INSTITUTE APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The American Institute of Professional Geologists Executive Committee has announced the appointment of Victor C. Tannehill as Executive Director.

Tannehill, a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was formerly President and Chief Operating Officer of the Manufacturers' and Employers' Association, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin. An experienced association administrator, Tannehill previously held executive positions in business and industry. He has published numerous management skills articles, developed management seminars and taught at colleges and vocational-technical schools.

Tannehill received a B.A. in Business Administration from Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, and has completed work towards his MBA from Michigan State University. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives, American Society for Personnel Administration, the American Society of Training and Development, and the Administrative Management Society.

The Search Committee headed by Arthur O. Spaulding, should be commended for their diligent and tireless efforts on behalf of AIPG. Search efforts drew over 200 top candidates for the Director's position. Interviews were conducted by committee members around the country. Five candidates were then chosen to be flown to Golden, Colorado, and interviewed by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee members met well into the night narrowing the field, but did not reach a final decision until the following day. AIPG members can be confident their new Executive Director is a highly qualified association manager.

A debt of gratitude is due the Search Committee and the Executive Committee for giving so much time and labor to our Institute. Search Committee members were:

Art Spaulding - Chairman
Travis Hughes
Larry Woodfork
Guyer Murray

Don Carr
Ted Off
Ed Stinemeyer

Executive Committee members able to attend the Golden meeting were:

John Rold
M. O. Turner
Randall Chew
Dean Grafton
Ernest Lehmann

Larry Woodfork
Russell Dutcher
Travis Hughes
Bill Park
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

If any member has any recommendations, positive or negative regarding the qualifications of any of the below applications, 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.

ARMSTRONG, Edward J.; Fairbanks, AK
Sponsors: D. Andersen; D. Brown; K. W. Calderwood; J. Chapman
J. Slover; L. L. Sellkregg
BARTON, Roger J.; Casper, WY
Sponsors: J. Bush; G. R. George; D. D. Miller; S. C. Reid; J. L. Wroble
CLAUGHTON, James L.; Corpus Christi, TX
Sponsors: E. Brown; L. W. Giddens, Jr.; R. F. Giltner; J. A. O'Brien; P. M. Strunk
DARDEN, Jack M.; Midland, TX
Sponsors: J. S. Martin; E. Parott; W. G. Thorsen; G. F. Weis; D. L. Windle
DRABISH, Richard Alan; Elkview, WV
Sponsors: R. Beardsley; P. J. Brown; C. H. Essex; R. Sites; J. Wilson
FAIRCCHILD, Patrick L.; Midland, TX
Sponsors: G. Faglie; B. Hanson; E. P. Harrison; D. Rosen; D. Rowe; G. Thornton
FLINT, James D.; Richardson, TX
Sponsors: L. C. Binon; V. W. Carmichael; J. J. Jedlicka; L. Regen; C. P. Venzke
GASS, Tyler E.; Worthington, OH
Sponsors: T. Bennett; J. S. Fryberger; D. Johe; E. Koch; J. H. Lehr; R. L. MoreSCO
KASCHUBE, William L.; Bradford, PA
Sponsors: C. Burghardt; E. T. Heck; W. Leeper; E. Tarr; A. Van Tyne; R. Zerkerlner
KIRMANI, Farooq O.; North Miami, FL
Sponsors: B. P. Caven; J. C. Drumheller; S. C. Sargent; J. Q. Sims; R. M. White, Sr.
KNUTH, Daniel J.; New Brighton, MN
E. A. Hickok; J. Holmquist; L. Johnson; L. E. Richie; E. Ross
KRAMER, Curtis A.; White Plains, NY
J. E. Voytek; R. W. Manus; S. P. Maslansky; M. McComas; R. G. Schaefer
KRAMER, Kenneth F.; Dayton, OH
Sponsors: P. M. Garman; R. Larson; J. A. Noel; O. E. Parks; B. Richard
LasALA, Albert M.; Columbus, OH
Sponsors: M. B. Blanchard; G. L. Faulkner; F. W. Meyer; S. E. Norris; W. E. Wilson
MEDINA, Joseph A.; Houston, TX
Sponsors: R. E. Anderson; J. A. Bentley; D. Grafton; S. McEachern; J. Smith
MEFFORD, Scott G.; Wheatridge, CO
Sponsors: H. Mosher; W. Owens; W. Quinn; J. Roscoe; R. Shepherd; R. Smith
MITCHELL, Michael, Jr.; Anchorage, AK
Sponsors: J. M. Brown, R. Migliaccio; W. T. Phillips; R. G. Schaff; T. L. Smith; G. Smith
PRICE, Michael L.; Pittsburgh, PA
W. E. Bennett; P. L. Brown; T. A. Carroll; J. Green; J. A. Grego; B. Hassinger; R. Lipp; S. Maher; J. O. Sayre; J. L. Wilson
RALL, John C.; Knoxville, TN
Sponsors: R. W. Allen; L. Grant; A. R. Leamon; M. O. Smith

ANNUAL MEETINGS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

18th ANNUAL MEETING

1981 Williamsburg
OCT. 21–24 Virginia
General Chairman: John Kent Kane II

19th Annual Meeting
November 10-13, 1982
Pasadena, California
General Chairman: Howard T. Anderson

20th Annual Meeting
(Date Not Set)
Jackson, Wyoming

BACK ON SCHEDULE

You'll notice that this issue of THE PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST is May-June, 1981. We are now back on schedule and we appreciate your patience and your support.

The TPG is the most important communication link between AIPG and you the membership. We sincerely solicit your input.

Here is the TPG copy deadline schedule for the remainder of '81:

JULY issue - June 12th
AUGUST issue - July 17th
SEPTEMBER issue - September 18th
NOVEMBER issue - October 16th
DECEMBER issue - November 13th

Your TPG will hereafter be mailed to you no later than the 25th of the preceding month.
WHY AN ANNUAL MEETING?

BY
John W. Rold
AIPG President

My first geological society annual meeting provided an unforgettable experience for a young, eager oil geologist still in my first year of employment with the California Company. The overnight train ride to St. Louis with several of the company's old hands, meeting geologists from around the country, hearing heralded experts share their latest scientific findings in technical papers, mingling with the giants of the profession, and the forays to the innumerable and interminable service company hospitality rooms, all made an indelible mark on my impressionable mind. Since then I've probably attended as a member, commissioner, or officer nearly 100 annual meetings of variable size, substance, and success. During that time I've given considerable thought to what makes a successful meeting, why people attend, and what benefits accrue from a meeting.

Though it sometimes seems the annual meeting almost lapses into a "tribal ritual", each of us is motivated to attend for various reasons and do gain definite benefits from a well-planned, well-run meeting.

In light of AIPG's upcoming Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, October 21-24 and the associated Washington, D.C., Public Affairs Conference October 19-20, I would like to view these motivational factors and benefits in more detail.

Conduct of Institute Business Although most constitutions require a business meeting, the low attendance at most Annual Business Meetings proves this to be an attendance motivator only for officers and a few of the faithful.

Educational Aspects Although most society Annual Meetings relate heavily to scientific education, AIPG by its very nature relates more to professional education. Scientific and technical papers provide the major drawing card for most attendees at scientific meetings. Good papers related to oil fields or mineral deposits may well be the key to finding similar ones and thus make a geologist successful, rich, famous or all three. Yet, our professional sessions or workshops--particularly the consultant workshops--may also allow a geologist to increase his income and be a better geologist and help to improve the entire profession. Certainly the recent Lafayette and Mobile meetings and the planned Williamsburg meeting furnish an excellent mix of the professional and technical aspects of the geological sciences. The adjunct Washington Public Affairs Conference will provide a political educational opportunity not available anywhere else. The combination of Washington and Williamsburg furnishes a fantastic opportunity for cultural and historical education for both geologists and their families. Certainly this combination of professional, scientific, political, cultural, and historical educational aspects is unmatched by any other annual meeting available.

Business Aspects Many people attend annual meetings to renew old business relationships and make new contacts. AIPG provides those opportunities. Because our meetings draw from such a diverse background of specialties, many geologists make contacts and learn new business and professional wrinkles not commonly gained at a specialty scientific meeting. If you're doing business as a geologist, you're heavily impacted by federal political and bureaucratic activities. Many geologists in business for themselves as consultants and as mineral explorers and developers have told me that these socio-political problems present a much greater challenge for them than do the scientific aspects of geology. AIPG addresses these problems and the Washington Public Affairs Conference may well provide some avenues for understanding, if not solving, those political and bureaucratic problems.

Social Aspects For many geologists and their spouses the social aspects outweigh all others. Renewing old friendships, making new friends with similar interests, eating in fine restaurants, and attending the social parties are major incentives for many. We will match those social amenities with any. At a smaller meeting one can meet and actually spend some time with friends. How many times at a major convention with 5,000 or 10,000 attendees do the few words with old friends at the crowded ice-breaker include the promise "let's get together while we're here"; then on the way home you realize you never saw them again at the convention.

Recreational Aspects Simply getting away from the office and the daily hectic grind or from the kitchen, the housework, and the children; the opportunity to lay in the sun, visit new places, and actually relax and unwind provide ample justification for many.

Williamsburg, Washington, and the Virginia countryside in the fall will definitely fill that need.

Yes, Annual Meetings not only fulfill a constitutional requirement but can and do provide many educational, financial, and aesthetic benefits. Assuredly the Williamsburg-Washington meeting will more than satisfy those expectations. Why not begin now to make plans for this educational and enjoyable meeting? If your company or agency can't or won't send you, why not plan it as this year's family vacation? Where else could you take a vacation like that which would combine business and pleasure to such an extent--and be tax deductible?

Ad Honkala and the Virginia Committee have worked hard to plan an extraordinary experience for us at Williamsburg. Your attendance itself helps to assure that their and your expectations for an Annual Meeting will be met. We look forward to seeing you there.
HEADQUARTERS CORNER

BY
Victor C. Tannehill
Executive Director

First off, I want to tell you how proud and pleased I am to have been selected by your Executive Committee as the new AIPG Executive Director. I began working for you Tuesday, May 19th, and started at Headquarters on that date. My days on the job have been busy, productive ones as I strive to "learn the ropes" and get organized.

There is much to be done. We of your staff are going to catch up; then we are going to move forward. With your help, problems will be ironed out and resolved. We can then turn our attention to maximizing AIPG's many opportunities. I'm excited about those possibilities, and I know that you are too.

I'm honored by the confidence placed in me. I promise you my very best efforts in working together to make this Institute everything that we all know it can be, and want it to be. Active members are critical to the Institute's success. If there's anything I can do for you, just call. I look forward to working for and with you. Hope to meet you one of these days soon.

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, October 18, 1981
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Room
Grammery Inn
1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW
(202) 347-9550

Thursday, October 22, 1981
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Room
Holiday Inn 1776
U.S. 60 Bypass Road
Box 1776
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(804) 220-1776

PROFESSIONAL PARAGRAPHS

ALABAMA STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: Thomas J. Joiner, CPGS 2018, State Geologist for the past six years, has resigned his post effective April 30. Dr. Howard Gundy, acting president of the University of Alabama, has appointed Richard N. Raymond the new acting State Geologist and oil and gas supervisor.

Joiner was only the fifth State Geologist since the founding of the Geological Survey of Alabama in 1848. A member of the geological survey staff for the past 20 years, Joiner will operate a consulting firm in Tuscaloosa after he leaves the Survey. His firm will specialize in petroleum geology and engineering and in government relations and regulatory aspects of oil and gas development.

SMC-MARTIN: Grover H. Emrich, CPGS 2323, has been appointed President of SMC-MARTIN, geo-technical and engineering consultants of Valley Forge, PA. He joined SMC-MARTIN in 1971 and founded the Earth Sciences Division. Emrich was appointed Vice President in 1975, Executive Vice President in 1978, and General Manager in 1980. SMC-MARTIN specializes in providing ground-water pollution services to private, industrial and governmental clients throughout the United States.

Emrich received his Ph.D. in ground-water geology from the University of Illinois. He has previously been associated with the Illinois Geological Survey, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources where he developed their ground-water management and pollution control program.

PLACID OIL COMPANY: William Feathergail Wilson, CPGS 3566, has been appointed Chief Geologist of Placid Oil Company and has been transferred to the Dallas Office.

"Feather" joined Placid in 1977 to implement a frontier exploration program in the State of Texas and Southeast New Mexico. He is a member of the AAPG Foundation Trustees Associates, the AAAS, AAGS, GSA, a past president of the south Texas Geological Society and currently Editor.

SUN GAS COMPANY: Tom Gaskey, CPGS 943, reports that his address has changed as the result of the purchase of Texas Pacific Oil Co. by Sun Gas. J., Central Expressway in Dallas, Texas and his phone is 214-739-7440.
NEW PUBLICATIONS

A reservoir-evaluation study conducted under the direction of William E. Harrison, Oklahoma Geological Survey petroleum geologist and geochemist, has been completed and results have been published by the Survey. The report, "Reservoir and Fluid Characteristics of Selected Oil Fields in Oklahoma," by Harrison and Darcia L. Routh, was issued as Oklahoma Geological Survey Special Publication 81-1. It comprises a compilation of well data from 17 "giant" Oklahoma oil fields, those fields having a potential recovery of 100 million barrels or more.

This report represents the results of a study begun in 1977 by Harrison to provide information essential to planning and implementing EOR (enhanced oil recovery) projects. Data gathered include producing formation, lithology, porosity, permeability, type of trapping, average depth, saturation at beginning of treatment, type of drive, pressure, gravity, salinity and chloride content of water, and sulfur content of oil.

OGS Special Publication 81-1 can be obtained from the Oklahoma Geological Survey, 830 Van Vleet Oval, Norman, Oklahoma 73019. The price is $8.00 per copy.

The eastern Oregon area around La Grande, Union, and Cove shows promise for usable geothermal energy resources according to a report just released by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI).

Even though the data obtained so far are too limited for a final evaluation, the report identifies the Craig Mountain-Hot Lake fault zone, with a possible extension through La Grande, as the area with the greatest potential. It also points out the possibility of direct utilization of geothermal waters at the Hot Lake hot spring, which is only about seven miles distant from La Grande.

The report, Preliminary Geology and Geothermal Resource Potential of the Craig Mountain-cove Area, Oregon, DOGAMI Open-File Report 0-84-4, presents results of the Department's low-temperature resource assessment program conducted for the U.S. Department of Energy. The area discussed is one of the nine areas that have been under study during 1979 and 1980.

Contained in the 68-page report are raw and interpreted geothermal-gradient data, radiometric age analyses of selected rocks, chemical analyses of rocks and spring and well waters, calculations of minimum reservoir temperatures for thermal waters, an extensive bibliography, and a separate preliminary geothermal-resource map at a scale of 1:250,000.

Open-File Report 0-80-4 is available for inspection or purchase at the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1005 State Office Building, Portland, OR 97201. The price is $5.00. (Payment must accompany orders for less than $20.00.)

"The Western Snake River Plain is one of the most important moderate-temperature geothermal reservoir areas in Oregon," concludes a report just released by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). The report, Preliminary Geology and Geothermal Resource Potential of the Western Snake River Plain, Oregon, DOGAMI Open-File Report 0-85-5, presents results of the Department's low-temperature resource assessment program conducted for the U.S. Department of Energy. It covers one of nine areas that have been under study during 1979 and 1980.

Contained in the 114-page report are raw and interpreted geothermal-gradient data, radiometric age analyses of selected rocks, chemical analyses of rocks and spring and well water, calculations of minimum reservoir temperatures for thermal waters, and an extensive bibliography. A set of four maps (scales 1:62,500 and 1:250,000) describes the geology, lineaments, and aeromagnetic and gravity-anomaly patterns of the area.

Open-File Report 0-80-5 is available for inspection or purchase at the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1005 State Office Building, Portland, OR 97201. The price is $10.00. (Payment must accompany orders for less than $20.00.)

SAFETY REGS ADOPTED FOR N.C. DAMS

State regulations for dam safety in North Carolina, adopted last year, require that a qualified geologist submit a geologic report as part of the report of foundation investigation for proposed construction of high hazard dams. "Qualified Geologist" is defined as "an earth scientist experienced in applied geology with respect to the interaction of lithologies, soils, and geologic structures with dams and impoundments, who can provide professional credentials such as certification by the American Institute of Professional Geologists or registration as a geologist in the United States". A copy of these regulations may be requested from Charles Gardner, CPGS 2263, Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611.

G.C.A.G.S. CONVENTION

OCT. 21-23

The Corpus Christi Geological Society will host the 1981 G.C.A.G.S. Convention on October 21-23, 1981. If you desire more information concerning this convention please do not hesitate to call or write:

Donald Orr
American Shoreline, Inc.
1108 Guaranty Bank Tower
Corpus Christi, Texas 78475
(512) 868-4495
As you know, this year in Washington is far different than the previous four. There are major examinations in policy and philosophy, by both Republicans and Democrats, and there is new deliberation in all areas. The debate and activities surrounding adoption of the budget has resulted in little debate and action over specific programs but that will soon come. The major focus of Congressional Committees has been in oversight of present programs. Programs that have been introduced previously but have had little chance of passage now are under serious consideration, while previous ones are now dead. The latter includes such questions as diversification and onshore competitive oil and gas leasing. Among the major "live" bills is the recently introduced H.R. 3384, introduced by Nevada Democrat James Santini. This bill would open restricted public lands to mineral development, with industry nominating lands it wants to develop. The Secretary of the Interior would then have one year to decide. As well, the bill would extend for 10 years minerals access to wilderness lands, extending access under the 1964 Wilderness Act from 1983 to 1993. The bill would force review of all withdrawals and land use plans for mineral leasing on public lands.

A good example of how the Washington scene has changed is the agreement between Senator Dale Bumpers (D-Ark) and Interior Secretary James Watt. Senator Bumpers, a "liberal", and Secretary Watt believe that the National Park Service should assess land that has been authorized for purchase as future national parks, and determine whether it should continue to be considered for purchase. This has been called "a hit list" and is opposed by environmentalists. The alliance between the two men is a possible preview of future events.

The next AIPG Washington Luncheon will be June 12, 1981. The invited speaker is Representative Dan Marriott, R-Utah, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Mines and Mining, House Interior Committee.
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<td>Deals with methods of improving U.S. positions with regard to strategic minerals, including stockpiling</td>
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On December 4, 1980 AIPG members and some applicants in North Carolina and South Carolina met in Raleigh to reactivate the Carolinas Section. From among the 19 attendees, AIPG members signed a petition requesting the AIPG Executive Committee to reinstate the Carolinas Section; that petition was then approved.

In accordance with our section bylaws, a nominating committee selected a slate of nominees for officers, all of whom were subsequently elected, as follows:

President - Norman R. Tilford, CPGS 4787
Ebasco services, Inc.
Greensboro, NC

First Vice President - Villard S. Griffin, Jr., CPG 2733
Clemson University
Clemson, SC

Second Vice President - Ronald W. Coble, CPG 2214
USGS-Water Resources Division
Raleigh, NC

Secretary-Treasurer - Henning Fritz Koch, CPG 3711
NC Dept. of Transportation
Raleigh, NC

A special dinner meeting of the Carolinas Section was called in Raleigh on April 23, 1981 at the North Carolina State University Faculty Club for an address by President Rold. Sixteen members and guests were in attendance. Ronald W. Coble, Second Vice President, chaired the meeting. Charles Gardner, CPGS 2263 gave a brief report on the status of legislative efforts concerning the registration of professional geologists in North Carolina. Then John Rold addressed the meeting. He gave a run-down on the business at National Headquarters and elaborated on new goals for the association; strengthen drive for increased membership, new and stronger realization of professionalism. He explained his views on politics in professionalism and gave some good suggestions towards achieving political recognition and weight as a professional association.

This was a very fine and rewarding gathering and the Carolinas Section of the AIPG wishes to express sincere appreciation to John Rold for his demonstrated efforts and dedication.

Efforts by North Carolina geologists toward a Geologists Registration Act were halted four years ago by the State's adoption of Sunset Legislation. Though the Sunset Act was not directed toward geologists in particular, it did establish a moratorium on the formation of any new boards and commissions. The timing was especially unfortunate because the profession had done a lot of ground work just before the Sunset Legislation was adopted: They had maintained unity among the various geologic specialties, drafted a bill (based primarily on those of California and Geol)..., established rapport with the professional engineers. The were ready to go to the legislature when the "Sunset" moratorium came along.

Renewed optimism now exists with the recent repeal of the "Sunset Act". Though it is probably too late this year, there is a reasonable chance for success during the next legislative session. Case histories illustrating that registration would help protect the public are needed; any readers who know of such case histories are asked to contact Charles Gardner, CPGS 2263, Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611.

A certification bill for geologists has been introduced in the Illinois legislature. It passed in the house of representatives by a vote of 91-66. The bill, HB 1161, is very similar to the Indiana law.

In 1975, a bill was introduced for registration of professional geologists, in 1977 a slightly modified version of the 1975 bill was introduced and in 1980 a copy of the Indiana law was considered. We will keep you informed on the disposition of the present bill.

Legislation passed in 1980 by the Minnesota legislature to regulate exploratory drilling is the first official recognition of Certified Professional Geologists in Minnesota.

The bill, which represents a compromise between environmental groups, regulatory agencies, and mineral exploration interests, provides for licensing of persons supervising exploratory borings for minerals other than iron ore or sand and gravel. To be licensed, a geologist must either pass an exam, be a Registered Professional Engineer, or be a Certified Professional Geologist. The licensing agency, the Department of Health, has interpreted the latter as AIPG membership. The bill also requires that certain reports and information be filed with several state agencies and specified precautions to prevent contamination of water supplies.
Mississippi Section

The Mississippi Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (A.I.P.G.) honored Mr. Gordon W. Gulmon of Natchez as one of the outstanding geological scientists of the profession, as well as being a top "oil finder".

Alan Jackson of Hattiesburg, State Section President of the A.I.P.G., released copies of the resolution honoring Mr. Gulmon with the statement, "This is well deserved and long overdue. It is awarded both as a reflection of his contributions to the profession and as an expression of our admiration of him as a personal friend."

Tennessee Section

The Tennessee Section met in Nashville recently to install new officers. They are: Sidney M. Cameron, President; John M. Wilson, Vice President; and Phyllis M. Garman, Secretary-Treasurer. Following the dinner meeting the group was addressed by John W. Jewell, Chief Geologist for Dixie Shamrock Oil and Gas, Inc., of Nashville. Mr. Jewell spoke about the oil and gas potential and production from the Mississippian formations in the northern Cumberland Plateau area of Tennessee. Seven out of every ten commercial wells are gas-producing; however, they must be shut-in because no pipeline has been constructed to the area.

Texas Section

The April, 1981 issue of the "Texas Professional Geologist" contains several items that might be of interest or help to other sections. Dean Grafton, in his President's Remarks, says:

"It is sometimes dangerous to state goals but will go on record for three goals I believe we can achieve in 1981.

1. Increase the Section membership by 15%. The membership is 959 so a 15% increase would

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be 144 new members. Each of us can think immediately of one or two or three fellow geologists who should be members of AIPG so this goal should be easily attained.

2. Double the attendance at the 1981 Annual Meeting. If you attended the 1980 Annual Meeting, enjoyed it, and thought it was worthwhile; try to influence your friends to come next year. On the other hand, I would appreciate hearing your constructive criticism of the 1980 meeting and your suggestions.

3. Publish at least two Newsletters. The Newsletter is the only means of communication we have with each individual member and I certainly hope we have something to communicate in 1981."

In a report of the Legislative and Governmental Committee, Ross Shipman states that:

During 1981, the Legislative and Governmental Committee will:

1. Monitor pending legislation in the current session of the Texas Legislature and inform the membership of proposed legislation that affects geologists through the District Representatives on the committee and by interaction with the Environmental Committee and the Publicity and Public Relations Committee.

2. Act as liaison with our elected officials, advising them on pending bills that affect geologists, and coordinating the appearance of professional geologists as witnesses before legislative committees.

3. Distribute directories of the Texas Legislature to committee members to encourage the development of personal relationships between professional geologists throughout Texas and our elected representatives in the Texas Legislature.

4. Maintain liaison with State agencies and scan proposed rules changes to determine affect on the professional practice of geology in Texas.

Good Goals and ideas for all of us!
HOW TO WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR

When your state legislature or Congress is in session you will want to "speak up" and express your opinions to your elected representatives on major issues as they develop. Legislators want the help, guidance, ideas, praise and criticism of their constituents. Constituents can show their interest by expressing their opinions. The best contact, of course, is face-to-face. But that is often impossible. As a guide to better communication, here are some tips you may find useful when writing your congressman or state senator or representative:

**Use your own stationary. A letter is better than a postcard or a telegram.**

**Sign your name and show your address. Your elected spokesman likes to know you are a constituent and usually wants to reply.**

**Use your own words. A form letter is not effective.**

**Limit your letter to one issue. Identify it by popular name or bill number.**

**If possible, give one or two brief factual instances where the bill or action would hurt you or your constituency.**

**Be brief, but give the reasons why you are for or against the legislation. If you are in opposition, offer wherever possible a positive alternative to the problem.**

**Be courteous. A rude letter neither makes friends nor influences the legislator.**

**Suggest or recommend, but don't demand.**

**Timing is important; send your letter when it will count most. A letter sent too early is as ineffective as one sent too late; both lose impact.**

**Know on what committees the legislator serves. Committee hearings, held before a measure reaches the floor for action, give the legislator earlier and more thorough knowledge and more influence--on that subject.**

**Don't write more than once or twice on the same subject. Get others to add their voices.**

**Be sure to express your appreciation for work well done, a good speech or favorable vote, fine leadership in committee or on the floor. Politicians are human, too.**

HOW TO ADDRESS LETTERS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

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