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ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

MINUTES of the General Meeting held June 19, 1947 at The Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J. FRANKLIN BURKE & CO.

J. F. Burke

CAROLINA ASBESTOS CO.

C.E. Carlough

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

S. V. Dillon
B. F. Stanton

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

A. Whitfield
W. C. Scott

PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.

E. R. Teubner, Jr.

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

J. A. Bettes, Jr.
B. W. Luttenberger
C. W. Marshall, Jr.
J. M. Weaver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

G. S. Fabel

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Dr. M. C. Shaw

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION

W. C. L. Hemeon

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT

M. I. Ruddock

INSTITUTE MANAGER

H. D. McKinney

GUEST

J. A. Marcotte

NO. 1

The Manager read the minutes of the last General Meeting which was held in Chicago, April 17th. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Carlough and approved unanimously that the minutes stand approved as read.

NO. 2

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Manager (copy attached) and it was suggested that the reading of the Auditor's Report (copy attached) be dis-

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pensed with as the figures appearing in both reports agree. It was moved by Mr. Fabel, seconded by Mr. Carlough and unanimously approved that the Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement) be accepted as read.

NO. 3

The Manager than read his Quarterly Report (copy attached) to the members of the Institute. There being no comments or questions, this report was accepted as read.

NO. 4

Mr. Weaver, Chairman of the Technical Committee, read his committee report including the minutes of the Technical Committee meeting held on June 6, 1947. (copy attached) A discussion of the work followed and it was moved by Mr. Fabel, seconded by Mr. Taubner and approved unanimously that the Technical Committee meet at an early date and prepare specific Institute recommendations on tensile strengths of Underwriter's Grade 2.25 lb. asbestos cloth for safety wearing apparel to be presented to the Division of Trade Standards of the U. S. Bureau of Standards and to the Industrial Safety Equipment Association.

It was also agreed that the Technical Committee shall study A.S.T.M. specifications for asbestos roving and asbestos yarn and make recommendations which will express the views of the Asbestos Textile Institute on revisions to be proposed on sampling, methods of testing, yarn numbering, and a change in tolerances to a uniform percentage basis offered by Mr. J. R. Robson of Johns-Manville, Inc. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Technical Committee be authorized to notify such conclusions to the Asbestos Sub-Committee of A.S.T.M. through its Group Committee appointed to study and revise the said specifications.

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It was further agreed that Mr. Weaver and the Manager should meet with the Secretary of the Industrial Safety Equipment Association, for purposes of emphasizing to manufacturers of asbestos safety clothing the practical limitations of ordinary "safety garments" for fire-fighting and other extremely hazardous industrial services, as evidenced by the several case histories reported by the Technical Committee.

NO. 5

Dr. Shaw's request for authorization to hire a part-time assistant (at approximately $1.00 per hour) was approved. Such assistance will provide obvious economies in Dr. Shaw's time and speed the work of the Fellowship. The costs of such assistance are to be paid from the Fellowship Fund, on a monthly basis.

NO. 6

Mr. Luttenberger had nothing new to report for the Fibre Improvement Committee, but Mr. Marcotte, as a guest of the Institute, stated that it was his firm belief that there was much to be gained, by all concerned, through a closer working relationship between the Q.A.P.A. and the A.T.I. Their problems obviously had a common basis and the welfare of the two groups were interrelated. Mr. Marcotte expressed his pleasure at the program and activities of the Fellowship at Rutgers and extended an invitation to the members of the Technical Committee to visit the mines, for a clearer understanding of the work involved in producing spinning fibres. Dr. Shaw responded with an invitation to the Q.A.P.A. members to come to Rutgers and see his work at firsthand. It was arranged at this time for Dr. Shaw and the Manager to spend several days at the mines during July.

NO. 7

Mr. Stanton, Temporary Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee, called on Mr.

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Hemeon to present the findings of the survey which the Industrial Hygiene Foundation has been conducting over the past months. (Copies of Mr. Hemeon's report are being made and six (6) copies will be sent to each member company as soon as available.) In his report, Mr. Hemeon has several specific recommendations, including semi-annual meetings in Pittsburgh, where members of the Air Hygiene Committee could meet with Doctors connected with the Industrial Hygiene Foundation for a discussion of health problems and progress in their solution.

NO. 8

In the absence of Mr. Bain, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee, the Manager reported on the inquiries and distribution of the "Primer". (copy attached)

The Manager informed the members that the Institute had been approached, by the National Science Teachers Association, relative to an initial distribution of 5,000 copies of the "Primer" to the members of their association. Such a distribution would undoubtedly involve furnishing additional copies, at a later date, for use by the students in their class work. It was pointed out that long range educational work such as this was being done through this Teacher's Association by General Electric, General Motors, Ford, Goodyear, American Tel. and Tel. and many other lesser known organizations. It was recommended that the Manager gather all available facts and probable costs on this project and turn them over to the Sales Promotion Committee for their consideration.

An industrial movie was shown during the luncheon period for purposes of indicating the possibilities of an educational picture on Asbestos Textiles. Interest in this possiblity was evidenced and the Manager was asked to present the matter to the Sales Promotion Committee for their consideration.

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NO. 9

The subject of the correspondence from the Department of Commerce, Census of Manufacturers, was discussed and it was agreed that the Manager should advise the Department of Commerce that the recommendations for product listings, as made in Mr. Bettes' letter to them (copy attached), had the approval of the Institute.

NO. 10

The Manager was directed to notify West, Flint and Company of the recently-approved basis of assessment so that the member companies can be billed for the 1947 assessment which was approved at the December 1946 meeting.

NO. 11

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 1947 at Charlotte, N. C. The Manager will notify all member companies of the time and place in due time, so that they can plan their attendance accordingly.

NO. 12

There being no further business before the members, it was moved by Mr. Teubner, seconded by Mr. Fabel and approved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned.

HARRIS D. McKINNEY
Manager

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