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DEAR SIR:

THE QUESTION SUBMITTED HEREWITH IS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE QUESTION THAT WILL ARISE AT THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE GULF COAST ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES. THIS WILL BE HELD DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 16 AND 17, 1951 IN NEW ORLEANS, LA. THE QUESTION OF AFFILIATION WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS IS NATURAL AND ONE THAT IS IN THE MINDS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE G.C.A.G.S.

FUNDAMENTALLY, THE G.C.A.G.S. IS A LOOSE KNIT ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF A MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES ONLY. THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS, DUES, NOR SOCIETY DUES. AS OF THIS DATE, THE MEMBER SOCIETIES PAY THEIR PROPORTIONATE PART OF THE EXPENSES.

WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION IS THE FACT THAT THE MEMBER SOCIETIES OF G.C.A.G.S. ARE COMPOSED, FOR THE MOST PART, OF 50% OR MORE OF TECHNICAL MEN WHO ARE NOT NECESSARILY QUALIFIED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS NOT QUALIFIED TO BE MEMBERS OF A.A.P.G. HAVE BEEN STRONG CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SUCCESS AND EXISTENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES. EXCLUSION OF SUCH MEMBERS FROM ACTIVITIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SOCIETIES IS CONSIDERED BY SOME TO BE UNREASONABLE AND UNJUST.

I SHOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A QUESTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. MAY I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR REPLY EITHER IN AN OFFICIAL OR IN AN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE A.A.P.G.

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"MAY THE BY-LAWS OF THE A.A.P.G. BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS G.C.A.G.S. COMPOSED OF MEMBER SOCIETIES WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP OR INDIVIDUAL DUES, AND CONSIDERING THE PUBLICATION OF PRE-PRINTS OF PAPERS OF INTEREST TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF G.C.A.G.S.?"

I CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL THAT THE FUNCTION OF G.C.A.G.S. WILL BE TO CONTRIBUTE MATERIALLY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE GEOLOGY OF THE GULF COAST, TO KNIT THE SEVERAL GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS TOGETHER MORE CLOSELY, TO CREATE INTEREST FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS, AND ULTIMATELY TO MAKE MORE PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION BY A.A.P.G.

I CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING ON VERY SOLID GROUND AND THAT A MATTER OF TWO OR THREE YEARS TIME WILL BETTER DETERMINE THE COURSE THAT MAY BE TAKEN AND THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN BOTH BY G.C.A.G.S. AND BY THE A.A.P.G. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN EFFECTING THIS ORGANIZATION ARE QUITE SERIOUS AND QUITE CONCERNED WITH ITS SUCCESS.

I TRUST THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE ME YOUR OPINION AT SOME TIME PRIOR TO THE MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU AND HAVING YOU WITH US AT THIS MEETING, I REMAIN

YOURS VERY TRULY,

LESLIE BOWLING, CHM.  
STEERING COMMITTEE

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