

**Dedication of the 1980  
GCAGS Transactions Volume To  
THE SEVEN FOUNDING FATHERS  
OF THE GCAGS**

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies, the Lafayette Convention Committee is honored to dedicate the 1980 Transactions to the seven founding fathers of the G.C.A.G.S.

Phillip R. Allin  
Leslie Bowling (Deceased)  
A. P. Claudet  
W. B. Neal (Deceased)  
Thomas Philpott  
Francis Stein  
D. D. Utterback

The Memo of the first meeting illustrates the vision and perception which these men exercised in organizing the G.C.A.G.S.  
The Memo is printed below in honor of these outstanding individuals.

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May 16, 1950

### MEMORANDUM

Mr. Leslie Bowling  
Whitney Building  
New Orleans, La.

Re: Memo on Discussion that took place on May 12, 1950, Baton Rouge, La. at  
Combined Meeting of the Lake Charles and New Orleans Geological Society.

At the time of the discussion, Mr. Tom Philpott, Mr. Phillip Allin, Mr. Neil of Stanolind in Lake Charles, Mr. Des Utterback, Mr. A. Claudet, and Mr. Francis Stein of Lafayette, were present.

The discussion was in reference to a permanent regional set-up between the Shreveport Geological Society, the Lake Charles Geological Society and the New Orleans Geological Society for the purpose of promoting a regional yearly meeting, which normally takes place somewhere in the South during the Fall of each year.

It was suggested by Mr. Tom Philpott, that the three societies mentioned above get together, agree on the principles of it, and then send invitations to the following societies:

Jackson  
Houston  
Dallas  
Corpus Christi  
San Antonio  
Tallahassee

The permanent regional set-up would, therefore, be constituted of all the southern geological societies and will compose the Association of American Geologists and Geophysicists of the South.

Permanent committees must be started so that the permanent set-up could be instituted. The most important committees should be as follows:

1. Committee on Publications.
2. Hotel Committee
3. Lecture Room Committee
4. Activity Committee
5. Financial Committee
6. Field Trip Committee

Each Society will elect three directors or members of the committees for a period of three years, scattered in such a way that one member is replaced every year in rotation.

The general chairmanship for the regional meeting will be passed from society to society in rotation.

The chairman of the committee may also be rotated as the years go by, that is a point of discussion.

The committee on publications will set an organization thereby which they will be able to print for the date of the regional meeting all the papers that will be presented there, if the authors are satisfied that they want to present it in that form.

It has been recommended that the author of the manuscript should have the right to reserve the publication rights for the A.A.P.G. if he so desires.

The paper will be binded together and will be sold at a nominal fee to all the members attending the regional meeting.

This system will give the authors a chance to publish a small paper, or large paper, very quickly, and give all the attending members of the society a chance to have a copy of the manuscripts as soon as they have been given.

Also memorandum on new fields could be incorporated in this publication, at the wishes of the authors, which editing the A.A.P.G. has discontinued for quite some time.

The Hotel Committee, or the Chairman, may have to be passed from year to year to the society being the oldest. *host.*

The Lecture Room Committee will have the same remarks applied, as well as the Activity Committee, which after all will be best fitted by the society being the host.

The same thing might apply to some extent to the Field Trip Committee.

So there seems to remain only two permanent committees, which will be the Committee on Publications, and the Financial Committee.

Matter of detail of organization might be discussed after a general agreement is accepted on the principle.

In every case during the discussion, the problem arose as to the possibility of injuring the set-up of the A.A.P.G.

But after discussion took place finally a very clear and outstanding point was brought up, that the A.A.P.G. should not in any way be injured and this is not the purpose at all of the regional meeting.

On the contrary, the regional meeting is something that cannot be taken care of properly by the A.A.P.G. and is of interest to the regional geologists.

The papers presented are regional in nature and so therefore are not of general interest. On the contrary, the A.A.P.G. is a national organization, whose problems are national and whose papers have therefore the need to be of national interest.

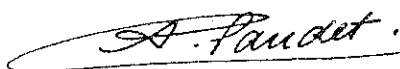
So, on the contrary, the A.A.P.G. with this national problem well in hand, and well taken care of, will be helped by activity from regional groups which will take care of the regional problems and the regional problems only.

This indeed should be made very clear and the author of the paper will decide by himself if the problem is of national and regional nature. If the problems presented at the regional meeting are of a national importance, then the author should be made aware of that fact and the paper should be presented to the A.A.P.G. whenever possible.

We feel that a permanent regional committee of the Southern Geological societies will be of great advantage to all the young geologists, who will not hesitate to prepare papers, even short papers, on small subject, which are not necessarily of national interest but are of greatest interest regionally.

In conclusion the permanent regional yearly meeting and Association of the Southern Geological Societies is entirely regional problems; the A.A.P.G. remains the most important national organization. There is no conflict whatever, and in both cases, they have only one program, and one program only, which is to diffuse the geological information so helpful to all the petroleum geologists involved in the various societies.

These notes are somewhat of a floor-pooling affair, but they represent almost exactly the suggestions made at the time of the meeting. Incidentally, coming to the financial problem, it was more or less agreed that if there is any surplus of profit made by the regional group it will be divided in proportion to the per membership of each society. If there is any deficit, the deficit will also be divided according to the same per membership.



A. Claudet