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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

The mid-summer gathering of the Geological Society of Maine took place on Sunday, July 28th, in Art Hussey's barn in Bowdoinham. Among other interesting geological subjects discussed by Bob Doyle, Jeff Smith, Jim Skehan, Gary Boone and Nick Rast (to be reported in the next Newsletter), Art Hussey and the 30 to 40-odd geologists in attendance worked over the concept of formalizing the association to create a discrete, identifiable professional society.

1. to advance the professional improvement of its members;
2. to inform members and others of current and planned geologic programs in Maine;
3. to further the public awareness and understanding of the geology of the State of Maine, and of the modern geologic processes which affect the Maine landscape and the human environment;
4. to encourage continuing social contact and dialogue among geologists working in Maine;
5. to provide a financial base to publish and distribute a periodic Newsletter, to cover matters of technical and general interest, and to announce future Society meetings.

Following some thoughtful discussion, it was voted to formalize the association as The Geological Society of Maine, with elected Officers and a dues-paying Membership. The Officers duly elected to hold office until the next Annual Meeting at the mid-summer meeting in 1975 are

President	A. M. Hussey II
Vice President	W. W. Rideout
Secretary	G. M. Boone
Treasurer	J. R. Rand

It was also considered desirable to have a Board of Councilors, and to formulate a set of Bylaws, all of which might best be deferred until our next meeting in the Fall for final discussion and action. It was late in the day, and Art's goats were doing a lot of talking about having their evening meal.

In order to establish a more-or-less certain and continuing address for the Society, it was the sense of the meeting that the Editor of the Newsletter should be an appointed position to run for an indefinite period of time. J. R. Rand was

duly appointed Newsletter Editor. Geologists with items of general or specific technical interest pertaining to Maine geology are invited to discuss their work, thoughts or needs in the Newsletter.

On the question of Membership categories and dues, the sense of the meeting seemed to be that there should be three classes of membership, to include

1. Regular Member: Bachelors degree in geology and engaged in the practice of geology for at least one year. A master's degree in geology can substitute in lieu of the year of practice. Academic requirements can be waived for those who are obviously professional geologists, even though their formal **training may not fit all the rules.**
2. Associate Member: Any person interested in the geological sciences and desirous of association with the Society.
3. Student Member: Any person interested in the field of geology and enrolled as a student in college.

While there is no Maine residency requirement for any of the three categories of membership, some category of membership is required in order to be on the Newsletter mailing list.

In order to provide funds for developing an addressograph mailing list and setting up for the publication of the Newsletter, it was voted to have an initial application fee of \$2.00. Annual dues for the three categories of membership are

Regular Member	\$5.00 per year
Associate Member	\$4.00 per year
Student Member	\$2.00 per year

If you desire membership in The Geological Society of Maine, would you please fill out the application form at the bottom of this page and return, along with your \$2.00 application fee and appropriate annual dues to

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