ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE



MINUTES of the General Meeting held Thursday, April 7, 1949 at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

IN ATTENDANCE:

ASBESTOS TEXTILE CO.

A. J. Berngen
F. T. Gatke

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

S. V. Dillon

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

A. Whitfield

PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.

A. J. Scanlan

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

M. C. Shaw

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

J. A. Bettes
G. W. Marshall
J. M. Weaver
W. A. Gilbert

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

G. S. Fabel

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

R. E. Cryor
A. R. Byrnes
A. F. Jerome

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT

M. I. Ruddock

1. The meeting was called to order by the President. The Secretary was directed to read the corrected section of the Minutes of the meeting held at New Brunswick, N. J. on Dec. 10, 1948. It was moved by Mr. Cryor, seconded by Mr. Dillon and unanimously voted that the Minutes as corrected be approved.

2. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read the Treasurer's report. (copy attached). It was moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously approved that the report as presented be accepted and entered in the Minutes of this meeting.

3. The Secretary's quarterly report was read (copy attached) and in the discussion which followed several actions were taken.

   a. With regard to the supply of Primers available to the Secretary for general distribution, the members present

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were polled to ascertain whether or not any extra copies could be obtained from the member companies. It was revealed that most of the members have depleted their stock of Primers and could not therefore furnish any additional copies. However, Mr. Scanlan, Philadelphia Asbestos Co., and Mr. Pabel, Southern Asbestos Co., did agree to supply some additional copies for the needs here established.

b. The remarks concerning the development of protective clothing for firefighting purposes that is being promoted at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Aero Medical Laboratory, prompted a considerable amount of discussion on that subject. It was pointed out that asbestos textiles are apparently being completely disregarded in this effort and preference seems to be directed to a construction composed of glass cloth, laminated with an aluminum or silver foil. It was felt that asbestos textiles should be given some consideration in these efforts and the Secretary was instructed to advise the membership regarding the proper parties responsible for this development so that a fair representation of asbestos textiles might be made.

4. The Air Hygiene Committee had no formal report to offer, however, there was a considerable amount of discussion concerning the activities of this committee. Mr. R. E. Cryor reported his observations of the dust control problem and how it is being attacked in England. It was pointed out that many English manufacturers are ahead of those in this country with regard to the

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protective measures being used and an example was cited wherein some of the machines such as spinning frames, etc., are completely enclosed and evacuated while in operation. It was felt that perhaps the most important factor accounting for this condition lies in the somewhat more strict legislative control exerted upon such operations in England. There was a general agreement that the activities of the Air Hygiene Committee are very important functions of the Institute and that the committee's contributions to the industry are of inestimable value.

The Secretary read excerpts from an article entitled "Cancer and Environment" written by Graff Conklin and published in Scientific American, Vol. 180, No. 1, Jan. 1949. It was felt that the information here offered unjustifiably incriminated asbestos as a carcinogenic material and it was felt that some clarification of the subject should be extended. Mr. Marshall suggested that the matter might best be clarified through and by Dr. A. J. Lanzo, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and Mr. Marshall was therefore directed by the President to confer with Dr. Lanzo regarding the subject.

5. The Fiber Committee report was given by Mr. Marshall who presented a general review of the Canadian fiber mines strike and stated that at this date there appears to be no basis for an early settlement of the tie-up. A general observation would seem to indicate that the fibers being received from Canada are somewhat improved in quality over those received in past years.

Mr. J. M. Weaver reported on the stockpiling activities which are being carried out under the direction of the Bureau of Federal Supply. A copy of this report is herewith attached and it is

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