

Mr. John R. Sandige, President,
South Texas Geological Society,
1704 Alamo National Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sandige:

The Houston Geological Society has participated on a tentative basis for the past year in the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies. At our last regular meeting, held on December 10th, 1951, the local society voted to withdraw from that association. This was done, primarily, as a protest at the lack of progress in the formation of an AAPG section of the association.

A majority of the members of our Society are strongly in favor of the formation of an AAPG section in this region. We believe that Geology as a profession can best be advanced through the efforts of a single, strong organization. We know that Geology has lagged far behind the other sciences in its official recognition. To accomplish something in this direction, the instigating organization should have the support of all the local geological societies in this region, at least of those in this state.

It is the opinion of the executive committee of our society that it may still be possible to take advantage of the partial organization which exists in the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies and to make of it a section of the AAPG in shorter time than will be required for an entirely new organization. The society would like to accomplish the formation of a section of the AAPG before the convention here in 1953.

To forward this idea it was voted that the steering committee of the Association be asked to hold its next meeting in Houston and that all the Geological Societies in this region, regardless of membership in the Association, be asked to send representatives. It is our intention to propose the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, in accordance with the AAPG standards, by the GCA of GS and that in one of the bylaws it shall be expressed that it is the aim of the association to become a section of the AAPG.

I have been informed that the President of the Steering Committee of the GCA of GS, Mr. Chaddick of the Corpus Christi Geological Society, has graciously complied with our request and has called a meeting of that committee to be held at 10:00 A. M. January 9, 1952, at the Petroleum Club in Houston, Texas. The South Texas Geological Society is cordially invited to send representatives.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph B. Cantrell
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December 20, 1951.