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New Orleans Geological Society
New Orleans, Louisiana

Attention: Mr. A. Claudet

Gentlemen:

The writer attended a meeting of representatives of the Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Houston, East Texas, New Orleans, Shreveport, South Louisiana, and Mississippi geological societies on Wednesday, March 14th. This meeting was sponsored by the Houston group.

The purpose of this meeting was to organize the Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies. The following representatives were present: Corpus Christi society, Wm. H. Wallace; San Antonio society, John Sandidge; Houston society, E. L. Earl; East Texas society, Mr. Teas; Shreveport society, T. H. Philpott; Lake Charles or South Louisiana society, Bill Farley; New Orleans society, Leslie Bowling; Jackson society, Bob Sprague.

The writer was appointed temporary chairman of the meeting. Mr. E. L. Earl was appointed secretary.

It was the writer's impression at the beginning of the meeting that all present were authorized to proceed with the business of setting up the association. However, this impression was quickly changed as Jackson, Lake Charles, Corpus Christi and San Antonio representatives informed the meeting that they were there strictly to represent the society and to report back to their respective societies for approval of the affairs of the association as outlined at this meeting. As a result of this turn of events, it became apparent that no business could be accomplished and that all that could be hoped for was an outline of the proposed procedure for submittal to the respective societies for their approval. The group tentatively accepted the invitation of the New Orleans Geological Society to hold the first annual meeting in New Orleans on November 15, 16 and 17, 1951. The representatives approved the suggestion that the registration fee be all inclusive, i.e., that it include costs of entertainment.

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The problem of publications by the Publications Committee was discussed at considerable length with varying views with no definite program being outlined. A name was proposed and adopted by the members of the Steering Committee for approval by the society. The report of the secretary is awaited for the final review of all details that were covered at this meeting.

Needless to say, immediate action was urged in order that plans for the meeting in November may be made. May I suggest that immediate plans be made by this group inasmuch as they will be the host. Such plans will necessarily be tentative until such time as approval is received from a sufficient number of societies to form an association. I will advise you of receipt of the minutes from Mr. Earl containing the remainder of the details discussed at this meeting.

I beg to advise that I have not as yet received the forms from the A.G.I. for the registration of scientific personnel. I understand that it will be April or possibly May before these forms are ready for distribution. In the meantime I know of no steps that need be taken until such time as the forms are received.

It is the writer's intention to institute the program of work as outlined for Group II for the publication covering the fields within the area designated.

The writer is undertaking the necessary steps to consummate the program for the Student Award later in the Spring, probably in May. It will be appreciated if you will hold this date open for this program or advise the writer as to the date to be designated for this program.

Yours very truly,

Leslie Bowling

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