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*TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS  
IN THE PRACTICE OF GEMOLOGY*

\*\* From the President \*\*\*

With this issue commencing the New Year of 1982, it is incumbent on me to outline the future of the AGA. The growth of the Organization has been gratifying to all members who anticipate a Body providing strength, guidance, and the furtherance of education to the gemological community.

New ideas have been formulated, some attempted with success, (as evidenced by the enthusiasm of many members who look forward to the Tucson meeting, and those who took time to enter their names into the Speakers' Bureau), and one not-so-successful plan of admitting PG's and FGAA's to membership. But even in being denied, many wrote expressing the need to know more about these credentials before voting positively. This will be brought forth again in the near future.

As for that future, there are important notices and articles contained herein which need everyone's attention and participation. The growth of the Organization is only possible with the growth of that participation.

We are going to have to take a stand as a Unit of professionals against appraisal abuses and misuses. During the past several months, I have been informed from various sources, of apparent fraudulent or irresponsible appraisals in the gemological community at large. Sometime between Christmas and New Year's, I am scheduled to attend a forum in New York which will discuss appraisal abuses and the burgeoning of this problem. The article from The Ruff Times, supplied by Sonja Schwartzman and reprinted here with the permission of Mr. Howard Ruff, is one example of the problem. I don't want the AGA to ruefully watch governmental legislation come to the fore, while we could have prevented this. I hope it is not too late, even at this writing. We must, as a strong, ethical Organization, address this problem of lack of ethics. The practice of "half price selling" is also a wrong approach and, between these two, will earn an unconscionable reputation for all of us, based on the unscrupulous few who, I hope, are not AGA members.

As a Group, we need to develop a process of standardization of appraisals to be used by the AGA initially, but one that will hopefully, eventually be a standard for all gemologists.

I need the support of each and every one of you, for a bold statement from the Organization must be backed by the members of this Organization.

Elaine Baker, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, has a statement of import to all of us and the future that we foresee for the AGA. Without a strong set of laws, this Body cannot succeed. She, too, will need your help and support.

And, finally, I wish to thank each of you who have given me your thoughts, suggestions, criticisms, and support over the past months. Most of you, I think, also envision an organizational growth to the level of a worldwide governing and educationally sharing body for gemologists. I anticipate the future with a great deal of calm purpose.

## Land Exchanges

From The Ruff Times, Volume VII, Issue 23, September 18, 1981, with permission of Mr. Howard J. Ruff, Chairman, P.O. Box 2000, San Ramon, California 94583; subscription fee: \$145.00 yearly.

A new rip-off has popped up without much publicity. Some sharpies have been proposing to land owners that they exchange their land for gems on a tax-free basis. The fraud is in the over-valuation of the stones. In one instance, a person gave up \$1000,000 of land and got \$6,000 worth of overappraised stones.

Because Member Services is seeing more such deals, I was delighted when Bill Pinch, the gem expert for Investment Rarities, submitted an article for publication, the text of which follows:

About a year ago people started asking me for appraisals of stones they were offered in exchange for valuable land. If the gems were not worth considering, I asked nothing, except for the customer to give me the details of the transaction for my records. What I have learned is frightening.

I asked the clients for complete details of their transaction, including the appraised value of the real estate.

The first transaction involved about half a million dollars. The first gem paper had an opaque faceted emerald weighing about two carats, worth about \$5 per carat, priced at \$14,000. Junk! There were carved emeralds and Burma rubies, all of very poor quality. I told the client I wouldn't give a lot the size of a postage stamp for all of it!

The next exchange involved a number of rubies and sapphires. Most of the sapphires were Australian, and so dark that they looked black -- \$20 per carat goods offered at \$600 and \$800/carat. The rubies were heavily included (flawed) and of purple color -- so poor they were probably off the American Gemological Laboratories (AGL) chart.

There have been many others involving the same type and quality of goods, some bearing very high appraisals from respected names in the industry.

One of those names came up again in an exchange for a \$60,000 piece of real estate for which the owner had accepted some cash and \$100,000 worth of stones. The appraisals were written by the seller. They were all very official looking, stating he is a Graduate Gemologist from the GIA. The gems can be described as follows: Sapphires - Ceylon stones so pale in color they had to be put on white paper to see any color, mine-cut with chipping, most under one carat, some over two carats. Goods which could be purchased for \$20 - 30/ct. were appraised for \$500 - \$1,000/ct. The rubies were opaque and of poor color, poorly cut, all under 1 carat, available at \$35/ct. and appraised at \$750/ct.

These gems were somewhere between commercial quality and

junk. No one who knows anything about gems would touch them at 1/20th of these appraised values.

Let's take a look at the entire history of one of these stones, a sapphire weighing 2.23 cts. and \$1000/ct. First, the wholesaler sold it to the gem promoter for probably about \$30/ct (in quantity). Next, the gem promoter wrote an appraisal on the stone for \$1000/ct. and sold it to the real estate developer for \$150/ct. The real estate developer offered it in a dollar-for-dollar exchange to a property owner for \$600/ct., telling the property owner what a fine value he was getting for his money, i.e., \$1000/ct. The property owner now thinks he has \$100,000 worth of goods for which he paid \$60,000, really saleable for about \$3,000.

The broker now has \$60,000 worth of land he paid \$15,000 for. He has made four times his money. The gem promoter has now made \$15,000 for an outlay of \$3,000, five times his money. We can all see who got the short end of the stick. The real estate broker feels he gave the property owner a good deal because the gems were represented to him as being worth that much money. He had no business in a field he had no knowledge of, much less passing on advice given to him by the seller. If he had tried to sell one of those gems into the gem trade, he would have found out the truth. Not doing his homework cost the property owner over \$50,000.

The FBI has recently arrested six people in Washington, D.C., for interstate fraud in this type of transaction.

In theory, land exchanges for gems can work if both parties are entirely honest with one another, and if the land owner goes to an outside appraiser to find out what willing buyer will pay a willing seller in the marketplace. He must ask to see stones of the same quality, color, and size and find out what they would cost him. Some appraisers will give you a verbal opinion for less money than a written appraisal. If thousands of dollars are involved, pay for the best advice.

Exchange only for high quality goods, fewer in number, but higher in value. When taking diamonds, insist on GIA certificates and learn how to read them. Check your prices against a good up-to-date wholesale list. Rubies and sapphires should have AGL certificates to weed out the real crooks. If the deal is really fair, you cannot expect to pick up gems for half their worth. You may have to trade dollar for dollar. Very few people will give me 5 to 1 for my dollars.

I am not certain about the tax ramifications since that is not my line of expertise, however, IRS has told me that it is not an exchange of like goods under Section 1030 of the IRS code, and capital gains must be paid. Promoters claim you do not have to pay capital gains until you liquidate the goods.

Never be in a hurry, never let anyone push you, never take any goods without having them appraised. Please report any really bad transactions to me.

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\*\*\* Tucson AGA Meeting \*\*\*  
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For the first time, the AGA will convene in a general meeting in the Western part of the United States. We look forward to seeing many members who were unable to attend the Washington, D.C. meetings.

Date: February 10, 1982

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Double Tree Inn, Cottonwood Room

The speakers for this meeting have been selected for their expertise and knowledge of their particular field. We know the program will be highly informative and enjoyable for all.

Mr. Ben Gordon, owner of Independent Jewelry Appraisers of Houston, Texas, will be speaking on the timely issue of "Appraisals"; Mr. Jack Abraham, owner of Precious Gem Resources of New York, will cover "Appraisal Abuse" for the enlightenment of the members; Mr. John Koivula, Senior Staff Gemologist with the GIA, will speak on new illuminating techniques and present a slide segment on "Inclusions".

We are pleased with this program and know all of you will be, and we thank these gentlemen for sharing their thoughts and knowledge with us.

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A statement and nominating ballot from Luana Veo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, can be found on the last page. Please don't neglect to send yours in... your participation is of the utmost importance in all areas of concern for the AGA.

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\*\*\* FROM THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE \*\*\*

Chairman: Elaine Baker, GG, FGA, ASA  
Member: Neil Cohen, Gem.  
Member: Cornelius Muiji, FGA

(The above have kindly consented to their appointment by the President to this important and time-consuming position. I'm sure they will need, and receive, all the help they require.)

A statement from Elaine Baker:

The By-Laws of the Accredited Gemologists Association

provide for the formation of Chapters with one brief sentence: "The Executive Board shall create regional Chairmanships, at the request of members in specific localities, or as needed". In the experience of forming the San Diego Chapter, it has become painfully evident that the present set of By-Laws of the AGA is not adequate in providing structure and direction in the formation of a growing organization.

Formation of local chapters of gemologists will be the backbone of a strong, viable organization much needed in these times when growing public awareness of the many aspects of gemstones creates the demand for professionalism of the highest order.

All members of the AGA have a role to play in the direction that the organization will take in the next few years. Of critical importance is the structure and governmental organization provided for by the By-Laws. The membership must participate actively in determining what the structure of the AGA will be by contributing ideas for the development of chapter formation processes as well as other aspects of the By-Laws that need revision. The most pressing need is for sections dealing with the mechanics of chapter formation: dues structure, officers, (number, duties, and election procedures), and representation at a National Level. Among other items needing attention are the voting process and the amendment process.

A By-Laws Committee has been created for the purpose of examining the present set of By-Laws in the light of new needs. As Chairman of that committee, I am asking for recommendations from the membership as well as participation in the committee. There will be an open meeting of the By-Laws Committee in Tucson, with time and place to be announced at the general meeting. Committee recommendations will be submitted to the general membership at the annual meeting in May.

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\* \* \* An Intensive, AGA-Promoting Weekend \* \* \* \*

\* \* On Saturday, December 5, Pansy Kraus hosted the following members at her home for open discussion of the past, present and future of the AGA: Joseph Tenhagen, Luana Veo, Elaine Baker, Jack Lanier, Thom Underwood, Merika Adams, Bernadine Johnston, Charlaine Froide, Terrie Haxel, and Wilfrieda Legaspi. These officers, members and guests of the AGA San Diego Local Chapter have been a source of enthusiasm and growth of the AGA in California and Nationally.

The following account is but a brief series of statements and suggestions during the open discussions and a source of the highlights of this meeting:

The AGA was formed in 1974 in Washington, D.C. by a group of gemologists holding the FGA degree, who later admitted membership status to graduate gemologists of the GIA. The Organization stands as that today, with the addition of the Associate Member status offered to those actively pursuing education at the GIA or the GAGB. Growth of the membership in the last few months has been excellent.

It was announced that the AGA Publication would begin quarterly issues in January, due to lack of support in the area of articles, and the cost of postage. Many of the members have not paid their 1981 dues, even though notices have been sent out.

It was suggested that, in addition to the By-Laws Committee, two others be formed: an Appraisal Committee to develop a standardized appraisal form, and an Ethics Committee.

The need for local chapters was obvious to all, as they will become the strength of the National Organization, with their support and enthusiasm filtering up to the National level.

It was also suggested that one member from each local be placed on an advisory board or on the Board of Directors, with the authority of the chapter to represent their local.

Two problems encountered by all gemologists are the identification of stones and the grading of colored stones. It was agreed that there are not sufficient universal standards for colored stone grading. Formulating those standards would allow gemologists to be in general agreement on appraisals. It was still generally felt that one's views on (colored) stones are as diverse as one's background in gemology.

A suggestion was made to change the name of this Organization to the International Accredited Gemologists Organization, thereby signifying to all the true status of the Association, and separating any confusion with the AGS.

It was suggested that the National hold a Logo Contest, open to all members, as a Logo adds a little extra to the Organization and could become highly recognizable.

It was suggested that the Appraisal Committee be composed of volunteers from the membership and that they be a balance of those already in an appraising society and those not in that area.

\* \* \* On Sunday, December 6, the San Diego Local Chapter held their first Christmas Gala, a luncheon attended by 70 people, either members of that Local or invited guests with an interest in gemology. Luana Veo, President of the Chapter, welcomed all present with these opening remarks: " The Christmas Spirit is dedicated to goodwill, just as the AGA is dedicated to promote professional standards in the practice of gemology. The AGA is an international organization with members throughout the world. The San Diego Chapter began in July of this year and growth has been by leaps and bounds. We hold monthly meetings, and are working with other gemologists to begin other chapters. I have the pleasure of introducing Irmgard Blum

of San Bernardino and Rose Levine, from Los Angeles, who are planning to begin a chapter in Los Angeles. The San Francisco Chapter will be lead by Terrie Haxel and Frieda Legaspi."

The Charter Members of this chapter were introduced to the audience, with gifts given to represent their efforts and dedication to the AGA and the Chapter. Receiving these were: Carolyn Hemmen, Charlaine Froide, Donald Brownell, David Kaloci, Benjamin and Isabelita Angeles, Dara Yost, Suzanne Anderson, Bernadine Johnston, Raymond Mink, David Browning, Laurette Hoagland, Thom Underwood, Merika Adams, Pansy Kraus, Elaine Baker, Jack Lanier, and Luana Veo. Thom Underwood gave a special award to Luana Veo, "without whom we would not be here today".

The guest speaker for this special luncheon was Mr. Joseph Tenhagen, President of the AGA, who spoke on Colombian emeralds, an area in which he is a recognized authority. He has travelled extensively throughout the mining areas and is a true lover and collector of gemstones.

Mr. Tenhagen's opening remarks included praise for the San Diego Local and the people comprising it, and promised to turn the National Organization into a productive and visible force. He handed out new certificates to the members present.

Mr. Tenhagen's first trip to Colombia was in 1970, and he returns at least once a year, sometimes making the trip two or three times, and has visited every principal mine with the exception of one. His first-hand slide presentation of the mines and surrounding countryside gave the impression to the audience of having been with him.

He decided early in his career that there was a need for specialization, and as rubies and emeralds were his favorite stones, he was able to choose specializing in emeralds, as Miami was closer to Colombia than the Far East. He has never regretted that decision.

He made the point that one thing he had learned in studying geology and gemology was an awe of nature. The Andes Mountains are "breathtakingly beautiful", and travelling into this area is like taking a trip back into the past of 100 years ago. The customs of the people are ancient and primitive, also, reminding one of the gold rush days in California and Alaska. He also noted that locale references in textbooks are misleading in many cases, as some authors do not visit the mines and rely on second-hand information.

All of the slides viewed have been taken by Mr. Tenhagen over the years and many represent marked contrasts in the surrounding countryside as emeralds are mined and topography is changed.

On the relief map of Colombia and the Andes, all emerald mining was seen to occur in the eastern range in an area called the Cordillera Oriental.

Travelling north from Bogota, the capitol of Colombia, one encounters the mining district of Muzo with its three mines - Muzo, Cosquez, and Peña Blancas. The latter is the one exception not visited, as the area is extremely dangerous.



The village within this district is the village of Muzo. Some texts record the mine of Borbur, but this is a village, not a mine.

In exploring Chivor, one enters the village of Chivor with the three mines of: Chivor, Buena Vista and Mundo Nuevo, all within sight of each other.

The region of Gachala is listed in all texts as a mine. It is a village encountered before the mines of Las Cruces, El Toro, and El Diamante.

The balance of the slides were concerned with the typical occurrence of emerald in these mining areas, and the specifics allowing one to separate crystals and localities.

An excellent presentation, it was enjoyed by all present.

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\*\*\* Don't forget the nominating ballot on the last page \*\*\*

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\*\*\* Address Corrections, Credential Additions:

Charlene Fischman - new address: 5N770 Pearson Lane  
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Gordon Greeson - GG,CG,FGA (full credentials)

Roy Giles - FGA,FGAA,GG - new address: 304 George Street  
Sydney  
New South Wales 2000  
Australia

(New membership lists will be mailed in 1982 after the collection of dues.)

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We thank Robert Townley Nichols, FGA,GG, for supplying the following account of the GAGB 50th:

"The Golden Jubilee of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain, held this last October in London, had people attending from approximately thirty countries. This representation provided for stimulating conversations. The speakers included B.W. Anderson, Eduard Gubelin, Richard Liddicoat, and Robert Crowningshield. These men took an interesting look at the past and present, as well as what we might expect in the future. Robert Crowningshield discussed his work with Kurt Nassau on the treatment of corundum, which is very well covered in the latest issue of Gems and Gemology, (Volume XVII, Number 3, pp. 121-131).

After talking and listening to these many people, I feel that this rapidly changing business will challenge us all with the need for continued education and communication."

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\*\*\* Our appreciation to Mr. E. A. "Ted" Brockie, CG,GG, of Fort Francis, Ontario, Canada for the following unsolicited account of gemological occurrences in Canada:

Dear A.G.A. Friends,

I was recently in touch with my friend, Reverend W. Don Goodger, FGA, who has been fundamental in teaching prospective FGA aspirants. The last issue of the "Journal of Gemmology" indicates reasonable success!

While it appears that the Canadian Jewellers Institute prefers its recent involvement with the GIA, I heartily endorse the efforts of the Canadian Gem Association in helping Canadian students prepare for the FGA. I am told that there were 23 Canadian students who sat for the FGA diploma exam. At least 11 were Don's students and there are still several students he hasn't heard from.

In my opinion, we are fortunate indeed to have a top-drawer gemmologist spearheading the FGA Course in Canada.

We have used the Video-Master for the last three months with great success. The only other Canadian gemmologist to whom I've spoken is equally pleased with the Video-Master's ability to make matters more easily seen and grasped! It has been my experience that unless a person has biology (or other laboratory degrees), that looking through the Gemolite establishes credibility but not "clarity". Video-Master does both!

Mr. Goodger also tells me that it appears that the FGA (Canadian) course will be ready for correspondence by the summer of 1982. During a recent trip to England for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the British Gemmological Association, Don found that "England has been most cooperative and we (Canadian Gem Association) will be in full affiliation with G.A. of Great Britain".

Thus, I am pleased to report that gemmology is not only alive and well in Canada, but flourishing!

I hope other AGA members will enjoy this brief Canadian update on gemmology.

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\* Responding to our request, initiated by the San Diego Chapter, of worthwhile magazines, Mr. Richard Petrovic, an AGA member from Anaheim, California, suggests The Mineralogical Record, a bi-monthly source of information with a subscription rate of \$16.00 per year. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 35565, Tucson, Arizona 85740. He stated in his letter that, "Normally I would send you a copy for your inspection, but usually the back issues become collector's items! Check it out."

We thank him for supplying this information, and the request still stands for others of you who may know of a fine source of gemological information.

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\*\* Mr. Roger C. Trigg, GG, FGA, of Cape Town, South Africa, has willingly shared the following information with his fellow members of the AGA:

"IDENTI-PRINT"

I want to bring to your attention a new development in the jewellery appraisal field which I have evolved.

This consists of including with the typed document describing the jewellery, a photocopy of the same jewellery.

For this purpose, I have purchased a Rank Xerox 230 photocopier, which seems to be the best. A clear photocopy of the jewellery is produced and of course, ring sizes, pearl sizes, lengths of chain, etc., can be checked.

This idea has brought an enthusiastic response from the insurance companies, for whom the appraisals are principally done, and from the local C.I.D. of the police force.

I quote, "I personally believe that the method could eventually prove to be invaluable to the police. Your recommendation is being circulated throughout the Western Cape Division" (signed) Divisional Commissioner, Western Province.

I feel that this development should be widely used and for this reason am publicising it.

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\*\* AGA SPEAKERS' BUREAU \*\*

Our many thanks to the following members who have cared enough to volunteer their help and expertise for speaking engagements. If any are located near you, you now have a fine source of knowledgeable people willing to share that knowledge, as does the AGA generally.

Ian T. Breckenridge, GG - Special Interest- "Practical Gemology", oriented toward the consumer and sales technique.  
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Walter W. Greenbaum, FGA, GG- Kroll Jewelry Appraisal Service  
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John J. Wellinghoff, GG - Special Interest - Perfection and Quality of Gem Cutting.  
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Microscope; Appraising.  
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Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137
- Kevin K.F. Ng,Md.,FGA - Special Interest - Gem Identifi-  
cation; Appraisal; Instrumen-  
tation.
- Thomas E. Tashey,Jr.,GG - Special Interest - Diamonds;  
Diamond Grading.  
Independent Gem Lab  
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Los Angeles, California 90069  
213-623-8092
- Robert T. Nichols, GG,FGA - Special Interest - Colored Gems,  
Their Sources and Descriptions.  
2935B Louisiana Boulevard NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110
- Theresa F. Zook, FGA - Special Interest - Colored Gem-  
stones; Diamond Simulants; Syn-  
thetics; History of Gems; How  
gemologists identify a gemstone.  
2104 Wakefield Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22308

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\*\* The enclosure of an application form is the idea of Mr. Lewis A. Bannon, GG, FGA, of Baton Rouge. We are thankful for this idea and the ease with which you may use them to solicit new members. If any more are needed, please contact us. Again, our thanks.

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\*\*NEW MEMBERS\*\*

The AGA welcomes the following people to the Organization and looks forward to their participation and support.

- Benjamin I. Angeles,GG 240 W. Avenida Palizada, #1  
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Chapter, AGA.
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on a certification grading system  
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New Members, cont.

James Darden Coker,GG

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Owner, Central Florida Gemolo-  
gical Laboratory; Owner, Art  
Form Gems.

Michael D. Cowing, FGA

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Special Interests: Gemstone  
identification and appraisals;  
Lapidary work, and jewelry  
manufacturing (gold and silver).

Charlaine Froide,GG

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Charter Member, San Diego Chapter.

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Special Interests: Identification  
and evaluation of diamonds and  
colored stones.

Terrie Jensen Haxel,GG

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Special Interests: Forming a  
San Francisco Chapter; Geology  
(BA degree); Natural History  
(MA degree); Enrolled in FGA  
Preliminary Course; Naturalist  
for the city of Palo Alto;  
Director, Tower International  
Laboratories (Gemological work,  
rare stamps and coins)

Ellen W. Hayes, Gem.

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Del Rio, Texas 78840  
Member, American Gem Society, CG.

Carolyn L. Hemmen, Gem.

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Charter Member, San Diego Chapter.

Laurette Hoagland, GG

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Registered Jeweler, American  
Gem Society; Recording Secre-  
tary, San Diego Chapter.

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Senior Member, ASA; Member,  
ISA; Chapter Secretary, ASA  
Twin Cities Chapter; Bulletin  
Editor, Twin Cities Chapter,  
ASA. Author, published in  
Appraisers Information Ex-  
change and Northwestern  
Jeweler Magazine. Special  
Interests- a Standard color  
nomenclature; upgrading the  
profession of appraising to  
"the same high standards of  
accounting, engineering, and  
the law"; academic qualifi-  
cations and practical exami-  
nations.

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Jeweler, AGS.

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Member: Jewelers Retailers  
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Special Interests: Apprai-  
sals, gem identification  
and grading. Specializes in  
the study of emeralds; de-  
veloping a system for discern-  
ing between handmade and cast  
material.

Robert A. Kotlen, GG

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Who's Who in the Jewelry  
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- Stuart J. Malkin, B.Sc., GG 16115 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys,  
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Unusual inclusions, esp. corundum  
and diamond; detection of synthetics
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Director, Appraisal Service, Dreifus  
Jewelers.
- Michael Reed, Gem. 475 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs,  
California 92263. Special Interests:  
Estate (antique) jewelry.
- Steven Reiner, GG 412 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002.  
Special Interests: Identification; In-  
clusions and photography of such.
- Neil Conrad Segal, FGA P.O. Box 711, Pietersburg 0700, Re-  
public of South Africa. First quali-  
fied gemologist south of the Zimbabwe  
Border. Special Interests: emeralds-  
natural, synthetic, simulants.
- Starla E. Turner, GG 20 Santa Gina Court, Hillsborough,  
California 94010. Special Interests:  
lecturing, trade shows, forming a  
Bay Area Chapter, AGA.
- David G. Walker, GG 87 Central Street, Wellesley, Mass.  
02181. Special Interests: Appraising  
antique and modern fine jewelry.  
Associated with Cabot-Hendric.
- Michael N. Zibman, GG 450 North Park Road, Suite 802, Holly-  
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Associate, ASA; President, North Ameri-  
can Gemological Laboratories.

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Associate Members, cont.

Peter T. Henry, GIA            275 Walnut Street, Wellesley, Mass.02108  
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Gem Localities.

Bernadine Johnston, GIA      P.O. Box 296, Fallbrook, California 92028.  
Charter Member, San Diego Chapter; Owner-  
Jonte-Berlon Gems

Anthony D. Perillo, GAGB      200 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801.  
Special Interests: Experimenting with UV,  
radiation, absorption of SW

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\*\* From Luana Veo, GG, Chairman of the Nominating Committee \*\*

With the revival of the AGA and the formation of chapters, we have all seen a wave of enthusiasm and support for the future of the AGA. It is not passive attitude that has accomplished this, but an active participation.

It is at this time that nominations are requested for the 1982 National Officers:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I request your nominations for consideration by the Committee. Please send the following:

- 1) The name, address, qualifications, and specific office for which they are being nominated.
- 2) A short biographical statement that is suitable for publication.

The nominations sent by mail must be received by February 5, 1982.

Other nominations from the floor will be accepted at our National Meeting in Tucson, February 10, 1982.

Please forward all nominations to:

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P.O. Box 2425  
La Jolla, California 92038

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