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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Subject: Forwarding of Annual, Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Please find enclosed the following meeting minutes:

(1) Annual Meeting, September 20, 1978

(2) Board of Directors, September 20, 1978

(3) Executive Committee, October 6, 1978

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 1978, in the Association office commencing at 9:00 AM. A block of rooms has been reserved at Stouffer's National Center Hotel, Arlington, VA., for Tuesday, November 28. It will be recalled that a dinner meeting is planned for Tuesday evening. Time and location will be provided.

B. J. Pigg
Executive Director

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ANNUAL MEETING

September 20, 1978

Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel — Arlington, VA

The Annual Meeting of the Asbestos Information Association/North America was convened at 9:52 AM, September 20, 1978, in the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. The following members were present:

George Barge	Atlas Asbestos Company
W.H. Beasley	Cement Asbestos Products Co.
Frank M. Brown	Connell Bros. Co., Ltd.
Robert A. Carlson	Special Asbestos Co., Inc.
William C. Clark	Asten-Hill, Limited
Brian Donner	Vermont Asbestos Group
Thomas A. Dougherty	CertainTeed Corporation
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.	Nicolet, Inc.
Jean Gaudry (for M. P. Carson)	Asbestos Corp., Ltd.
Clarence A. Herbst, Sr.	Resinoid Engineering Corp.
H.W. Heunemann (for N. E. DeCandia)	Congoleum Industries, Inc.
A. R. Hooker	The Flintkote Company
Edward Kaufman (for Alfred Shaines)	P.T. Brake Lining Co., Inc.
J. E. Keith	Rostone Corporation
Donald G. Magill	Hollingsworth & Vose Co.
John H. Marsh	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Joseph T. Mooney, Jr.	Monsey Products Company
C. G. Morgan	Continental Products Corp.
Adam Novak	Huxley Development Corp.
Dimitry Poutiatine	Johns-Manville Corporation
Richard H. Prigozen (for H. S. Prigozen)	Schriber Industries, Inc.
J. L. Rainey	Amatex Corporation
John Riopelle	The Bendix Corporation
H. B. Rhodes, Dr. Eng. Sci.	Union Carbide Corporation
Richard H. Rosenberg	Borg-Warner Corporation
Walter J. Rosenthal	Glasweld International, Inc.
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
John Sheridan (for J. M. Ciskowski)	Jim Walter Research Corp.
E. R. Zacharias	Molded Materials Company

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Also present: James W. Armstrong, F. E. Messier and Ben Wong, The Bendix Corporation; E. W. Drislane, Friction Materials Standards Institute; Joseph A. Artabane, Esq., Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft; W. T. Whitley, Cement Asbestos Products Co.; Doris M. Fagan, ASBESTOS Magazine; Richard P. Carter, Edmund M. Fenner, and James F. Reis, Johns-Manville Corp.; James G. Heil, CertainTeed Corp.; Robert G. Rucker, Congoleum Industries, Inc.; Hans Weill, M.D., Tulane University; R. H. Nereness, B. J. Pigg and Richard Trachtman, AIA/NA staff.

Welcome and Minutes

Mr. Dougherty, President of the Association, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and introduced members attending their initial AIA/NA meeting and Joseph A. Artabane, Esq. who succeeded Adrian May as Association counsel. On motion, minutes of the last Annual Meeting, September 21, 1977, were approved as submitted.

Statement of Finances

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statement for the eight-month period ended August 31, 1978. He invited attention to and explained any negative variances between the budget and actual expenditures for specific line items. As of August 31, total assets of $161,312 with liabilities of $53,711 resulted in a net worth of $107,601. The Executive Director said the Association's financial condition was solvent and no problems were anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal (calendar) year. On motion, the financial report was accepted.

Executive Director's Report

OSHA - The The RTI-CONSAD consolidated report on studies of the construction and manufacturing industries is not available, although it has been submitted to OSHA. Grover Wrenn, OSHA's Director of Health Standards Division, recently advised that public hearing on the asbestos standard most likely would not be held before the first quarter of next year.

EPA - Phase I of the Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Review has been completed by the project officer and is undergoing in-house review. The report will ultimately be considered by EPA's Priorities Committee (Phase II) for possible further studies or regulatory initiatives.

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The study, "Chemical Market Input/Output Analysis of Selected Chemical Substances to Assess Sources of Environmental Contamination: Task III, Asbestos," has been completed by Syracuse Research Corp. for EPA. The study is not expected to be used as basis for any specific agency action. Copies are available on request.

Miscellaneous - A brief reference was made to recent state initiatives impacting on the asbestos industry. Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Rhodes and Messrs. Fenner and Carter for their assistance to the Association in this area. A written statement by the Executive Director regarding Association activities for the preceding year was distributed (copy enclosed).

Membership

Mr. Dougherty said membership in the Association now stands at 37 regular members and 16 associate members. A request from the Richard Klinger Company for change in category from associate to regular was received earlier this month. Contributions by nonmembers to AIA/NA's work thus far in 1978 totals $3,575.

Standards Advisory Committee Report

Dr. Rhodes said that the committee felt it was not necessary to submit any additional information for the record on OSHA's generic cancer proposal. Deadline for additional written comments is October 10. (Note: Date was subsequently extended to October 24.)

Dr. Rhodes commented on the EEH study. He said that, as previously reported, the report has major deficiencies. The Association's EEH study review group (James Neil, Edmund Fenner and Dr. Rhodes) are pursuing this task consistent with other demands on their time.

Dr. Rhodes reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency's hazardous waste program pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). He said considerable effort had been expended by the Johns-Manville Corp. to persuade EPA that asbestos should not be included in the RCRA regulations since it is already covered under National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS). It now appears that asbestos will not be regulated under RCRA.

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Air Sampling and Analysis Program

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Dr. Rhodes reported on response to date regarding attendance at the Second International Colloquium on Dust Measuring Technique and Strategy scheduled for October 11-13 at the Dulles Marriott Hotal. Approximately 25 non-U.S. attendees have advised of their plans to be present.

Legal Research Committee

Mr. Gabrielson said that this committee met September 18 and reviewed the State-of-the-Medical Art Memorandum prepared by special counsel. He said that this document covers the legal issues involved in the presentation of the state-of-the-medical art defense. The document incorporates the work of Dr. Enterline in his review of medical literature on asbestos-related disease. The document is now being revised following the committee's review and should be available to members and their trial counsel in the near future.

Mr. Gabrielson said that the document would be available to non-members as previously agreed. The fee will be $2000. Mr. Gabrielson added that the procedure here would involve a direct billing to the non-member by Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft while the AIA/NA would receive appropriate follow-on credit.

Mr. Gabrielson reported that the cost of maintaining the data bank by special counsel on a monthly basis would be about $1500 which is considerably more than the earlier estimate of $700. He said the Executive Committee had agreed that no change in this procedure should be made for six months.

Medical Consultant's Report

Dr. Weill reported on the AIA/NA sponsored Plant Physicians Conference to be held in New Orleans, November 9-10, under the auspices of Tulane's continuing education program. The purpose of this conference is to provide physicians whose responsibility it is to perform medical surveillance on asbestos exposed workers with an update on the methodology of health surveillance.

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Also covered will be the state of the medical art. This will prepare the plant physician to serve as a witness during litigation. Dr. Weill said that official AMA credit would be made available to participants. Response to date has been encouraging - about 30 attendees are expected.

Dr. Weill reviewed the present state of asbestos-health literature with specific reference to the United Kingdom. A study dealing with average exposure and mortality has recently been published. Dr. Weill noted that this work does have scientific merit.

There will soon be published an update of a ten-year old British study on asbestosis. This is the study on which the current British asbestos standard is based.

Dr. Weill mentioned a further study conducted at McGill University which is based on total particulates rather than fibers. There is a Tulane University study of asbestos-cement manufacturing industry workers which showed the existence of a level of exposure below which excess mortality was not detectable. Dr. Weill next mentioned the occurrence of mesothelioma in a Turkish village where there is no asbestos.

Dr. Weill referred to HEW Secretary Califano's speech on September 11 before the AFL-CIO National Conference on Occupational Safety and Health and related study. He expressed confidence that the study would be discredited and stated further that this was an example of the anti-scientific approach of releasing this kind of information generally to a public which cannot evaluate it prior to the time for scientific peer review. Dr. Weill then addressed some specific problems with the study. He concluded by saying that the scientific basis for the study is weak.

Technical Committee Report

Mr. Fenner said that the major task facing the committee at this time is the provision of technical support for the Standards Advisory Committee relative to their preparation of an AIA/NA alternative standard for occupational exposure to asbestos in the construction industry. This work is principally in two areas. The first is in connection with

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A. R. Hooker	The Flintkote Company
John W. Guffy	Garlock, Inc.
Donald G. Magill	Hollingsworth & Vose Co.
Adam Novak	Huxley Development Corp.
Joseph Ciskowski	Jim Walter Research Corp.
Dimitry Poutiatine	Johns-Manville Corporation
B. Ramundo	Kentile Floors
W. M. Sleeth	Lear-Siegler, Inc.
S. Masuda	Mitsubishi Canada Ltd.
Edward R. Zacharias	Molded Materials Company
Joseph T. Mooney, Jr.	Monsey Products Company
George P. Vogel	National Assoc. of Filter Mfg. Inc.
William B. Hoffman	National Gypsum Company
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.	Nicolet, Inc.
John H. Marsh	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
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Derek Coomber	Richard Klinger, Inc.
Howard J. Tomlinson	Safeguard Automotive Corp.
Robert A. Carlson	Special Asbestos Co., Inc.
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
H. B. Rhodes, Dr.Eng. Sc.	Union Carbide Corporation
William K. Clark	Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co.
Brian Donner	Vermont Asbestos Group

The list, as read by the Secretary, was approved by vote without objection.

Association Officers

Mr. Dougherty said, in keeping with AIA/NA Bylaws, terms of office for current officers will not expire until September 1989.

Miscellaneous

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, Mr. John A. McKinney, President, Johns-Manville Corp. was speaker following dinner on September 19, and Congressman James G. Martin was speaker following breakfast on September 20. Mr. Dougherty said he wished the record to note the appreciation of the Association for their participation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

B. J. Pigg
Secretary

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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September 19, 1978

The meeting was convened at 10:00 A.M. at the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Present were:

Thomas A. Dougherty	CertainTeed Corp., AIA/NA Pres.
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.	Nicolet, Inc.
John H. Marsh	Raybestons-Manhattan, Inc.
Dimitry Poutiatine	Johns-Manville Corp.
Harrison B. Rhodes, Dr. Eng. Sc.	Union Carbide Corp.
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
Edward R. Zacharias	Molded Materials Company

Others:

R.H. Mereness	AIA/NA Executive Director
B.J. Pigg	AIA/NA Administrative Asst.
Monroe Harris	Johns-Manville Corp.
Hans Weill, M.D.	Tulane University
Richard T. Davis, C.P.A.	Frantz and Company

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, August 8, 1978, were approved except for the following correction:

The words "a reduction of" were deleted from the 12th and 13th lines of the 2nd paragraph of page 2.

Financial Report

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statement for the period ended August 31, 1978. The Association's accountant, Richard T. Davis, C.P.A., said one member was delinquent in payment of dues, but that communication with the company indicated

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this matter would be rectified in the near future.

As of August 31, 1978, total assets of $161,312 with liabilities of $53,711 resulted in a net worth of $107,601.

A discussion followed concerning the dues structure as pertains to impact of a lower minimum dues for regular members. It was agreed that no reduction should be made in the present figure of $2,000.

On motion, the financial statement was accepted.

Executive Director's Report

OSHA - RTI-CONSAD consolidated report on studies of the construction and manufacturing industries is not available, although it has been submitted to OSHA. The OSHA, Director of Health Standards Division, Grover Wrenn, recently advised that public hearing on the asbestos standard most likely would not be held before the first quarter of next year.

HEW - Reference was made to the speech given by HEW Secretary Joseph Califano on September 11 before the AFL-CIO's national conference on occupational safety and health and of the considerable coverage by the news media. Secretary Califono alleged that at least 20 percent of all cancer in the United States is work-related, and that asbestos exposure will account for about 17 percent of the total number of cancer deaths expected during the next 30-35 years. A study prepared by the National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, copy obtained September 18, purportedly documented the statistics cited in Califano's speech.

A discussion followed concerning an Association response. Messrs. Harris and Poutiatine invited attention to a proposed J-M draft for consideration. It was agreed that Dr. Weill's comments on the study were appropriate prior to finalizing a release. (Note: Dr. Weill subsequently reviewed the study and commented on the results of his initial assessment.) Messrs. Gabrielson, Marsh, Poutiatine and Dr. Weill met at 5:00 PM to draft a release. A copy of the news release approved and which was distributed on September 20 is attached.

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DOI - The topic of the Department of the Interior Nonfuel Minerals Hearing scheduled for September 27 in Washington, D.C., was introduced. Dr. Rhodes said that asbestos was one of 12 minerals selected for review. He said that he proposed to give a presentation at the hearing as a representative of the AIA/NA. Mr. Brian Donner of the Vermont Asbestos Group will also be present. A discussion followed.

Miscellaneous - Reference was made to a request from the Central States Insulation Contractors Association for a speaker who could address the topic of trends in law cases relating to asbestos insulation at the Association's October 3 meeting in Cincinatti. Mr. Harris said he would assume responsibility for this item.

Authorization was granted to pay a bill of $1500 to the University of Pittsburgh for use of facilities in connection with Dr. Enterline research of medical literature for the Association. (Note: The bill was paid on September 25, 1978.)

It was reported that the Richard Klinger Company had requested a change in the firm's membership status from that of associate to regular member. The Executive Director was requested to take appropriate action to effect this change.

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Dr. Rhodes reported that Johns-Manville had reviewed EPA's recent proposal to revise the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) and did not see any significant adverse impact. An AIA/NA response is not proposed.

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Regarding the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Interim Generic Cancer Policy, Dr. Rhodes said the Standards and Advisory Committee is not recommending any comment by the Association. Comments are due October 11.

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International/Medical Affairs

Mr. Marsh outlined a number of ongoing actions of the Asbestos International Association, including the work of the Medical Advisory Panel headed by Dr. Murray and the European Economic Commission Advisory Council headed by Mr. Thiele. Mr. Marsh commented on AIA efforts to coordinate attendance of industry representatives at major international conferences. He referred to upcoming conferences at Dubrovnik, Yugoslaiva; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Caracas, Venezuela. The AIA also provides advisory documents to aid industry in countries where regulations on asbestos do not presently exist, Mr. Marsh said.

A probable increase in AIA/NA dues to the international association was explained by Mr. Marsh. He said the new dues would be about $25,000 per annum.

Dr. Weill commented on possible results of current British studies on asbestos-related disease. He said that these results may make it necessary to revise his statement which was included in the Association's response to OSHA on the proposal to revise the asbestos standard. The results of these studies may cause the Asbestos Advisory Committee in England to recommend a standard less than 2 fibers per cc, Dr. Weill said. Dr. Weill reviewed plans for the Plant Physicians Conference scheduled for November 9-10 at Tulane University. He said that the Tulane Office of Continuing Education will be assisting with the conference and that attendees will receive formal credit.

OSHA Asbestos Hearing

Mr Marsh led a discussion on the yet-to-be-scheduled OSHA asbestos hearings. It was agreed that he and Dr. Rhodes would explore this matter further and make recommendations regarding strategy that should be adopted by the Association.

Annual and Directors Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting to be held September 20 were approved with minor modifications.

Miscellaneous

The 30-minute film, "More Than A Paycheck," produced by George Washington University on the subject of occupational cancer was viewed by the Committee.

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The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held October 6, 1978, in the Association offices. The November meeting will be held on the 21st in the Association offices.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

B.J. Pigg
Acting Executive Director

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