

March 14, 1951

THE ASSOCIATION
OF
GULF COAST GEOLOGICAL
SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING
OF
STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No. 5

Held at Room C, Houston Club, Houston, Texas, on the 14th. day of March, 1951, at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies was held at the place and time above designated, being pursuant to a call notice by telegram from A. F. Claudet, President of the New Orleans Geological Society. The following members were present, representing the Societies listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Geological Society</u>
Leslie Bowling	New Orleans
E. L. Earl	Houston
William R. Farley	South Louisiana
Thomas H. Philpott	Shreveport
John W. Sandidge	South Texas
Robert D. Sprague	Mississippi
Roland Kendall Theis	East Texas
William H. Wallace, Jr.	Corpus Christi

The Southeastern Society was not represented at this meeting.

Leslie Bowling was chosen chairman of the Steering Committee by the affirmative vote of all representatives, and thereupon presided.

On motions duly made and seconded, Robert D. Sprague was elected Vice chairman and E. L. Earl was elected secretary of the Committee, by the affirmative vote of all of the members, and thereupon assumed the duties of recording the proceedings of the meeting and the following actions:

1. The chairman suggested that some plan be formulated whereby the Committee would be able to function most efficiently in future years, and offered two proposals:

(a.) That each member Society select a delegate to serve as its representative on the Committee for a term of one year. It shall also select an alternate, whose term shall run concurrently, the alternate having no voting power until the end of the fiscal year, when he will become delegate and another alternate be chosen to assist him. Furthermore, the alternate shall receive copies of all correspondence pertaining to the affairs and activities of the Committee, and shall represent the Society upon instructions from the delegate during his absence. In this manner each Society will, at all times, be represented by one who is familiar with the work being carried on by the Committee.

(b.) That certain Societies select delegates whose terms will be staggered or overlapped with those of other Societies, thus assuring the Committee that some members will be familiar with its activities at all times.

THEREUPON, after a motion duly made and seconded, and by the affirmative vote of all the members it was

VOTED: That proposal (a) be accepted.

2. The chairman then proposed plans for the Fall Meeting to be held in New Orleans on the 15th, 16th and 17th of November, 1951, where Hotel reservations have been made and confirmed through the Convention Committee of that city.

The maximum number of members in all the Societies was revealed by the following poll:

<u>Society</u>	<u>Approx. Membership</u>
Houston	700
Corpus Christi	140
South Texas	300
East Texas	100
South Louisiana	125
New Orleans	260
Mississippi	120
Shreveport	200
Southeastern	- - not known
Total . . .	<u>1945</u>

It was suggested that all annual meetings of the AGCCS be held in the fall of the year so as to not interfere with the A.A.F.O. Convention. In view of the somewhat large attendance which might be expected at these meetings, it was decided that only a few of the larger cities would have adequate facilities, and it was proposed that the meetings should rotate permanently between New Orleans, Houston and San Antonio and a committee be appointed to study the situation for future meetings.

THEREUPON, after separate motions thereof, each being made and seconded, and each by affirmative vote of all the members, it was

VOTED: The 1951 Fall meeting would be held in New Orleans, and that The Houston Society be requested to be host for the 1952 meeting, and San Antonio for the 1953 meeting. Place for the 1954 meeting will be held in abeyance pending report by the committee to be appointed.

3. The chairman then called for a discussion of plans for publications of the Association. It was suggested that a workable organization be set up whereby all articles to be published would be screened by a publication committee and the expense to be limited by a financial committee as the project should be self-supporting. Consensus of opinion was that special consideration be given advertising as well as expected sales, which could be anticipated by prior orders.

Some suggested that all publications be restricted to geological papers, however others stated that papers of all categories pertaining to the oil business of the Gulf Coast should be considered.

Form of publication and time of release was not decided upon, however most members thought that preprints of papers should be available at the Fall meeting, at least in mimeograph form, and that final release be available by the end of the fiscal year.

4. The chairman pointed out that the problem of financing the annual meetings can be quite critical, and proposed that all costs of the Convention, including entertainment, if any, be included in the registration fee. Mr. Philpott, who is familiar with the costs of the Biloxi meeting, stated that a \$7.00 fee per member should be adequate, however if a deficit occurred, this loss could be made up from individual Societies on the basis of its membership. There was considerable objection to the above proposal, however, and the final decision was left for some later meeting of the Committee.

Financing of publications was discussed at length and the chairman appointed Mr. Philpott as temporary head of a publication committee to investigate costs, advertising, sales, etc., and to report back to the Committee by letter not later than May 15th. This report should plan for maximum expenditure and recommendations for limitations on member societies.

In order to simplify the work of the program committee for the annual meeting, it was suggested that each society be given a goal of two papers to be presented at that time. It was also stressed that the Association has no intention of placing any restrictions on the author's publication rights.

5. The chairman emphasized that AOCGS will be an Association of Societies, as the name implies, and not one of individual members. Its purpose, he stated, is to hold annual meetings where pertinent papers may be presented, and to offer quick publication and more efficient distribution of those papers.

Reference was made to President Moody's letter to the Executive Committee of A.A.P.G., in which he indicated that he did not believe the proposed Association would interfere with the aims or activities of A.A.P.G.

In the discussion which followed the chairman's outline, it was learned that the South Texas Society favors the formation of a Regional Section in which it believes that the individual will have more voice in A.A.P.G. functions. Mr. Sandidge stated that all members of the above mentioned society possess the qualifications of some class of A.A.P.G. membership, and, thus will work toward an early formation of a Section.

The chairman requested that the proposal for an immediate formation of the Association be placed before each society for its approval in the near future and to advise him of the result as soon as possible.

6. The chairman presented the Committee with several names for the Association and requested approval for one of them.

THEREUPON, after a motion made and seconded, and by the affirmative vote of all members, it was

VOTED: The name for the new organization shall be "The Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies".

7. The chairman asked for discussion of the possible committee setup for the 1951 meeting in New Orleans, and it was finally decided, but not acted upon, that the following committees should be selected in the near future:

1. Program -
2. Finance and Entertainment +
3. Publications
4. Publicity—

It was suggested that two members of the Steering Committee be placed on the Finance and Entertainment Committee, and one member on each of the other three.

8. The chairman stated that certain funds would be necessary for stationery and incidentals in getting the Association into immediate operation and requested that \$25.00 be obtained from each of the member societies for that purpose. He further stated that in his opinion the Association would be able to finance itself once it gets in operation and arrangements made for financing in

the Constitution and By-Laws yet to be drafted.

9. The chairman stated the foregoing actions clear the business before the Committee and that there is no further business to be transacted at this time.

THEREUPON, after a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

E. L. Earl

E. L. Earl, Secretary

ROSTER OF
STEERING COMMITTEE
OF
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HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 14, 1951

John H. Sandidge, Magnolia Petroleum Company
San Antonio, Texas

William H. Wallace, Jr., La Gloria Corporation
Corpus Christi, Texas

Robert D. Sprague, Sinclair Oil and Gas Company
Jackson, Mississippi

Thomas H. Philpott, The Carter Oil Co.
Shreveport, Louisiana

William H. Farley, Union Sulphur & Oil
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Leslie Bowling, Consultant
New Orleans, Louisiana

Deland Kendall Sheis, Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation
Tyler, Texas

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