

Business Meeting Gulf Coast Section  
S E P M  
October 26, 1961, Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas  
(in conjunction with meeting of GCAGS)

The meeting was called to order by President Quigley at 4:30 P. M. President noted the council meeting on the previous day had several absentees. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Quigley.

Dr. Andersen noted that his minutes did not agree with those read. Mr. Pope said Miss Butler (secretary) had made revisions in a second copy.

Minutes stand as read (with revisions in second copy) as moved by Marks and seconded by Stuckey.

President asked Mr. Braunstein to make announcement concerning the field trip to Yucatan by the New Orleans Geological Society. Mr. Braunstein, in making the announcement, stated that he did not think the trip would interfere with the SEPM trip scheduled out of New Orleans in October of 1962 in conjunction with the GCAGS convention of that time. Several members concurred: Yucatan would draw a restricted number, due to room on the plane, expense and time required. Mr. Stuckey, Mr. Pope and Mr. Braunstein discussed price, arriving at \$150 minimum. Trip to be by plane, involving two days on the peninsula of Yucatan. Trip is to be advertised only with the New Orleans Geological Society. President asked for vote of approval or disapproval. Motion made to approve trip by Mr. Stuckey and seconded by Mr. Puri. Vote affirmative.

The following reports were heard:

1. Report by Vice President Andersen. Expressed appreciation to Dr. Sandidge and Mrs. Lightfoot as business representative and local editor, respectively, for their part in the 1961 program. Mr. Pope moved approval, Mr. Marks seconded. Acceptance.

2. Report of Secretary (Ann Butler). Read by Dr. Andersen in Miss Butler's absence. Gulf Coast Section SEPM has excellent sales record for 1960-61. Orders have come in from all over the world. Secretary suggests Cambe Log Library effect distribution of publications in future for effective service to purchasers and easier bookkeeping. Gulf Coast Section now has 294 members. Mr. Marks moved report be accepted; Mr. Pope seconded. Vote affirmative.

3. Report of Treasurer Edward Marks. Mr. Marks reported the audit a little behind because more money has just lately been received.

Amount of loan from GCAGS	\$552.35	No other debts outstanding.
Receipts 1953.....	335.00	
Receipts 1961.....	1137.92	(Comparison)

1961 total receipts	\$2065.99
disbursements	929.07
	<u>\$1137.92</u>

President acknowledged report, expressed appreciation for cooperation in sales. Discussion from floor regarding means for facilitating sales. Mr. Stuckey noted an audit had been made by Internal Revenue. Mr. Puri moved acceptance. Mr. Pope seconded. Vote affirmative.

4. Report of Mr. Wardell, Chairman of Membership Committee. In Mr. Wardell's absence, President read the report. As of reporting date, October 17,  
 174 members  
 119 associates  
 293

Of the total, 27 are new members. Report itemized procedures of obtaining members. Move by Marks to accept, seconded by Stuckey. Accepted. Report appended.

5. Report by Mr. Stuckey as chairman of committee on Type Localities Project. Stuckey noted Dr. Andersen had done most of the editing and publication work. Dr. Andersen read report on such work.

Andersen noted SEPM is very fortunate to have facilities and service of Geology Department at LSU. His procedures included using an LSU graduate assistant as "leg man" to check quoted sources in the presented papers. Noted his help was valuable and necessary since it caught some errors (usually semantic) in use of source writings. Graduate students also typed reports before they went to the typing pool. Drafting went to cartographic section of the department. Difficulties, Dr. Anderson reported, were mostly concerned with time. The head draftsman did not report for work until October 22, so deadline of September 15 is impossible.

Dr. Andersen proposes to set cutoff date of April 15 and believes chairman of the Type Localities Committee should set the date. Believes project is worth saving.

Comment from floor by Stuckey to effect that original deadline was set by precedent of the first Type Localities report. Believes "head of steam" developed should not be lost by putting too tight a deadline on authors. Suggested April 15 deadline qualified by statement to authors of "first-come, first-serve" basis for any papers received after that date.

Andersen confirmed with statement that he desires both authors' and editors' wishes be served.

Stuckey asked if Unit 2 can come out by the end of 1961. Andersen said yes.

Marks said Cambe's Mr. Balende will sell our publications with 50¢ override. Cambe has consented to sell Type Localities Unit 2 without charge if orders are made now (\$2.00 each) and SEPM mails them from Baton Rouge.

Andersen's comment is that price is not predictable because amount of localities and the way they are presented is different in each case.

Pope noted \$2.00 price was set on 19 localities.

President wondered if the units could be held to 20 localities, thus achieving predictability of cost.

Pope commented printing costs alone were about \$1.10 per copy and that was with LSU's help with student service. Suggested hold price at \$2.00 even if some localities scheduled for printing are held over.

Andersen said it is usually possible to reduce number and size of plates.

Mr. Rainwater moved a vote of thanks to LSU for Unit 1. Seconded by Marks. Approved by applause.

6. Report of Editor Mrs. Lightfoot. Suggested office of editor be abolished or suspended as long as we continue to publish in the Transactions because, despite circular letter of request for material and advice of routing, all but one article and one abstract bypassed her and went to Transactions editor. Suggested credit for SEPM source be given by letters "SEPM" be enclosed in parens beside the name of the article in the Table of Contents of the Transactions.

Stuckey said it is valuable for prestige for editor to be selected from membership in SEPM.

President Quigley commented that trend of going through channels is probably changing, due to our papers being printed with those contributed from the Societies in the format of the Transactions, and also because our meetings are now held in conjunction with the Gulf Coast Societies.

Mr. Pope moved approval of the report. Marks seconded. Vote affirmative.

7. President's report was given by means of the reading of a rough draft of a newsletter in which appreciation was expressed for work of officers and committees for 1961. Newsletter gives roster of new officers. Noted the finance figures given in newsletter are now out of date (see Treasurer's report). Note that surplus money is due to work of Field Trip Committee in promoting the successful field trip of May 13. Report mentions proposed field trip for 1962 to Little Stave Creek localities and gives names of those working in committees. (Working committees are chosen two years in advance.) President would like SEPM to be able to underwrite the national meeting.

Mr. Marks moved acceptance of the report. Seconded by Stuckey. Vote affirmative.

8. Report of 1961 field trip committee by Mr. Stuckey. Mr. Zingula led the trip on the Eocene of Houston area. Jack Colley was advertising manager. Good attendance (81) resulted in treasury surplus. Successfully covered the area. Guide book sale will also be a surplus to SEPM.

Mr. Braunstein, according to Stuckey, said New Orleans Society has approved the trip to Little Stave Creek for 1962 in conjunction with the GCAGS meeting there in October of 1962. Thulman of Florida State University will lead; Pope will handle publicity. Ray Bane of New Orleans will be coordinator. Business plans are progressing nicely.

The committee agreed to plan a trip for the AAPG meeting in Houston, March, 1963. There was some discussion as to the advisability of doing it jointly with the Houston Society but it is the opinion of the reporter that the individuality of the SEPM should be preserved. In parenthesis, it was noted that with Mr. Rainwater being leader of the trip of November, 1962 in Houston, there is some concern over just what good field trip leaders there will be left for participation in the trip of March, 1963.

Motion to accept report, by Marks. Seconded by Pope.

Old business called for by President:

- a. Revision of SEPM (Gulf Coast Section) Constitution. Mr. Pope, as chairman of the committee for suggested revision, submitted report. Committee voted on 16 items of revision. Committee refused to vote

on all points under consideration with comment that some of the items were deemed of sufficient importance that they should be discussed and voted on by the membership entire. Pope read as a sample of items under consideration: "Rules for acceptance of new applicant. Decision, to leave as is: 3 yes, 1 no". President said Constitution is expensive to change. Cited deficit caused temporarily by printing costs of old Constitution. Stuckey said new membership makes new Constitution necessary. Motion by Puri to submit changes to entire membership for vote. Seconded by Stuckey. Approved.

- b. Suggestions for procuring of better well samples. Committee chairman, E. P. Roederer had written a letter to Mr. Quigley concerning the committees' work with oil companies to this end. Questionnaires were sent out, with slow and incomplete returns, and answers have not been evaluated. President (who read the letter as a report from the committee) suggested the appending the letter as a report. It was moved by Marks and seconded by Pope that this be done. Approved. Report appended.

President Claude Quigley presented the file of 1961 proceedings to the incoming president, Dr. Andersen, with all good wishes for a successful year.

President Andersen accepted position, noting this is the first time an academic man has been selected to head this economic society. Expressed appreciation.

New President announced proposed program:

1. One of individual responsibility.
2. Alternative and supplemental field trips to be suggested at the New Orleans meeting by Charles Stuckey.

Marks motioned adjournment of 1961 meeting; Stuckey seconded and upon approval, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Mrs. Sybil Lightfoot  
Secretary, pro tem