MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute held March 9, 1955, in Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

F. J. Wakem, President
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
A. E. Whitfield

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
G. W. Marshall, Jr.

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
W. H. Fehrs

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

M. C. Shaw, Secretary
ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wakem and recognition was extended to Mr. A. E. Whitfield, representing Keasbey & Mattison Co., in the absence of D. W. Widmayer; Mr. J. T. Griffis, representing Southern Asbestos Company in the absence of G. S. Fabel and Mr. W. H. Fehrs, representing Union Asbestos & Rubber Company in the absence of Mr. J. F. Corcoran.

2. The first order of business was the presentation of progress reports by the chairman of each of the active committees. The first report was presented by Mr. H. M. Jackson, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee, who reviewed the discussions held by this committee earlier in the day. The considerations of the committee at this meeting were directed to the attention of subjects related to 1) a proposed research program drafted by Dr. G. W. H. Schepers and titled "Experimental Investigation of the Potential Carcinogenicity of Asbestos Fibers", 2) dust control methods in the various plants, and 3) a review of the latest news and publicity items carried in the press covering the role of asbestos as a member of an ever increasing group of air contaminants which are classed as industrial health hazards. The complete report covering these discussions will be presented as a part of the minutes of the General meeting.

The second committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, covering the activities of the Technical Committee. The subjects considered at this meeting concerned 1) Revised tensile strength data for cloths included in the Standard Cloth List, 2) Report by Mr. Frederick on the progress being made in developing a standard list of asbestos tape constructions, 3) Report by Mr. Oliver on progress being made in developing a standard list of asbestos braid constructions 4) Report on tests being conducted in an effort to develop a method for determining the dust content of asbestos fibers and 5) the Fellowship Report as presented by Dr. Shaw. A complete report covering these discussions will be presented as a part of the minutes of the General meeting.

EXHIBIT

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In concluding his report, Mr. McCluer advised that in addition to the usual good attendance by the regular members, there was also in attendance Mr. T. T. Tigert, Cassiar Asbestos Corp., who engaged in those discussions relavent to his particular field of interest. In recognition to this interest evidenced by Cassiar Corp., the Board of Governors directed that the commendation of the Institute be expressed and an invitation be further extended to all associate members to participate in the activities of all of the committees.

The third committee report was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield, covering the activities of the Sales Promotion Committee. The discussions pursued during the course of the meeting of this committee included: 1) the advisability of promoting work in the proscenium curtain field, 2) the proposed Department of Commerce exhibit, 3) submitting asbestos textiles for Atomic Energy Commission tests. The complete report covering the activities of this committee are to be included as a part of the minutes of the General meeting.

3. Following the committee reports the business meeting of the Board of Governors was convened and as the first order of business the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were presented for reading. However, since all members had received copies of these transactions and were familiar with their contents, it was moved by A. J. Scanlan, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the reading be dispensed with at this time.

4. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Assistant Treasurer in the absence of Mr. Scheopf, Treasurer. Following a study of this report it was moved by G. W. Marshall, seconded by W. H. Fehrs and unanimously agreed that the report be approved and presented at the General meeting for acceptance.

5. The next subject presented for consideration concerned the exhibit of asbestos materials to be held in the Department of Commerce Building, Washington, D. C., from May 1 to May 19. The discussion was opened by President F. J. Wakem who read a letter received from Mr. C. C. Kelsey regarding this subject. (Letter attached). In view of the development set forth in that communication, it was apparent that the exhibit had been reduced from an industry-wide participation function to one for the Asbestos Textile Institute. There was an extended discussion covering all aspects of the situation as it now stands and, in an effort to resolve the question, it was moved by Mr. Fehrs, seconded by Mr. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that "1) a committee composed of Mr. Wakem, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Shaw direct attention to this problem and confer with Mr. Harry Sharpe regarding the possible steps which might be taken in an effort to carry out the exhibit in a manner commensurate with the exhibitors interested in the project and 2) that $2,500.00 be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the plans which may finally be agreed upon". It was further agreed that Mr. Wakem and Mr. Marshall would fly to Washington on the afternoon of March 10 to confer with Mr. Sharpe regarding the subject here under consideration.

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7. During the course of the last meeting of this Board, there was discussion related to the advisability of permitting the Fellow to conduct certain tests in the Institute Laboratory for member companies of the Institute on a private or confidential basis, for a set fee. The test of concern at this time was the Abradoflex test. It was agreed that the Fellow should determine the charges which should be made for such test work and should submit them to this Board for consideration. In a furtherance of this subject, some members were desirous of having additional tests, other than the Abradoflex, included as test work which might be carried out at a fee on a private or confidential basis for the members. In pursuance of this assignment the Fellow determined a rate schedule for those tests which could be performed in our laboratory and submitted that schedule to the members of the Board of Governors during the past quarter.

In consideration of this matter, this Board agreed that the rate schedule presented was fair and reasonable and that such a service under the conditions noted should be included as a service and function of the Fellowship laboratory. The rate schedule approved is attached as a part of the minutes of the General meeting.

8. Under new business the following subjects were considered.

a) An application for Associate membership in the Institute was received from Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd., during the quarter just passed and attention was directed to this application. Following a discussion related to the qualifications of the applicant for such membership, it was moved by G. W. Marshall, seconded by W. H. Fehrs and unanimously agreed that this application be accepted and that an invitation be extended to representatives of that company to participate in the activities of the Institute. The membership of Bell Asbestos Mines is dated as of March 10, 1955 and they will therefore be assessed on the basis of three quarters of a year participation for 1955.

b) At the last meeting of this Board of Governors an application for associate membership was received and considered from

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In view of the lack of sufficient information regarding the qulaifications of this applicant, it was agreed that additional relavent information should be obtained for presentation at this meeting. During the interim, Mr. Whitfield, through the office of Turner Brothers Asbestos Company, his associates located in England, obtained further information to the effect that the applicant was a reputable textile manufacturer in Spain. However, it was felt by the members of the Board that there was still not sufficient information upon which to base a decision in this regard and further steps are to be taken to obtain the qualifications of this applicant, and the subject will again be considered at the next meeting of this group.

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c) The Secretary advised this meeting that at the time the Handbook was issued, each Associate member received 100 copies, without charge. Since that time, three new Associate members have been admitted to membership, including Cape Asbestos Co., Cassiar Asbestos Corp. and Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd., none of which have received a supply of the Handbooks. The Secretary sought an expression of the desires and policy of the Institute regarding the distribution of Handbooks to the above mentioned new members. Following a discussion of this subject, it was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that each of the new associate members should be furnished 100 copies of the Handbook, without charge.

d) There is being furnished all members of the Institute in attendance at this meeting, a Directory of the Asbestos Textile Institute. The Secretary pointed out that the purposes of the issue was to provide all members with information regarding their fellow members and to permit the Secretary to maintain complete and accurate records covering the membership. The Secretary asked that any corrections or omissions be directed to his attention in order that the next issue may be made accurate.

9, There being no further business for consideration at this time, it was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Fehrs and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Status of Proposed Asbestos Exhibit in Lobby of the Department of Commerce, May 1 to 13, 1955

We have just received estimates for the costs of designing and erecting exhibit space for the proposed asbestos display in the lobby of the Department of Commerce Building in Washington.

The costs of exhibits of this type always come as a surprise, and it appears that it would cost the participating groups a total of at least $10,000 to set up booths for a proper background, and to arrange for an adequate display of asbestos products. Electrical connections, transportation, design and building of sets - all add up to a high total cost.

At the meeting of the Asbestos-Cement Products Association last week, it was decided that we would not participate in the exhibit. The expenses seem to be out of proportion to the benefits to be gained.

We have today advised Mr. Sharpe of the Department of Commerce that we will not be among the participants and that we are advising the other groups of our action, so that they may make their own decisions as to participation in this exhibit.

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