GULF COAST SECTION, SEPM

BALLOT

The Council of GCS-SEPM has approved the following changes in our constitution; and it was voted at our business meeting in San Antonio, October 26, 1961 to submit these proposed changes to the members. Before any change can be made a two-thirds majority of returned mail ballots must approve the specified change. Please vote "for" or "against" each item below and return your ballot by April 1, 1962 to B. J. Petrusek, Pan Am, Box 11,085, Houston 21, Texas. Please note that associate members may vote, by constitutional amendment of 1960.

ITEM 1
For
Against
It is proposed to add the category "honorary members" to honor certain of our elder members for outstanding contributions to the profession or outstanding service to the Section. This is not presently allowed for by our constitution.

ITEM 2
For
Against
It is proposed to delete the paragraph which states that members who move from the Gulf Coast and wish to retain their affiliation with the Section must change their status to associates; however, for practical purposes, only resident members should be allowed to hold office in the Section.

ITEM 3
For
Against
It is proposed to change the duty of the vice-president from that of program chairman for the annual meeting to that of chairman of the membership committee. This is suggested because the program chairman should be appointed by the president in the city in which the convention is to be held.

ITEM 4
For
Against
It is proposed to add the provision that no officer or member shall enter into contract to disburse any of the Section’s funds without the co-signature of a member of the Council, and further, that disbursement of a sum in excess of $25.00 must be approved by a majority of the Council. This action is not now required by the constitution.

ITEM 5
For
Against
In Article IV (Officers) the most recently retired president is referred to as the "first past-president." This should read the "immediate past-president."

ITEM 6
For
Against
It is proposed to delete the requirement that back dues must be paid by a delinquent member in order that he be reinstated. This is suggested since the Section has no regular publication; and therefore, in such cases the member would not receive anything for the back dues.

ITEM 7
For
Against
It is proposed to delete the requirement that ballots for the election of officers be returned to the secretary in double envelopes as it is felt that this is not necessary.

ITEM 8
For
Against
It is proposed to add the provision that the president may appoint business representatives in any area needed in the Gulf Coast rather than just in the cities with local societies affiliated with GCAGS as is now the case.

ITEM 9
For
Against
It is proposed to allow the Council to initiate amendments to the constitution and by-laws rather than require a petition for this. A majority of the Council would still have to approve of any change; and any proposed change would still have to be submitted to our members for vote.

ITEM 10
For
Against
It is proposed to allow the treasurer to render a provisional report at the annual meeting, while his final report must be approved by the auditing committee and forwarded to the Council members within 30 days of the annual meeting. This change is made to correct a provision in the constitution as it reads now.