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July 21, 1961

Mr. C. M. Quigley, Jr.
P. O. Box 66247
Fairview Station
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Claude:

The nominating committee composed of Wayne Campbell and Gene Martin, with the undersigned acting as chairman, has selected the following slate of nominees for the 1961-1962 term of the Gulf Coast Section of SEPM.

President

Harold V. Andersen
Dept. of Geology
Geology Bldg., LSU
Baton Rouge 3, La.

Elected

Secretary

M. Ray Bane
Placid Oil Co.
1300 Saratoga Bldg.
New Orleans, La.

*Ben Petrussek
Pan-Am
Houston*

Vice-president

Theodore D. Cook
Shell Oil Co.
P. O. Box 1861
Corpus Christi, Texas

Elected

Treasurer

A. D. Warren
Mobil Oil Co.
P. O. Box 3308
Bellaire 101, Texas

Elected

I have contacted each of these people and each has agreed to be a candidate for the office specified.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Pope

cc: Miss Ann Butler
Mr. Wayne Campbell
Mr. Gene Martin
Mr. Frank Westmoreland
Each nominee

DEP: jlm

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July 13, 1961

Mr. C. M. Quigley, Jr.
Dr. H. V. Andersen
Miss E. Ann Butler
Mr. Edward Marks

Lady and Gentlemen:

Claude Quigley has appointed the following committee to review the constitution of the Gulf Coast Section of SEPM and suggest possible changes in it: Charles C. Albers, Jules Braunstein, H. A. Chun and Lloyd M. Pyeatt, with the undersigned as chairman. I have written to these gentlemen, listing several possible changes that could be considered and asking their views on these matters and for additional suggestions and comments. Each of the committee-men has replied; and, the consolidated suggestions are listed below along with pertinent remarks on each. According to our constitution any proposed change in it must have the approval of a majority of the Council before being submitted to the members for vote; so, each of you please vote on each item listed below by encircling the word(s) that indicates your choice.

Article III. Membership

Item 1

Change

Leave
as is

Par. 1. Change this paragraph to read, "The section shall be composed of members, associate members, charter members and honorary members." Most organizations similar to ours do honor certain of their elder members for outstanding service or contributions to the profession and/or outstanding service to the organization, by making them honorary members. Naturally, if we add this provision we will need to add another paragraph to this article, defining the method of selection of honorary members and their status.

Item 2

Add

Leave
as is

Par. 5. "Each candidate for membership shall submit to the secretary an application on a form authorized by the Council for this purpose." Suggested addition, "and endorsed by two members in good standing." This has been proposed since we are now receiving applications from some who are not known to the Council; however, adoption of this provision would complicate the procedure of joining the Section and could cause us not to get some desirable members. There are probably very few undesirable applicants; and, there is much doubt that any of these have actually hurt us.

Article III. (Continued)

Item 3
Delete
Leave as is

Par. 6. "Members who move from the Gulf Coast and wish to retain their affiliation with the Section may do so by changing their status to that of associate members." It has been suggested that this paragraph be deleted. A move from the Gulf Coast may be temporary; and, even if the move is permanent, the member may retain his interest in Gulf Coast geology. Many individuals belong to a local society other than the one in their area of residence. It seems unfair to so penalize a member who is transferred from the Gulf Coast. If such a member does not retain his interest in the area, he will voluntarily drop out of the Section. If this paragraph is deleted, then there should be a provision under Article II of the By-laws (Elections) to stipulate that candidates for office in the Section must reside in the Gulf Coast area; in other words, non-resident members should not be allowed to hold office, for practical reasons.

Article IV. Officers

Item 4
Appoint
Elect

Par. 2. It has been suggested that the editor be elected rather than appointed. This would relieve the president of some responsibility; however, it is best that the editor be a resident of the city in which the convention is to be held as he should work closely with the GCAGS editor and the convention committee. This is more easily accomplished by appointment than by election. If the provision for election of the editor is adopted then the words, "an editor," will have to be deleted from the last line of paragraph 2 of Article IV (Officers), the phrase, "appointed by the president," will have to be deleted from the first line of Article III of the By-laws (Publication), and a provision should be added to paragraph 1 of Article II of the By-laws (Elections) to include the editor on the list of candidates selected by the nominating committees.

Item 5
Change
Leave as is

Par. 3. For, "He shall also be chairman of the committee responsible for arranging the program for the annual meeting," substitute, "He shall also be chairman of the membership committee and shall perform such other duties as directed by the president." This change is suggested as the chairman of the program committee should reside in the city in which the convention is to be held. This can best be accomplished by appointment. At the discretion of the president, the business representative of the convention city could serve as program chairman. The assignment of the vice-president as chairman of the membership committee is then suggested since it is an important post. (It has also been suggested that he actively solicit papers for the convention program; but, this function is assigned to the editor by Article III of the By-laws.) If this paragraph is changed as above, then the words, "program chairman," should be inserted in the last line of paragraph 2, Article IV (Officers) and the first two lines of paragraph 2, Article V (Meetings) will also need to be changed.

Item 6
Change
Leave as is

Par. 6. It has been suggested that all of the Council not be required to pass on candidates for membership if paragraph 5, Article III is changed as cited above (Item 2). This suggestion, probably due to the heavy work load required by the large influx of new members last year, would eliminate the "round-robin" routing of applications; however, the Council may not again in one year be burdened with this as it was in 1960. If this is changed then the first sentence of this paragraph will need to be deleted or changed.

Article IV (Continued)

Item 7 Par. 6. (continued) Add this provision, "No officer, committee chairmen, or member ^{shall have} has the authority to enter into a contract for materials or services in a sum greater than \$25.00 without first securing approval of a majority of the Council. Authorization of payment by the treasurer for sums ^{of} less than \$25.00 shall require the co-signature of one other member of the Council. No member of the Council shall act in the management of the financial affairs of the Section except those required by his office." This, of course, provides a safeguard not presently included in the constitution; and, it could be added as a new paragraph under the By-laws instead of added to the cited paragraph.

Item 8 Par. 8. The term "first past-president" should read "immediate past-president."

Article V. Meetings

Item 9 Par. 2. Some of our members feel that a separate SEPM session at the annual convention gives more publicity and prestige to the Section. They therefore recommend that the last sentence of this paragraph be deleted. There seems to be at least an equal number of our members against the separate session because of its conflict with the general program and the comparatively small attendance at the SEPM session.

By-laws

Article I. Dues

Item 10 Par. 2. It has been suggested that dues be raised to \$2.00 per year so that we can have more operating capital; but, there are objections to raising dues. Many feel that we would lose some members if this is done; and, capital can be raised by other means such as the sale of publications and independent field trips.

Item 11 Par. 4. The last clause, "provided settlement is made of any outstanding indebtedness," should probably be deleted since we have no regular publication. If a delinquent member pays dues for the year(s) delinquent, he receives nothing for his money. Other organizations such as AAPG and SEPM would supply bulletins for the year(s) paid up; but, we have no provision for this.

Article II. Elections

Item 12 Par. 1. Change this paragraph to allow for one nominating committee, instead of two, with a chairman and five members appointed by the president. The chairman would have no vote within the committee, serving only in an advisory capacity. This change is suggested to simplify the job of securing candidates for office. The present method of selecting candidates is cumbersome; and, embarrassing situations may arise when the committees do not know what each other have in mind. On the other hand, better coverage of the whole area may be achieved by the use of two committees.

By-laws (Continued) - Article II. Elections

Item 13 Par. 2. The provisions of the second sentence of this paragraph are thought to be unnecessary. Associate members can now vote; so, if the secretary will make sure that ballots are mailed only to members and associates in good standing, there is no likelihood of a fraudulent vote. A post card bearing the ballot should be sufficient.

Delete

Leave
as is

Article IV. Business Representatives

Item 14 Par. 1. Add to the end of the first sentence, "and in such other areas as needed." The present wording excludes several large cities and universities in the area. There could be a requirement for a certain number of members in a given area in order to have a business representative; but, this could complicate matters. It is probably best to leave the appointment of additional representatives to the discretion of the president.

Add

Leave
as is

Article V. Amendments

Item 15 Par. 2. Reword this paragraph to add, "Such a proposed change may also be initiated by the Council," for clarity.

Add

Leave
as is

Article VI. Audit

Item 16 Par. 1. Change the phrase, "his annual report," to read, "his final report"; and, add a second paragraph to provide:

Change

Leave
as is

"2. The treasurer shall render a provisional report at the annual meeting and shall present his final report to the auditing committee within 30 days of the annual meeting. The final report and the audit will then be promptly forwarded to all members of the Council."

These changes are suggested since some accounts may not be closed at the time of the annual meeting; and, all accounts should be closed before the treasurer turns his books over to his successor.

New Council

Please return the enclosed ballot to me along with any additional comments and suggestions that you may have. My marked ballot has been sent to Claude. The ballots of the council will be included in the file pertaining to this matter. I will notify you of the final vote of the Council.

Very truly yours,

D.E.P.

David E. Pope

cc Messrs: Charles C. Albers
Jules Braunstein
H. A. Chun
Lloyd M. Pyeatt

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Constitution Changes
Gulf Coast Section of SHPM

Item 1

Change

Leave as is

Item 2

Add

Leave as is

Item 3

Delete

Leave as is

Item 4

Appoint

Elect

Item 5

Change

Leave as is

Item 6

Change

Leave as is

Item 7

Add

Leave as is

Item 9

Delete

Leave as is

Item 10

\$1.00

\$2.00

Item 11

Delete

Leave as is

Item 12

Change

Leave as is

Item 13

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Leave as is

Item 14

Add

Leave as is

Item 15

Add

Leave as is

Item 16

Change

Leave as is

ITEM 8

CHANGE


Signature

BALLOT

Constitution Changes
Gulf Coast Section of SEPM

Item 1

Change

Leave as is

Item 10

\$1.00

\$2.00

Item 2

Add

Leave as is *See note in letter*

Item 11

Delete

Leave as is

Item 3

Delete

Leave as is

Item 12

Change

Leave as is

Item 4

Appoint

Elect

Item 13

Delete

Leave as is

Item 5

Change

Leave as is

Item 14

Add

Leave as is

Item 6

Change

Leave as is *See note in letter.*

Item 15

Add

Leave as is

Item 7

Add

Leave as is

Item 16

Change

Leave as is

Item 9

Delete

Leave as is ²

See note in letter

H. V. Anderson
Signature

The really guy. When it attracts was then
we really had something to offer.

Only