

REPORT OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As of this date enrollment in the Gulf Coast Section of SEPM stands at 313 members. This exceeds last year's enrollment by a large margin. One hundred and three new members have been added to the rolls this year and the number of members delinquent in dues reduced from fifty-two last year to twenty-nine this year. Of the 103 new members, only 27 are classed as active; 76 are associate. I am glad to report that the national headquarters of the SEPM has advised that we are now the largest section in the United States, exceeding the Pacific Coast Section with 191 members and the Permian Basin Section with 202 members.

During the year death has claimed two of our members: Everett P. Tatum and Tom D. Bealley, both of Houston, Texas. Our rolls now stand at 311 members; 181 are classified as active and 130 as associate members. A large increase in associate members is noted this year, representing about 42% of the total membership. In 1959 associates represented only 32% of the total membership and in 1958 only 26.5% of the total membership.

The following table gives statistics pertaining to our membership for the past three years. Data relative to new or delinquent members prior to 1958 is not available. Some information was obtained from national headquarters of the SEPM, as records are not complete and available in our Section.

	1960	1959	1958
Active members	181	156	166
Associate members	130 (42%)	50 (32%)	67 (26.5%)
Total	311	206	233
Members failing to pay dues:			
Active	20	35	13
Associate	9	17	13
Total	29	52	26
Percentage delinquent	9.3%	25.2%	10.3%
New members:			
Active	27		
Associate	76		
Total	103		

An examination of the records at the beginning of the current year showed a decline in membership and it was the wish of your President to correct the downward trend. The Membership Committee was formed to (1) obtain new members, and (2) reinstatement former members who had been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. Requirements for readmission of delinquent members as outlined by the Constitution were suspended and the council approved lenient methods for re-enrollment in order to

expedite the Membership Drive. No dues were asked of the members for years they were in arrears. Re-application and approval by the Council was waived if the member had been on the rolls previously. New members were solicited mainly by members of the Membership Committee, local representatives, and society members in key positions in large organizations. A cordial invitation to join our section was extended to all, and it is sincerely hoped that no one was overlooked.

After the direct canvass by the committee was completed, it was suggested by A. D. Ellis, Jr., that an invitation by letter be given to those persons residing in our Gulf Coast province whose names were not of that date on our rolls, but listed in the March issue of the Journal of Paleontology. Such a letter was prepared by your President, D. B. Pope, and 125 copies were mailed in late April to those members listed by the national S&PM. Fourteen new members were secured for the section in this manner. It is estimated that our Gulf Coast area contains about 425 persons eligible for membership in the section. We have enrolled 311 of these as members, or slightly less than 75% of the total eligible for membership.

The results of the membership drive regarding new members are found tabulated below:

NEW MEMBERS, 1960			
	Active	Associate	Total
Alabama			
University	1	1	$\frac{2}{2}$
Florida			
Tallahassee		1	1
Coral Gables (area)	2		2
Winter Park	1		$\frac{1}{4}$
Louisiana			
Baton Rouge (area)	2	8	10
Lafayette	1	5	6
New Orleans (area)	1	30	31
Ruston	1		$\frac{1}{48}$
Mississippi			
Hattiesburg		1	1
Jackson	1	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
Texas			
Austin	4		4
Beaumont		1	1
Corpus Christi	1	3	4
Dallas	1		1
Houston (area)	10	21	31
Richardson		1	1
San Antonio		2	2
Tyler	1	1	$\frac{2}{46}$
		TOTAL	103

A table was not prepared regarding geographical re-enlistment of old members as this would serve no purpose. The important thing to recognize from an analysis of the results is that 29 delinquents are still tabulated this year but 31 members formerly delinquent have rejoined. This is only a net gain of two delinquent members. Of the 29 delinquent this year, one resigned, two are unemployed and two are in foreign work. Of the 24 remaining members no answer was received and no reason is given here for their names not being listed on the rolls. Some probably did not receive our invitation to rejoin but no doubt some of these 24 members have lost interest in the Section. This factor is important to our growth and membership stability. It is the responsibility of the new officers of this Section in the years ahead, to plan a program of sustained interest for all concerned so that no one will drop out for this reason.

In closing, I, as Membership Committee Chairman, wish to give my sincere thanks to all who have worked with the committee. Your assistance and advice has been most helpful and it can be readily seen from the geographical distribution of the new members that many people worked toward a common goal. Attached you will find a membership list of the Section as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,

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H. A. Chun, Chairman  
Membership Committee

August 15, 1960

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