

P R O P O S A L

THE ASSOCIATION OF GULF COAST
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

No. 2

It is proposed that an Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies be formed, composed of the following geological societies:

Corpus Christi
San Antonio
Houston
East Texas
South Louisiana
Shreveport
New Orleans
Mississippi
South Eastern

It is proposed that the societies form such an association for two purposes:

1. To hold an annual meeting
2. To establish a means of publication in order that acceptable papers of interest may be quickly available in printed form.

It is proposed that this be an association of societies, not of individual memberships.

It is suggested that one member be elected by each member society to serve on the Steering Committee and that this committee select the place and time of the proposed annual meeting. The Steering Committee may also be requested to select the members of the Publication Committee and to formulate other plans necessary to the existence of such an association.

It is suggested that the Publication Committee screen available papers and arrange for the publication of acceptable papers at periodic intervals. Such a method would make it possible to obtain copies of papers that otherwise may not ever be published. It is not contemplated that any restriction of publication rights will be imposed on the authors.

Perhaps several immediate questions may be answered as they follow naturally.

The proposed annual meeting would permit better dissemination of data peculiar to the Gulf Coast province and would promote fellowship among the geologists working in its various parts. A means of rapid publication would further permit the dissemination of data and would make it possible to permanently record data that may otherwise never be published. It would encourage the preparation of papers.

The annual meetings should be held at a time and place that would not interfere with the National meeting of the A.A.P.G., the time and place to be decided by the Steering Committee.

There are no provisions in the Constitution and By Laws of the A.A.P.G. that provide for an association of societies. The provisions therein provide only for a type of regional organization in which the memberships are individual. Even then it is provided that the organization must be founded and functioning before applying to A.A.P.G. for recognition or affiliation.

It is proposed that this association be formed and the matter of affiliation with A.A.P.G. be placed in the hands of the Steering Committee for consideration.

The New Orleans and Shreveport Geological Societies have approved of the entry of the respective societies into such an association.

Your consideration of this proposal is respectfully requested.

NEW ORLEANS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY