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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of the Executive Committee for 1972 was held in St. Louis, Missouri on January 15. Eight members of the Committee were present. Past President Berg was on the first leg of his AAPG Distinguished Lecture tour and could not make the meeting. In response to the new standing invitation from the Executive Committee for any and all Section Presidents to attend all meetings, Robert Ryan, Illinois Section President, and James Danser, Missouri Section President, were present and participated in some of the discussions.

A budget in the amount of \$45,360.00 for the year 1972 was discussed and approved. The February issue of the "Communicator" carried some discussion of the budget, and the approved budget will be printed in the next issue of The Professional Geologist, with the audit of the 1971 budget.

It was noted that the wallet membership cards for 1972 had been sent to the membership without the signature of the Secretary-Treasurer. This was admittedly a serious administrative error, but it was agreed that an efficient method of imprinting signatures on the cards must be found. It was explained that the names and numbers are typed on the cards as time permits throughout the year. When the results of the balloting for officers is complete, a signature cut must be obtained from the incoming Secretary-Treasurer and a rubber stamp made. The time remaining before the cards are mailed on November 1 is a very short period in which to stamp over 2,000 cards. It was noted that some organizations have their cards printed with the Secretary's signature, but such a procedure for the Institute would not allow time for the typing of the member's name and certificate number on each card. It was moved and seconded by the Executive Committee that the wallet membership cards be imprinted with the signature of the Executive Director and that any membership card bearing that signature be recognized as valid and legal proof of membership.

Much of the time of the meeting was devoted to a review of the committees of the Institute. The President appointed the executive liaison for each of the committees and received approval of his choices for chairmen and new members of the committees. A complete list of the Committees of the Institute will be printed in the 1972 Membership Directory.

The January 1, 1972 mailing of the Colorado Section sponsored material relative to Forest Service hearings on the

Uncompahgre Primitive Area was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the monthly first-class mailings to the membership are an ideal opportunity for State Sections to present matters of national concern, and that the mailings should continue to be available to all Sections. The Executive Committee established the following criteria governing the acceptability of material submitted by Sections for circulation to the membership:

1. The material must be in the form of a resolution approved by a state section.
2. Both the pros and cons of a controversial matter must be summarized.
3. The material must include a statement disclaiming endorsement by the national AIPG, unless such endorsement has been obtained.
4. If the weight of the additional material is sufficient to cause an increase in postage, the submitting section shall reimburse the Institute for such increase.

It was noted that the Advisory Board of the Institute will meet on April 16, 1972 in Denver. State Sections will be requested to submit items for discussion at the meeting. Individual members are also encouraged to submit items of national professional interest for discussion.

The present dues structure of the Institute was discussed in considerable detail. It was agreed that a means must be found for increasing the income of the Institute; however, it was noted that a general increase of \$5 or \$10 per year per member would do little more than keep pace with rising costs. Major programs that should be initiated by the Institute would be relatively expensive, and would require continuing financial support. The possibility of soliciting donations to finance these programs has been suggested and discussed, but donations to the Institute are not tax-deductible unless it can be proven that the donation is a business-related expense. Annual dues of the Institute are tax-deductible as professional dues. An income-related graduated dues structure is one possibility that is being studied. The Executive Committee would appreciate receiving suggestions from the members regarding a means of substantially increasing the income of the Institute.

The Delegates to the AGI House of Society Representatives were instructed to vote to retain the name "American Geological Institute" when the question of changing the name is discussed at the next meeting of the House.



## AIPG QUESTIONNAIRE

Much has been written within AIPG pro and con on registration of geologists and on the purposes and goals of AIPG. The following is a request for your views.

If you are Self-employed:

- For registration
- Against registration

If you are Company Employed:

- For registration
- Against registration

If you are Government Employed:

- For registration
- Against registration

If you are Academically Employed:

- For registration
- Against registration

Your choice of goals for AIPG in order of importance:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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## BERG NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN

Earl F. Cook, Dean of the College of Geosciences at Texas A & M University, has announced that AIPG Past President Robert R. Berg has been named Associate Dean of the College. Dr. Berg will have major responsibilities in coordinating the College of Geosciences' research programs. The volume of research within the College currently totals more than \$3 million per year.

"Dr. Berg has built our Geology Department into one of the best in the country, recognized for its leadership in structural geology, rock mechanics and petroleum geology and rapidly increasing its capability in engineering geology," Dr. Cook noted. "We look to Dr. Berg to help us expand our ability to use the geosciences in solving state and national problems of natural resources and the environment."

## COOPERATIVE EVALUATION TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

The Executive Committee of the Institute has approved the recommendations of the Cooperative Evaluation Committee, which visited the University on November 17 and 18, 1971. This committee, and the parent Professional & Scientific Standards Committee, reported that the Department of Geology is accomplishing educational objectives and is qualified to offer programs of geological education leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy in Geology.

## OBITUARY

CARLTON M. CARSON, AIPG 28, universally known as "Kit" to his many friends, died suddenly January 7, 1972 in Ventura, California.

His first geological work was as paleontologist in 1927 at Tampico, Mexico for Mexican Gulf Oil Company. Since then he has worked for Italo Petroleum Corporation, Marland Oil Company, Richmond Petroleum Company, and Tidewater Oil Company. From 1952 to 1967 he was a consulting micro-paleontologist and was particularly busy during the early period of exploration in the Santa Barbara Channel.

He was also a member of AAAS, SIPES, SEPM, AAPG, California Academy of Sciences, and was former president of the Coast Geological Society of California.

## EX-MEMBERS

The Bylaws require that the names of all suspended, expelled, and resigned members be published in the periodical of the Institute. Such a list of names has not been published since the September 1970 issue of The Professional Geologist, so the following list represents suspensions and resignations for the years 1970 and 1971:

### RESIGNED 1970

Beer, G. Wm.  
Bishop, R. E.  
Branson, C. C.  
Breed, Wm. J.  
Brundall, L.  
Davis, L. V.  
Garrison, L. E.  
Gates, R. M.  
Hobson, H. D.  
Hughes, A. W.  
Louke, M. R.  
Moreman, W. L.  
Savage, G. J.  
Shover, E. F.

### SUSPENDED 1970

Billman, H. G.  
Boyd, G. A.  
Buzzalini, A. D.  
Ekholm, A. R.  
Espenschied, E. K.  
Foster, F. W.  
Glass, T. G.  
Gorton, K. A.  
Goth, J. H., Jr.  
Grinstead, R. A., Jr.  
Hager, J. W.  
Hart, P.  
Hicks, I. C.  
Ponsetto, L. R.  
Reinhart, R. H.  
Rushing, R. S.  
Staton, C.  
Whited, C. L.

### RESIGNED 1971

Bannerman, H. M.  
Bench, B. M.  
Brechtel, F. C.  
Cook, J. P.  
Elias, D. W.  
Felsted, H. H.  
Kidd, R. L.  
Koenig, J. W.  
Lorenz, H. W.  
MacAlpine, A. J.  
McLean, C. M. III  
Morley, E. R., Jr.  
Murphy, L. A.  
Nolan, T. B.  
Paige, R. A.  
Pecora, Wm. T.  
Seaman, W. H.

### SUSPENDED 1971

Beasley, H. F.  
Branan, C. B., Jr.  
Danehy, E. A.  
Davis, J. T.  
Fisher, D. A.  
Furcron, A. S.  
Gibson, H. A.  
Hase, D. H.  
Kepple, H. A.  
Oxford, Wm. M.  
Rau, J. L.  
Robertson, H. C., Jr.  
Scullin, C. M.  
Sobel, H. L.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

I would like to clarify a few points with regard to the Colorado Section sponsorship of recommendations to the membership of the Institute concerning the U.S. Forest Service proposal to declassify the Uncompahgre Primitive Area.

First, I think it should be made clear that the Colorado Section, after a thorough investigation by the Executive Committee, agreed to support the Forest Service proposal and it was also agreed that the proposal was of sufficient importance nationally, that it should be presented to the Institute membership for individual expression if such was desired. It is entirely a coincidence that the timing of this proposal was such that this material was mailed in conjunction with dues notices.

Since the only reference to this action by the Colorado Section in the Professional Geologist is in the form of "Letters to the Editor" opposing the proposal of the Forest Service and the Colorado Section position, I think it is only fair that the membership of the Institute be informed as to the results of letters and petitions submitted. About 200 members of AIPG responded to the request, with 95% favoring the Forest Service proposal, while only 5% voiced opposition. Many of these favoring the declassification proposal, however, expressed views that every precaution must be taken to protect the environment of the area. These comments are well taken by the Forest Service, and as can be testified to by those who have had negotiations with this Agency on these matters, there is little doubt that the Forest Service will do a yeoman job in the protection of the environmental aspects of our National Forests.

Exception is taken to the statements made by a few that the Colorado Section acted in haste before properly investigating the proposal. As stated in a previous paragraph, it is felt that our Section did make the proper investigation before taking a stand. It should also be pointed out that no inquiry was made by any individual as to the degree of investigation made. To arbitrarily accuse our Section of being negligent in this regard, without some investigation by the individual, is felt to be extremely unfair to the integrity of the Colorado Section.

It might be of some interest to point out that, as a result of this action by the Colorado Section, some of the Environmental Groups have invited representatives of our Section along with other professional organization representatives, to meet with their Executive Committees so that the Environmental and Ecological problems can be studied jointly. This is believed to be an excellent approach and we have high hopes that some genuinely constructive work by geologists can be attained through this method.

The Colorado Section is extremely interested in environmental and all other considerations of public concern where geology and earth science is directly related. We believe it

is our duty to the public to present pertinent geologic data when it is obviously needed. Therefore, we feel that we are entirely justified, after thorough investigation and membership approval, in taking a definite stand and to publicly support that position.

Sincerely,  
James W. Nance  
Past-President, Colorado Section

Dear Mr. Howard,

In reference to your letter to Editor published in The Professional Geologist, December, 1971. I see by your remarks you are a strict interpreter of the By-laws. However, don't you think that it was up to the individual professional to decide if he has sufficient data to make judgment. You are in a sense accusing your fellow members of lack of incompetency to re-act and improper conduct which they may not have done.

I disagree entirely with your thoughts on this question and think it is the duty of AIPG to inform its members of what legislation is being enacted, and let the individual member decide his competence to answer specific questions based on his particular knowledge of the subject.

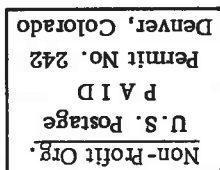
For the record, I would like you to know that your environmental associates managed to bus in hundreds of people to protest the Forest Service recommendations in an open hearing in Denver. Many of these people like yourself may have never visited the San Juan Mountains much less appreciated its ability to be used for multi-purpose management. It appears to me that this type of conduct is much worse than that of the AIPG who at least have in their By-laws a code of ethics which each member can determine his own competency. Also, the AIPG had the professional stature not to go get every person off the street to demonstrate their point.

For your records, I lived and worked in the San Juan Mountains for 7½ years before leaving that part of the state. I also think that the San Juan Mountains with its magnificent scenery, excellent hunting, fishing and mining history, gives this area a unique advantage where proper multi-purpose management can work together for all people concerned, not for the very few who might use this area to get away from it all.

Please think about these questions for awhile: Are you competent to answer either side of the question? Do you live in Colorado where a strong tax base and employment opportunities may be necessary to provide a living? Are you a qualified person in ecological science? Would you like someone from out of your state to make remarks or comments affecting your well being? Don't you think questions on land utilization should be given to a committee composed of specialists in all fields involved instead of use of mass uninformed people which have only one point of view?

Thank you for your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
David A. Robbins, CPG 2237



## INDIANA

Considerable time was devoted to publicizing our section and the profession. It was decided that we will undertake a State listing of all geologists belonging to AGI organizations. These geologists will be solicited for preferred listings and the directory sent to government and private agencies or groups conceivably in need of such information.

## PENNSYLVANIA

The following are excerpts of a report to the Pennsylvania Section from their Regional Chairman, Earl G. Tarr.

It is generally believed that AIPG has not lived up to its true potential. For the Pennsylvania Section to achieve professional status required a team effort and an increase in membership to include a broad spectrum of geologists. We are not providing the incentives to attract sufficient new members in the various geologic disciplines to obtain the kind of organizational growth we need if AIPG is to truly represent the geologic profession.

It is felt that our total effort has been diluted by being exerted in too many directions at the same time. Through this overextension, our attention has been directed from the true purposes of AIPG, namely:

1. To strengthen the profession of geology;
2. To establish and continuously evaluate the professional qualifications of geologists;
3. To enhance and preserve the standing of the geological profession in the public community;
4. To establish standards to insure the protection of the public welfare and of the profession from non-professional practices in geology.

Purposes 1, 2 and 4 are equally as important as Purpose 3. Confidence in AIPG and geologists will be facilitated only if the former are achieved, with or without registration. To date we have not inspired this public confidence, nor have we successfully demonstrated the need for AIPG to geologists and the

public. Too much time has been spent talking to ourselves about how we are unappreciated.

On the positive side, the Joint Professional Council of Central Pennsylvania provides an excellent forum for the achievement of these purposes. The Pennsylvania Section should continue to work to increase its contributions to this organization.

## PROFESSIONAL PARAGRAPHS

PHILIP E. LaMOREAUX, AIPG, is the new President of The American Geological Institute.

R. DANA RUSSELL, AIPG, is Vice-President of The American Geological Institute.

HERBERT G. DAVIS, AIPG, has been selected as Chairman of the Oklahoma City Geological Society for 1971-1972.

HOWARD T. ANDERSON, AIPG, has been named the first Chairman of the Open Space Resources Committee of Riverside County, California. This committee has recently been created and charged with the development of criteria for Open Space preservation, and with the development of a recommendation for an Open Space element for the County General Plan. The committee is advisory to the County Supervisors in the matter of all policy relating to Open Space preservation and protection.

JOHN M. COCHRANE, AIPG, has resigned as Exploration Manager for An-Car Oil Co., Inc. in Athens, Greece and has opened exploration consulting offices in Columbus, Ohio.

GEORGE DEVRIES KLEIN, AIPG has received two awards from the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists. The first award was "The Outstanding Paper Award, 1970, Journal of Sedimentary Petrology" for his paper entitled DEPOSITIONAL AND DISPERSAL DYNAMICS OF INTERTIDAL SAND BARS. The second award is "Honorable Mention, Outstanding Paper, 1971 Convention" for his paper entitled AN ENVIRONMENTAL MODEL FOR SOME SEDIMENTARY QUARTZITES.

AIPGers elected Officers of the Society of Economic Geologists for 1972 are: Paul K. Sims, Vice President; Siegfried Muessig, Vice President-elect; Robert A. Laurence, Secretary, and Robert M. Grogan, Treasurer.