

## Alaska Geological Society History<sup>1</sup>

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The first meeting of the Alaska Geological Society was held in Anchorage December 3, 1957. Those present and their affiliations were: Waring Bradley, Aledo Oil Co.; Henry T. Herlyn, Phillips Petroleum Co.; Phil O'Rourke, Phillips Petroleum Co.; Ruth A. M. Schmidt, U.S. Geological Survey; Robert S. Velikanje, Dist. Engineers; Roger M. Waller, U.S. Geological Survey; Armour C. Winslow, Humble Oil & Refg. Co.; William Zaegel, Dist. Engineers. This group held meetings on a regular basis with Roger Waller, program chairman, and Ruth Schmidt, secretary.

On October 7, 1958, membership dues were approved and Ruth Schmidt was elected the first president. On November 8, 1960, a membership of 39 approved a statement of purpose and by-laws. The group has grown steadily to the present total of 350 members.

Diversity has been a source of strength for the Alaska Geological Society. Geologists from the academic, mining, petroleum, and engineering fields are represented in its membership.

The society grew as geologists found that meetings offered exposure to the many facets of Alaskan geology and the opportunity to meet other Alaskan geologists. The program chairman sometimes was at a loss to think of a subject appealing to all the geologic interests represented but it soon was apparent that a good paper on any branch of geologic investigation captured the attention of the entire group.

The society now meets regularly twice a month except during the summer when special meetings are held at the call of the president.

Much of the work of the society is done by standing committees. Noteworthy contributions have been made by the Stratigraphic and Publications Committees which have prepared and pub-

lished structure and stratigraphic studies and guidebooks. The Continuing Education Committee has obtained world-renowned speakers and presented outstanding seminars and special programs for the membership.

The society is not interested solely in itself. Last year the Community Services Committee initiated a volunteer-geologist speaker pool and provided the Anchorage Borough School District with science and geology classes by many lecturers on a variety of subjects.

Some significant milestones of society growth are as follows:

Initial meeting—Dec. 3, 1957

First full slate of officers chosen—Oct. 7, 1958

Bylaws and statement of purpose accepted—Nov. 8, 1960

Affiliation with AAPG Pacific Section—May 1961  
Guidebook and Road Log from Anchorage to Sutton published—1963

Guidebook and Road Log from Sutton to Caribou Creek published—1964

First Distinguished AAPG Lecturer, Robert J. Weimer—Mar. 9, 1964

First AGI Visiting International Scientist Lecturer, Umberto Colombo—May 22, 1964

Society Emblem chosen—Oct. 15, 1964

First Membership Directory published—1965

Second Membership Directory published—1967

Central Cook Inlet Basin Structure Section published—1967

First symposium on Alaska tectonics held—Feb. 1968

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Cook Inlet Basin Stratigraphic Study published—1969

AAPG Continuing Education Lectures on sandstones and applied surface stratigraphy—Jan. 1970

Second Alaska tectonic symposium held—Feb. 1970  
Awards presented to Regional Science Fair winners in geology—1970

Lower Susitna—Knik Arm Stratigraphic Sections published—1970

Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Fields Guidebook published—1970

Third Membership Directory published—1970

Geologists serve as guides for Desk and Derrick field trip—1970

Copper River Basin Stratigraphic Sections pub-

lished—1970

Gubernatorial candidate William A. Egan addressed society—Oct. 29, 1970

North Slope Stratigraphic Section published—1971

Society Newsletter began—1971

Major revision in bylaws—1972

Fourth Membership Directory published—1972

Third Alaska tectonic symposium held—Feb. 1972

Environmental symposium—Sept. 1973

Society incorporated—Oct. 22, 1973

Bristol Bay Stratigraphic Section published—1975

Recent and ancient depositional environments in Alaska symposium—1975

Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Field Guidebook republished—1976