

Minutes
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
Asbestos Textile Institute
June 6, 1968 - 3:00 P.M.
The Regency Hyatt House, Atlanta, Ga.

In attendance:

J.L. Rainey - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corp.
J.A. Brown,Jr. - Raybestos-Manhattan,Inc.
J.L. Mitchell - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company
L.B. Moody - H.K. Porter Company,Inc.
P.Jay Flocken, Legal Counsel - Cadwalader,Wickersham & Taft
E.J. Sunbury - Secretary,A.T.I.

Absent: R.P. Clark - Uniroyal,Inc. (Due to illness)
G.P. Wiess - Garlock Inc. (Due to company business)

Guests: Dr. L.J. Cralley - U.S. Public Health Service

Minutes

1. President Rainey called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M., and stated that R.P. Clark of Uniroyal,Inc., was unable to attend due to being in the hospital suffering from what appeared to be a sudden attack of kidney stone. Also, that Garlock Inc., did not have either Mr. G.P. Wiess or Mr. Alex Kuzmuk present as both were tied up with a company wide meeting during the current week.

2. The regular order of business was changed for the convenience of Dr. Cralley, U.S.P.H.Service, who had been specially invited to attend this meeting by President Rainey., for the purpose of reporting on the present status of the Environmental Health Study and associated matters of great importance to our industry.

Dr. Cralley exhibited a copy of a paper entitled "Characterization and Solubility of Metals Associated with Asbestos Fibers". This paper was presented May 13-18, 1968 at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference. Discussed procedures followed in obtaining data for the above paper. Found that solubility of various metals varied greatly, and oxides were not soluble in serum.

Stated that talcum powders contain "fibrous" materials and metals, and it is believed that these can cause formation of ferruginous bodies in the lungs.

Discussed tests to determine asbestos particles in air due to disintegration of brake linings (in England) and said that little evidence was found to support some statements that had been made to the effect that abraded particles from brakelinings were a considerable source of such "asbestos particles".

Said advance orders for the new publication "Industrial Hygiene Highlights" Volume I, are excellent. Five thousand copies will be printed, but only two or three thousand will be bound to begin with, balance being held unbound. Availability - late July.

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Environmental Study: Work is proceeding with the collecting of background data on individuals employed in the industry. This will be broken down into years of service, where they worked (plant area) health record, etc. They micro-film the employee records. Now working in the Beryllium industry, and will go thru the asbestos textile industry soon, then other asbestos industries. In a year he expects that they will have more to talk about from data that has been accumulated by that time. Amount of money available is somewhat uncertain at the present time. The introduction of the Federal Health & Safety Bill, H.R. 14816, should have a favorable effect, if it becomes law, on the operations of the Health, Education and Welfare Dept.

In response to a question concerning the establishment of standards, Dr. Cralley said that his group would furnish data on which safety standards would be based as set up by a special board under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1968.

Mr. Rainey asked if any conclusions as to "safe limits" of dust counts had been reached as yet. Dr. Cralley said "No", not enough data was yet available, but said they did hope that in time they would have enough. Said that if, for example, the standard was set as low as 2.5 MPPCF, a lot of "outside air" would have to be cleaned up, as frequently outside air is 3.0 MPPCF or greater in dust content. Also, he pointed out that in the area of even 5.0 MPPCF it is difficult to measure accurately and say definitely that data is correct.

Dr. Cralley said that the Bausch & Lomb Dust Counting Equipment purchased recently by the Institute for use of it's members will prove to be very valuable to our industry.

President Rainey thanked Dr. Cralley for attending this meeting, expressing appreciation on behalf of the Institute and Board.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Schuman, it was voted to omit the reading.

4. The Financial Report was presented by the Secretary. On motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moody, it was voted unanimously to accept the report, and same is made a part of these minutes.

5. President Rainey advised the Board that Mr. N.L.A. Martucci, Treasurer of A.T.I., had written the Secretary under date of May 15, 1968 requesting that his resignation be presented to the Board of Governors at this meeting, stating that his new duties with Garlock Inc. made his presence at future meetings unpredictable.

Mr. Schuman moved that the resignation be accepted with sincere regret. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and so voted. The Secretary is to advise Mr. Martucci of this action. After some discussion it was decided not to elect a new Treasurer until the annual meeting next October. Meanwhile the Vice President is authorized to sign checks, where two signatures are required, should any emergency develop.

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6. President Rainey appointed Mr. J.A. Brown,Jr.,as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present a slate of officers at the next meeting of the Board of Governors to be held October 3, 1968. The normal two-year terms for all officers expire at that time.

7. Mr. Rainey reported that the subject of imports of Japanese asbestos textiles into the U.S.A. had been discussed extensively at the Sales Committee meeting earlier that day, and any further discussion at this meeting would be omitted. (*)

8. Mr. Brown stated that Raybestos-Manhattan,Inc., would attempt to supply a speaker for our October 4th, 1968 General Meeting(on Friday morning) at Hotel Hershey, Hershey,Pa.

9. The Secretary exhibited copy of two different pamphlets sent him from the "Asbestos Information Committee", 10 Wardour St., London,England. These are entitled: "Asbestos - Safety and Control"- and the other: "Problems Arising From the Use of Asbestos". It was suggested that the Secretary start these two pamphlets on a round of Board members.

10. Suggestions were asked as to location for the A.T.I. meeting in June 1969. Mr. Schuman suggested Seaview Country Club in Absecon,N.J. Mr. Moody suggested Bretton Woods,N.H.

11. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter, dated May 28, 1968, from Mr. J.A. Bettes,Jr., a former president of the Institute, suggesting that the Institute pay honor to Miss Edith M. Cox, who retired on March 31,1968 as Editor of Asbestos Magazine, after completing more than 50 years of service in the asbestos industry. Mr. Bettes suggested that an excellent idea would be to invite Miss Cox to the A.T.I. meeting at Hotel Hershey next October, and present her with a plaque or watch, and pay her expenses. After considerable discussion Mr. Mitchell moved that Miss Cox be invited to attend the General Meeting to be held on Friday morning, October 4th, at Hotel Hershey, that we pay her expenses in connection with her attendance, and that we give her a "verbal tribute" at that time. This motion was seconded by Mr. J.A. Brown, and so voted. An invitation is to be sent Miss Cox.

12. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury

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Secretary

(*) Following the meeting Mr. Rainey instructed the Secretary to ask the Technical Committee to arrange for "Round Robin" tests on Japanese Cloth to compare its quality with that made in USA, Our Sales Promotion Committee had made the request this be done, in the hope that it could be proven that the imported cloth was of inferior quality. The Chairman of the Technical Committee has agreed to proceed with the round robin tests.

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