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Memorandum

To: Assistant Director-Land Resources

From: Senior Scientist-EROS Program

Subject: Summary report on the Pecora III Symposium

I believe all of those involved in the presentation of the Pecora III Symposium considered it outstandingly successful. The attendance was slightly more than 600 including representatives from 30 nations and 49 states.

The level of interest in the papers and the quality of the papers themselves was quite high, and amazingly enough, most of the registrants stayed through the entire program including a panel discussion on the final afternoon.

One measure of success that I apply to the Pecora symposia is the number of people that I don't know. As with the first symposium, this percentage was quite large, representing a new community being indoctrinated into the usefulness of Landsat and other remote sensing data.

Attendants found the tutorial component of the session (first morning and afternoon) to be of utmost interest. Several of us, including myself, were concerned about the unusual format of the symposium that incorporated a tutorial session at the beginning. However, success speaks for itself and I would strongly recommend that subsequent symposia adopt a similar pattern.

Some adjustments had to be made in the program because of the inability of Senator Schmitt and Senator Stevens to attend due to a crucial vote on the energy bill. Their places were well filled, at the luncheon by Dr. McKelvey and at the banquet by Dr. McLucas who flew in on very short notice and gave an excellent address. Mike Halbouty, of course, did a sterling job as General Chairman and as Master of Ceremonies at a number of the functions. The same complement applies to Al Schock of Sioux Falls, who acted as Master of Ceremonies at the luncheon.

Facilities at the Ramada Inn were adequate although the motel was full and it was necessary to lodge people at other motels in the Sioux Falls area.

Except for a brief rainfall upon arrival, the weather was excellent.

Publication of proceedings - publication of proceedings can be accomplished in one of two ways: 1) by AAPG, who we feel can do an excellent job, or 2) by the Geological Survey, as was the case with the Pecora I proceedings.

We favor publication by AAPG but it will be undertaken by the society only if the \$5,000 provided for in the general terms of reference of the symposium is made available to them. A memorandum to this effect is attached.

Much credit for the success of the symposium goes to Jim Walden who arranged for contributions from industry to AAPG to defray the cost of advertising in trade journals, such as World Oil and the Oil and Gas Journal. These contributions were publicly acknowledged at the symposium luncheon.

Plans for Pecora IV - planning for the Pecora IV Symposium, to be sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, is going forward. Facilities have been reserved. Gene Thorley has recently met with the cognizant individual at Federation headquarters; announcements are beginning to appear in the literature concerning the meeting and several inquiries have been received. Thorley has agreed to accept the primary responsibility in the EROS Program Office for development of this symposium.

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Subject: Transfer of funds for support of Pecora III Symposium

The AAPG has tentatively agreed to publish the proceedings of the Pecora III Symposium as a separate document (with color when deemed necessary) provided the Survey supply the \$5,000 grant provided for in the terms of reference of the symposium. The meeting paid for itself but the publication of the proceedings with color will exceed available funds.

The alternative is to have the Survey undertake publication. I understand from informal conversations that the Director is not opposed to this as the papers represent a theme commensurate with Survey responsibilities. We recommend that AAPG be given the task; they can and will do a good job. In the long run, it will cost us less and they can do it faster.

If you agree with this recommendation, please identify the source of funds and help, as needed, in securing the grant.

  
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