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President's Comments

I want to thank those of you who have joined The Tobacco Root Geological Society for your support of our fledgling organization. Although you have only a few Newsletters and ballots to show for your investment, your support of the TRGS is allowing us to prepare a very professional Field Conference in 1976.

I expect to be at GSA in Salt Lake City on October 19 and 20, and I hope to see you there.

August 9, 1975 Business Meeting

The August 9, 1975 business meeting was called primarily for the purpose of proposing constitutional amendments. Suggestions for these amendments were received from members in Bloomington, Indiana, Falls Church, Virginia, and Houston, Texas. Five amendments to the constitution were proposed for subsequent submission to the members for ratification.

Progress toward the 1976 Field Conference was discussed. A motion was made and unanimously carried to formally establish the dates of the conference as July 7, 8, and 9, 1976. The Field Conference Committee has been in correspondence with a number of people in western Montana concerning the logistics of the conference and publication of guidebook and journal materials.

Financial Report

As of October 6, 1975 we have \$580.44 in the TRGS checking and savings accounts with no bills to be paid. An itemized financial report is available for examination by members at any time.

Constitutional Amendments

On October 9, 1975 ballots were counted on the question of five constitutional amendments. All five were ratified by a vote of 26 to 0 and are now part of the constitution. Conformed copies of the Amendments will be sent to the Internal Revenue Service in addition to other information they have requested, and hopefully a decision that the TRGS is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization will be forthcoming.

The 1976 Field Conference

The Tobacco Root Geological Society plans are at last taking on a formal

aspect. Final decisions have been made on dates, site, vehicle of publication, and several field trips. The exact agenda of the Conference, including field trips and evening activities, is being firmed up, but members may expect a schedule in the next few months.

Rob Lankston, Chairman of the Publication Committee, and Marian Lankston, Recording Secretary-Treasurer of the Society, did much TRGS promoting and fact-finding on what was supposed to be their vacation trip to Montana in August. A full day of meetings with the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology allowed final positions with respect to the TRGS publication to be established. The Bureau has agreed to publish our papers and field trip materials in their Special Publication Series. After much negotiations and compromise on both sides, it was agreed that the new deadline for final manuscripts to be in our Houston office would be November 15, 1975. This will allow us to include some materials which would have been omitted with the September deadline.

The Lankstons spent two days in the Ennis-Bozeman area trying to finalize details for the 1976 Field Conference location. Ennis, though anxious to have a meeting such as ours in their town, is just not set up for conventions, particularly in the summer. The 1976 Field Conference will be conducted in Bozeman, July 7-9, 1976. The Bozeman Holiday Inn will be the headquarters hotel. All the motel and campground managers in southwestern Montana who were contacted strongly recommended that reservations for accommodations be made as soon as possible, and no later than April, 1976. We will be happy to supply a list of campgrounds and motels in the Bozeman area upon request, and details for reservations at the Holiday Inn will be sent to members soon.

Progress has also been made toward presenting informal programs ancillary to the main TRGS activities. Overnight hikes to pertinent geologic localities in several of the mountain ranges near Bozeman and Whitehall have been suggested. These would transpire either before or after the July 7-9 program. If you are interested in such a two or three day activity, tell us and we will put you in touch with the trip organizers.

Another activity we are investigating, and one which we will finalize if there is sufficient interest, is float trips on the Madison, Jefferson, Gallatin, or Missouri Rivers. These could be in rubber rafts or McKenzie boats depending upon interest.

Now that the large obstacles of the publication, the meeting site, and the dates have been handled, we are endeavoring to smooth the roughness out of the smaller items in the program. If you have any suggestions or questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Membership Report

We are extremely pleased to report that response to the membership drive announcement in Newsletter #2 has resulted in a more than 30% increase in membership since June. We now have 50 members in 20 states and Great Britain. For the benefit of members, a Membership Directory is enclosed with this Newsletter. If your address is incorrect, please let us know on the attached form.

Membership Application Form
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Name _____ (Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current Professional Affiliate _____
(If student, indicate school)

Are you a member of other professional societies, which ones _____

To what does your interest in The Tobacco Root Geological Society relate

Please enclose membership dues for 1976. One year membership dues are \$5.00. Please do not send cash.

Signature _____ Date _____

Have you moved? Please use this form so that we can change your address label.

Name _____

Old Address _____ New Address _____

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