

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute held October 9, 1952 at Hotel Governor Clinton, New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. E. Cryor, President
UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

ASTEN-HILL MFG. CO.
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
F. J. Waken
S. V. Dillon

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
D. W. Widmayer

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
M. C. Shaw

1. The first subject presented for discussion concerned a letter received from Haskins & Sells, Inc., successors to McLaren, Goode, West & Co., auditors for the Institute during past years, wherein notice was given that it would no longer be possible for the new organization to take care of the Institute work. In view of this notification, action was initiated by the Board of Governors to obtain a new accountant for this work. Upon a suggestion by Mr. Ruddock it was recommended that the services of Mr. David Caruso, an independent C.P.A., 62 William St., New York, N. Y., be sought to carry on this work for the Institute. Preliminary inquiry indicated that Mr. Caruso would accept the charge and it was agreed that he should be engaged at approximately the same fee ($200-$300 per year) as has been previously allotted for such services. Mr. Ruddock and the Secretary were instructed to confer, at an early date, with Mr. Caruso to assist in transferring this work from Haskins &

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Sells, Inc. to the office of Mr. Caruso.

The next subject for consideration by the Board concerned the steps to be taken in promoting the manufacture of the Abradoflex. Mr. J. L. Tucker, Chairman of the Technical Committee and the Secretary, during recent months, furnished the President with information relative to the cost of manufacturing and the advisability of obtaining a patent on this machine. Following a discussion relative to the available information it was unanimously agreed that an effort should be made to obtain a patent on the machine before any steps are taken in its manufacture and sale. It was further unanimously agreed that the firm of Ward, Crosby & Neal, patent attorneys, should be engaged to carry out the preliminary work necessary to establish the patentability of the machine and an expenditure of $200 for this survey was authorized. Following a consideration of the report of these preliminary findings the Board will take action toward obtaining a patent, if such is possible, and will then establish a policy relative to the manufacture and sale of such a machine.

5. The Sales Promotion Committee during the course of a meeting held earlier in the day initiated plans for the publication of a handbook on asbestos textiles. Plans tentatively call for the engagement of Mr. Howard Bain to serve as editor in chief, who will use much of the technical data and information that has been supplied by Mr. J. L. Tucker and Mr. W. C. Dodge and is presently in the hands of Mr. G. J. Harris, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee. Following a thorough discussion of the

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subject it was moved by G. C. Fabel, seconded by J. A. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the Sales Promotion Committee should proceed with this work and that an expenditure of $2500 be authorized to carry on the work.

4. The final subject considered at this meeting concerned the agenda for the two sessions of the General meeting to be held during the evening of October 9 and on October 10. It was unanimously agreed that the first session should be devoted to (1) the consideration of detailed committee activity reports and (2) the election of the Board of Governors to serve during 1953. The second session to be held on October 10th will follow the agenda customarily used with provisions for time to be given to the guest speaker, Mr. A. L. Penhale and other guests who will speak briefly.

5. There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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