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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member:

The chairperson in charge of nominations and elections, Mrs. Sonja Schwartzman has informed me that the following members have been elected as follows:

President: Mr. Joseph Tenhagen, F.G.A., G.G.

First Vice President: Mr. Marvin D. Miller, G.G., P.G.

Secretary: Mrs. Tomiko Butler, F.G.A., P.G.

Treasurer: Mrs. Masano Hidaka, F.G.A., P.G.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Tenhagen and will assure him of my fullest support during the coming year.

According to Article #9 of our by-laws, we have created a Metropolitan Washington Regional Chapter.

It is hoped that more Regional Chapters will be formed in the near future and hopefully that each Chapter Chairman may eventually have a voice in A.G.A. organizational policies.

Antonio C. Bonanno, F.G.A., P.G.

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The annual meeting of the Accredited Gemologist Association will be held at 7:30 PM on May 23, 1981 in conjunction with the International Gem Show at the Washington Sheraton Hotel, Washington, D.C. At this time Mr. Cap Beesley, G.G., President American Gemological Laboratories, will address the association on the latest techniques of color enhancement of sapphires and its detection, and the valuation of these gemstones. In addition, we will have a display of the latest advances of gemological instruments from Okuda, Kashan, GIA, and Eichorst. Following the meeting a reception will be held in President Tenhagen's suite for all members, and their escorts.

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A personal Word from Marvin Miller, 1st Vice President,

OPPORTUNITIES -- How many of us go through life looking for opportunities to take advantage of, which may improve our own status in life, and at the same time be of help to our fellow man. There are individuals who are imaginative enough and aggressive enough to create these opportunities. But how long, "Oh How Long", will we in AGA continue to have the opportunity which this organization offers us and others constantly have this opportunity "slap us in the face", and do nothing about  
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it. We who do not work for a guild-type store will never have the chance to join an organization such as the American Gem Society, and yet we have the same need for continued communication and professional education as any AGS gemologist. AGA was originally founded by a group of recently graduated FGA's as a rather exclusive professional study group, but a need did exist within the industry for a professional organization to serve all gemologists without regards to store affiliation, and the organization did begin to grow. This organization will be of value to each of us in direct proportion to the amount of effort that we put into seeing that it grows. Enclosed you will find an AGA application, and I believe that if each of us would just ask two qualified gemologist, who do not belong to the organization, to consider joining with us we will double our membership this year, and next year, and the next year. The potential is unlimited! I know that I am an optomist, but I can see the day when AGA will have permanent facilities of its own, and an administrative staff to implement its policies. Then we really will have an impact on our industry and the professional stands which it should promote. Your involvement is urged, and your efforts commended.

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We would like to extend a sincere apology to Mr. Elly Rosen, G.G., F.G.A., New York City for excluding him from our new members list of 1980. It is a real pleasure to have Mr. Rosen's affiliation.

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Included with this newsletter you will find a 1980 membership list not only broken down alphabetically but according to region also. We do hope that this will facilitate communication between members in the different areas.

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## THE ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION - AN INTRODUCTION

The ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION (AGA) is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the promotion of professional standards in the practice of gemology.

The AGA began in 1974, initially a small study group in the Washington, D.C. area, formed by several graduates of the British Diploma Course in gemology. Later it was decided that GIA graduates should also participate, and today membership is open to anyone with the following gemological diplomas: G.G. and Gemologist (from GIA), and FGA (from the Gemmological Association of Great Britain).

The goals of AGA are concerned with communication within the profession of gemology, and the maintenance of high ethical and professional standards in all aspects of the field. Education and current awareness of technical and market developments also rank high among the organization's priorities. Members want to keep abreast of current developments in the field of gemology, including new gemstones, new gem occurrences, instrumentation developments, advances in synthesis technology and detection technology, procedures for gem testing, and new publications.

The goals of AGA are ambitious and international in scope. They are being achieved through distribution of a newsletter. The annual dues of AGA are primarily allocated to the preparation and distribution of this newsletter. Unlike various professional gemological publications, such as the journals published in England and Germany, the AGA Newsletter is a direct communications medium for gemologists. Through the Newsletter, gemologists can speak directly to their peers and colleagues, without the lengthy process of manuscript submission and editorial review, since contributions are primarily non-technical or semi-technical in nature. All AGA members are urged to submit material for publication, on any subject that may be of interest to other gemologists. Departments scheduled for regular inclusion are:

AGA activities	Translation of articles in foreign journals
Instrumentation News	New gemstones and localities
Color grading of gems	Antique jewelry
Gemstone marketplace	Pearls and the pearl market
Museum acquisitions	Book reviews and meeting notices

Another feature of the Newsletter that has been suggested is an Exchange Mart, in which gemologists may advertise (buy or sell) such items as books, periodicals and instruments. The Newsletter would act solely as a vehicle for distribution of such information and would not take part in transactions, with only a nominal fee charged the advertiser to cover costs of printing and distribution allocated to this space.

Membership in AGA simply involves the submission of an application form, a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, and the application fee and annual dues (\$20 upon joining, \$15 each year thereafter, payable in April). Each applicant should also submit to AGA a Xerox copy of his/her certificate (diploma) from GIA or GAGB, or a copy of the letter indicating that the applicant had passed the examination and the degree would be conferred. AGA will return to the applicant a membership card, a membership certificate suitable for framing, and copies of the Bylaws of the Association and the latest Newsletter.

Once a gemologist receives his diploma, he may sometimes lose touch with colleagues who do not live in his immediate area. The founders of AGA believe that all professional gemologists would like to maintain communication with other professionals who share their interests and skills. The best existing vehicle for this is AGA, and the best way to make it grow is to join AGA and urge other gemologists to apply for membership. It is hoped that membership will grow steadily, and that larger membership will allow the organization to be truly representative of the needs and role of the professional gemologist in society.

THE ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION (A.G.A.) IS AN INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF GEM MATERIALS AND JEWELRY. ALL APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE REQUIRED TO READ AND SIGNIFY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, AND INDICATE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ADHERE TO THIS CODE.

## I. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- A. It is incumbent on every member to refrain from giving any counsel or making any report on any gem or article with which he is not thoroughly familiar, unless (1) the client is aware of those limitations and/or (2) he consults with another who is competent to assess and evaluate the gem or article.
- B. A client should be counseled of the need for periodic reassessment of the value of his items, because of continued price fluctuations in the market.
- C. Every member agrees to make every possible effort to keep abreast of new developments in the field of jewelry and gemology.
- D. Consultations in performing gemological duties, including any reports, are confidential and any disclosures should only be made after obtaining written approval from the client.
- E. The gemologist is in a position of trust and, due to his professional knowledge and training, must accept the special nature of the relationship with his client.
- F. It is unprofessional practice to give off-handed opinions, which tend to belittle the importance of careful inspection, testing and analysis.
- G. It is unethical practice for a member to suppress any facts, data or opinions which he may be called upon to give in a court of law, or to overemphasize any facts, data or opinions so as to unfairly influence a decision or bias a case for either party.
- H. It is unethical practice to serve more than one party with respect to the same situation unless all parties previously agree to this.
- I. It is unethical to reduce a previously quoted fee in order to supplant another gemologist or appraiser after the other's quotation for professional services has been revealed.
- J. A member of A.G.A., aware of the questionable conduct of another member, has an obligation to report the matter to the Grievance Committee for appropriate action.
- K. Any conduct, practice, self-laudatory advertising, or other questionable gemological practice using misleading or inaccurate claims and promises detrimental to the establishment of public confidence in gemological work is considered unprofessional.
- L. The gemologist should have no interest or contemplated future interest in the purchase of items reported on, in order to avoid any suspicion of bias. The full revelation of pertinent facts is mandatory.

II. GEM IDENTIFICATION AND APPRAISAL REPORTS:

- A. Should contain the results of a sufficient number of tests (e.g., R.I., S.G., U.V., examination with microscope, spectroscope) to establish the identity of the material in question, unambiguously.
- B. Should indicate (where feasible) special characteristics of the material examined, such as natural origin vs. synthetic or vice versa, or if material is dyed, assembled, reconstructed, irradiated, etc.
- C. Should utilize standardized grading criteria where available, and indicate the grading system used.
- D. Should avoid confusing terminology that tends to perpetuate incorrect gemstone names, or which can be misconstrued by the layman as representing something other than that which is intended.
- E. Should be in writing only, with the gemologist retaining a copy of the report as a permanent record.
- F. Should indicate the purpose of the report (e.g., estate appraisal, replacement value, etc.)
- G. Should present a thorough qualitative and quantitative statement, including mention of special markings, hallmarks, age, historical significance, provenance, uniqueness, etc.
- H. Should present the truest possible value, along with a statement as to whether the stated value includes an increment for inflation and, if so, what that increment is.

III. FEES

- A. It is recommended that fees are to be computed on the basis of a per hour rate or on the basis of a charge per item. It is consistent with professional practice to have a minimum fee, or that consistent with the experience of the appraiser or gemologist doing the work.

I HEREBY AFFIRM WITH MY SIGNATURE THAT I ACCEPT THE ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT TO BE VALID, AND I AGREE TO USE IT AS A GUIDELINE IN PERFORMING GEMOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE A.G.A. MAY TERMINATE MEMBERSHIP OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS FOUND TO BE PERFORMING GEMOLOGICAL WORK INCONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SET FORTH ABOVE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MEMBERSHIP IS GRANTED ONLY TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DULY ELECTED BY A.G.A., AND DOES NOT EXTEND TO BUSINESS ASSOCIATES UNLESS THEY ARE INDIVIDUALLY ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

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