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PROPOSED ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI GEOLOGISTS

For several years the writer has been considering the desirability of having a society of Missouri geologists, a group which could gather once a year, get better acquainted with one another, discuss problems of mutual interest and learn more about Missouri geology than most of them would have an opportunity to do alone. The writer believes that the annual meeting usually should be a week-end field trip and that the organization should not be too formal. In discussing this matter with others, the writer concluded that now is a good time to begin an organization of this type. He therefore has arranged, through the courtesy of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, for facilities for an organizational meeting.

The A.A.P.G. is holding its 39th annual meeting at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri on April 12-15. The thought occurred to the writer that a number of Missouri geologists would be in attendance at the A.A.P.G. meeting and that they would be willing to use one hour to discuss the feasibility of forming an association of Missouri geologists and to formulate plans for an initial meeting in the fall of 1954.

The writer has been able to secure Room 3A, Kiel Auditorium for 1-2 P.M., Thursday, April 15 for an organizational meeting. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting whether or not you are attending the A.A.P.G. meeting. It is highly desirable that at least one member of each geological staff be present to represent and express the views of his group concerning the desirability of having such an organization as an association of Missouri geologists.

Room 3A is located directly above Press Headquarters in Kiel Auditorium and is accessible by a stairway adjacent to Press Headquarters, which is on the second floor.

The writer believes that if the proposed organization is considered desirable by a sufficient number of Missouri geologists, then the following business may well be taken up:

1. Selection of an appropriate name.
2. Selection of a committee to formulate the policies and procedures of the organization and possibly to serve as the initial committee to nominate the first officers.
3. Selection of an area in Missouri for the first field trip.
4. Selection of a committee or committees to handle the arrangements for the initial field meeting.
5. Take up such other matters as time will permit.

The writer believes that the dues for such an organization should be small, just enough to meet the expense of announcing the time and place of the annual meeting and to take care of incidental expenses connected with the annual meeting. At each annual get together plans for the next meeting should be formulated and working committees be selected so that responsibility will be delegated far in advance of the meeting. While an executive officer or president may be desirable, as usual, the secretary will be the working officer.

While the writer has taken the initiative in calling the organizational meeting and has expressed his opinions concerning such an organization, he is very desirous that whatever type of organization is formed that it be what Missouri geologists as a group really want and that it not be swayed by the desires of any individual in the group.

If you really are interested in forming an association of Missouri geologists, I hope that you will attend the organizational meeting at 1 P. M., April 15. If you cannot attend, I would appreciate a word from you concerning your opinion of the desirability of having such an organization.

Respectfully submitted

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