on this, it is possible that Don Carr may be able to provide it. His address is Donald D. Carr, Indiana Geological Survey, 611 North Walnut Grove, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN SECTION NEWS

The Minnesota-Wisconsin Section has begun publication of an attractive newsletter for its members. The newsletter contains reports from the President and the Editor and a section for some thought-provoking discussion. The Section officers hope to use the newsletter as a tool and a means of communication with other members in the Section.

The Section has adopted the position that we should be more than simply a certifying body. The Section is working toward the adoption of a definition of professional geologist by the legislatures of the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Progress has been slow, but it is something that is necessary to pursue.

The Section has also organized into sub-sections which will allow the widely separated membership to meet more often. This is an idea which could work in other sections who find it hard to hold well-attended meetings.

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1979 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1979 Annual Meeting of the Association could very well be one of the best Annual Meetings in the history of the APGS.

In response to a request from President Rue and the Executive Committee, I met with the members of the 1979 Annual Meeting Committee on February 23rd in Lafayette to advise and assist them in any way possible with their plans for the Annual Meeting in September. If enthusiasm and hard work are the basic ingredients for a successful meeting, the 1979 Annual Meeting will certainly be one of our most successful.

Bill Paine deserves special mention for his efforts as Field Trip Committee Chairman. Bill has been able to arrange three, and possibly four, trips into one of the local salt domes. I understand that these arrangements are a feather in Bill's cap for few trips into the salt dome are allowed. You will want to send in your (continued on page 5)

ARTHUR F. BRUNTON RESIGNS

Art, who has served us since the beginning submitted his resignation as Executive Director as of the end of last year. The Executive Committee at the Albuquerque meeting reluctantly accepted Brunton's resignation.

At the January meeting of the Executive Committee in St. Louis, the following resolution was adopted by acclamation:

WHEREAS Arthur F. Brunton, has served as Executive Director of AIPG/APGS throughout the 14 years of its existence, and
WHEREAS the duties of Executive Director have been conducted in exemplary fashion by him, and
WHEREAS Mr. Brunton has been of inestimable value in guiding the destinies of the INSTITUTE/ASSOCIATION, and
WHEREAS he has been a leading proponent of high professional ethics and standards of and by geologists, and
WHEREAS the stature and numbers of the membership of AIPG/APGS have increased significantly through his efforts, and
WHEREAS the entire membership of AIPG/APGS is indebted to Mr. Brunton for the reasons cited and as a result of his outstanding performance as Executive Director, and
WHEREAS Mr. Brunton has contributed significantly to appropriate solutions of the many problems of the Institute/Association and has achieved the reputation of Mr. AIPG/APGS, and
WHEREAS Mr. Brunton has resigned as Executive Director, effective December 31, 1978,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the total membership, expresses its deep and sincere appreciation for a job well done, and for the eternal indebtedness in which the Association stands for his efforts, and
BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Committee wishes him and Marion many years of happiness and success in their future ventures and activities.

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Publication of Interest


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There will be an APGS Executive Committee and Advisory Board meeting on March 31, 1979 in the Mesquite Room of the Hyatt Regency in Houston, Texas. The Advisory Board meeting starts at 8:30 am and the Executive Committee will meet at 1:30 pm.
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Ninth International Congress of Carboniferous Stratigraphy and Geology

Washington, DC and Urbana, IL
May, 1979

Drive to an international meeting!!! The Carboniferous Congress is the major world forum on the geology of coal. IX-ICC, 1979 will also emphasize petroleum resources in carboniferous rocks.

IX-ICC features 14 long field trips to the Appalachian coal basins, the Illinois and Black Warrior basins and areas of geologic interest in the western U. S.; 9 short field trips to collecting sites and mines in Illinois and Indiana; 13 major symposia of invited papers and more than 40 afternoon technical sessions.

The third and final circular of IX-ICC, 1979 is ready for distribution. The circular contains forms for registration, housing, abstracts, and detailed information about all aspects of the Congress. To receive the circular, contact IX-ICC, 1979, Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC 20560, or call Dr. Jonathan H. Goodwin, Illinois Geological Survey (217) 344-1481, Ronald G. Sears, University of Illinois (217) 333-2882, or Dr. Mackenzie Gordon, Jr., President, U. S. Geological Survey (202) 343-4300.

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Basin and Range Conference

The Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists, assisted by the Utah Geological Association and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is pleased to announce the "1979 Basin and Range Field Conference" in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 7-11, 1979.

Participants will devote four days reviewing numerous and varied facets of Basin and Range geology including: regional and detailed structural history, Paleozoic stratigraphy, oil and gas accumulations, base metals mineralization, volcanic geology and geothermal anomalies. Two nights will be spent in Las Vegas followed by two evenings in Ely, Nevada to include a short symposium there on the 10th. Participants then return to Las Vegas for the night of the 11th. Further information concerning field trip details and registration is available by contacting the RMAG office, 1615 California Street, Suite 505, Denver Colorado 80202 telephone (303) 573-8821.

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Mineral Property Management

This short course is presented by Terry S. Maley & Associates. The course will be presented at an elementary level designed to give a broad overview to those with little prior knowledge of the subject. The primary objective is to provide participants with an up-to-date review of state and federal regualtory requirements concerning mineral property acquisition, exploration, mining and reclamation.

For additional information write: Terry Maley, P. O. Box 1186, Boise, ID 83701; telephone: (208) 343-9143 (office) or (208) 344-6038 (home).

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E. From September, 1977 to September 1978, just before I spoke to the Oklahoma Section, APGS had a growth rate of five percent, back to normal growth from the fifteen percent of the two previous years.

F. The applications received in January, 1979, when processed, would indicate a growth rate of over five percent.

CONCLUSION: We are the fastest growing national geological organization in the country. Does this discount some of the negative talk you have been hearing about APGS?

In addition to these new programs, there will be a revitalizing of many of our on-going activities.

8. The Legal Action Committee and its dynamic chairman, Fred Stead, are expanding from a strictly Colorado based operation to other Sections of the Association. This committee is looking for individual geologists who have been damaged by the rules and regulations (law without representation) created usually by unknowlegeable or negligent bureaucrats. Check with Fred if you really want to know what they do. He will tell you in no uncertain terms.

9. The Legislative and Regulatory Committee is being revitalized by its able chairman, Larry Woodfork, from West Virginia with the help of his Legislative Counsel in Washington, DC, James Hamersley. You will be seeing their monthly report in Russ Dutcher's new format of the newsletter. This group keeps track of Senate and House Bills and, probably more this year than last, rules and regulations before, during and after their final drafts.

10. The Advisory Board of last year sent six motions to the Executive Committee where favorable action was taken on all six. This means that the input from the rank and file membership through its Advisory Board is operating as it should and putting your ideas to work. It has not always been this way and those who have seen the change cannot help being impressed.

APGS is doing more for geologists and the profession per dollar spent than any other geological organization in the country today. Anyone who does not know this just does not know what is happening. And to that end our new Editor is pledged through the monthly newsletters to make you aware of that fact.

Edward E. Rue, CPGS 12

ANNUAL MEETING

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reservations for the salt dome trips early. Each of the trips will be limited to 12 or 14 persons. Also, a field trip is being arranged to tour the Atchafalaya Basin Friday afternoon, ending with a shrimp boil that evening.

The Advisory Board and the Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday the 19th, with the main program starting on Thursday morning and running through the Consultant's Workshop Saturday. Spouses are specifically invited to attend all sessions and to participate in all field trips.

An added incentive for attendance is the annual Festivals Acadiens on Saturday and Sunday. I hope to see you all there.

Art Brunton
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APGS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The list of bills and regulations on page 6 is the start of a new effort to follow APGS Washington activities. It is not a long list and will become larger as the Congressional session continues, although there is room for the most significant bills only. The list of Regulations will be more often revised, as there is a shorter time for activity. Again, not every regulation can be placed on the list.

The first APGS witness before a Congressional panel was Max Bergendahl of the Colorado Section. He testified on the Forest Service's RARE II program. These were preliminary hearings, however, a bill will be presented on this subject. Senator Melcher (D - Montana) seems to be the key man in RARE II legislation. Melcher noted at the hearings that specific land areas that should be considered to be removed from RARE II should be sent to the Senate Agricultural Committee for consideration.

At the first APGS Washington luncheon, January 25, 1979, John Cunningham, Department of Interior's Coordinator of Water Policy gave an excellent presentation of the national task forces for Water Policy, and what future policy might be. The second luncheon is scheduled for March 22, 1979 and the speaker will be Mr. Joe Kieffer of the McGraw Hill "Inside DOE" publication and his topic will be "Inside DOE", discussing the latest problems, policies, programs and personnel at DOE. Reservations can be made through James U. Hamersley's office, 1800 M Street NW, Suite 1040, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 223-4338.

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SEARCH FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A search committee has been formed to seek a replacement for Art Brunton as Executive Director. The committee consists of Charles Manksin, Chairman, Suzanne Takken, Fred Stead and John Fryberger. The responsibilities of the Executive Director have been outlined by the committee. They are as follows:

Association's Internal Affairs

1. Executive Committee - The Executive Director serves as the principal staff resource for the Executive Committee. Not only should the Executive Director be responsible for implementing policy established by the Executive Committee, but should also take an active role in the development of new policy.

2. State Sections - The strength of the Association resides in a significant degree within the activities of the State Sections. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the Executive Director to establish and maintain effective communication with the State Sections. Moreover, it is important that the Executive Director vigorously promote communication among the Sections.

3. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees - Since much of the work of the Association is conducted by committees, it is important that the Executive Director maintain a close working relationship with each committee and that the headquarters' staff provide the necessary support services to the committees.

4. Membership Support - The Headquarters of the Association should be organized and operated to provide services to the membership. These services should include the maintenance of an active member file, processing applications for new members, maintenance of the Association's fiscal affairs, and coordination of the Annual Meeting.

Association's External Affairs

1. Communication with Local, State and Federal Legislative and Regulatory Units - A basic charge of the Association is the promotion of professionalism of earth scientists. An important aspect of this responsibility is communicating the role that earth scientists are capable of playing in the resolution of local, state and national issues.

2. Public Relations - Communicating the activities of the Association as well as those of individual members is an effective method of increasing public awareness and understanding of the geological profession. The Executive Director should develop and effective program to achieve positive public relations.

3. Inter-Society Communication - The Association's responsibility of serving as the voice of the geological profession can be discharged in part by developing and maintaining communication with other societies and professional organizations. This is especially true for the member societies of the American Geological Institute for which the APGS serves as the focus for professionalism.

If any members have suggestions or know of anyone interested in the position of Executive Director, please contact any member of the search committee.

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PROFESSIONAL PARAGRAPHS

Allen O. Perry

A Cloverdale, Indiana native has been named to head up the Technical Services Division of Region III's Office of Surface Mining headquartered in Indianapolis. Allen O. Perry began his new duties on January 2, 1979. Dr. Perry was formerly with Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois, as an Environmental Systems Engineer.

The Office of Surface Mining is a new federal agency and has been called on by Congress to help balance the nation's concern for energy and the need to consider preserving the natural environment. The Act was signed by the President on August 3, 1977. At present, the mining industry is operating under interim regulations and permanent regulations are expected to be issued early this year.

The division of technical services and research is composed of specialists in various disciplines such as agronomy, landscape, architecture, forestry, soil science, geo-hydrology, agricultural and mining engineering, and fish and wildlife biology.

The division's function is to provide technical assistance to other OSM Divisions of Inspection and Enforcement, Abandoned Mine Lands, State and Federal Programs, as well as to district and field offices. Dr. Perry is a registered professional geologist and a member of the Association of Professional Geological Scientists, the Geological Society of America and Society of Mining Engineers.
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES
(cont.)

Society of Economic Geologists Field Conference
Tucson area porphyry copper deposits, April 3-6, 1979
Tucson, Arizona - Tucson Ramada Inn

For further information contact Judith Brown
(602) 626-1232, Conference Administrator; Kathy
Williams (602) 626-5008, Registration. To obtain
registration form, write to SEG FIELD CONFERENCE,
Babcock Building Room 1201, 1717 E. Speedway Blvd.,
Tucson, AZ 85719

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1979 Great Plains Water Conference
Williams Plaza Hotel - Tulsa, OK
April 2 - 4, 1979

For additional information contact Pat Hall, Division
of Continuing Education, University of Tulsa, Tulsa,
OK (918) 939-6351

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Basic Oil & Gas Technology for
Lawyers and Landmen

Denver, Colorado - April 2-4, 1979

For additional information contact The Mineral Law
Foundation, Law Building, University of Colorado,
Boulder CO 80309

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Short Course
"Offshore Geologic Hazards"

Rice University - April 28-29, 1979

For additional information contact John E. Warme,
(713) 527-4883

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