

GULF COAST SECTION, SEPM

BALLOT

The Council of GCS-SEPM has approved the following changes in our constitution; and it was voted at our business meeting in San Antonio, October 26, 1961 to submit these proposed changes to the members. Before any change can be made a two-thirds majority of returned mail ballots must approve the specified change. Please vote "for" or "against" each item below and return your ballot by April 1, 1962 to B. J. Petrussek, Pan Am, Box 14085, Houston 21, Texas. Please note that associate members may vote, by constitutional admendment of 1960.

- ITEM 1 It is proposed to add the category "honorary members" to honor certain of
For our elder members for outstanding contributions to the profession or outstanding
Against service to the Section. This is not presently allowed for by our constitution.
- ITEM 2 It is proposed to delete the paragraph which states that members who move
For from the Gulf Coast and wish to retain their affiliation with the Section must
Against change their status to associates; however, for practical purposes, only
resident members should be allowed to hold office in the Section.
- ITEM 3 It is proposed to change the duty of the vice-president from that of
For program chairman for the annual meeting to that of chairman of the membership
Against committee. This is suggested because the program chairman should be appointed
by the president in the city in which the convention is to be held.
- ITEM 4 It is proposed to add the provision that no officer or member shall
For enter into contract to disburse any of the Section's funds without the co-
Against signature of a member of the Council, and further, that disbursal of a sum in
excess of \$25.00 must be approved by a majority of the Council. This action
is not now required by the constitution.
- ITEM 5 In Article IV (Officers) the most recently retired president is referred
For to as the "first past-president." This should read the "immediate past-president."
- ITEM 6 It is proposed to delete the requirement that back dues must be paid by a
For delinquent member in order that he be reinstated. This is suggested since the
Against Section has no regular publication; and therefore, in such cases the member
would not receive anything for the back dues.
- ITEM 7 It is proposed to delete the requirement that ballots for the election of
For officers be returned to the secretary in double envelopes as it is felt that
Against this is not necessary.
- ITEM 8 It is proposed to add the provision that the president may appoint business
For representatives in any area needed in the Gulf Coast rather than just in the
Against cities with local societies affiliated with GCAGS as is now the case.
- ITEM 9 It is proposed to allow the Council to initiate amendments to the constitution
For and by-laws rather than require a petition for this. A majority of the Council
Against would still have to approve of any change; and any proposed change would still
have to be submitted to our members for vote.
- ITEM 10 It is proposed to allow the treasurer to render a provisional report at the
For annual meeting, while his final report must be approved by the auditing committee
Against and forwarded to the Council members within 30 days of the annual meeting. This