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Dear Member:

Early this year the New Orleans Geological Society suggested to other Gulf Coast Geological Societies that an Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies be formed. In short, the Association was to perform two important functions:

1. Hold an annual meeting.
2. Establish a means of publication, in order that acceptable papers of interest be quickly available in printed form.

After considerable discussion in the Executive Committee, it was decided to present the following motion to the society at a regular meeting:

"I move that the Houston Geological Society enter into a tentative Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies, and that the Executive Committee appoint a member to the Steering Committee and that this committeeman be directed to extend his efforts toward the eventual formation of an AAPG Gulf Coast Section."

This motion was duly seconded and voted upon. From the prior discussion, it was obvious that some members favored the immediate formation of a Gulf Coast AAPG Section, and others did not. However, the motion is not to be considered final in regard to the formation of a section. It was worded in such a way as to permit us to join with the other societies in discussions concerning a final Gulf Coast organization. Before becoming a part of a section of the AAPG, our group would obviously vote on the issue by itself.


It is felt that most of our members would favor an AAPG Section if certain regulations were relaxed by the parent organization. Publication rights would be foremost on the list of possible regulatory changes. Almost all of our members would favor quicker access to important Geological papers than is presently possible through the AAPG Bulletin. Many think a yearly bulletin could be published in the Gulf Coast. This bulletin could include papers given at the Annual Gulf Coast Meeting and others prepared by Gulf Coast Geologists during the year. The best of these papers could appear later in the AAPG Bulletin without detracting from the value of the bulletin.

Another important change in the AAPG organization has been suggested by Mr. Paul Weaver. It is that of having sectional vice presidents to obtain better geographic representation on the AAPG Executive Committee.

It is the hope of our Executive Committee that these changes can be brought about concurrently with the formation of the tentative Gulf Coast Association, so that finally the organization can be made on a section basis, which will meet with approval of most geologists in the Gulf Coast Area. We are presently working toward such an end.

You will find attached the minutes of the first Association meeting. Please review them and let us have your views on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. R. Rieke', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. R. Rieke

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