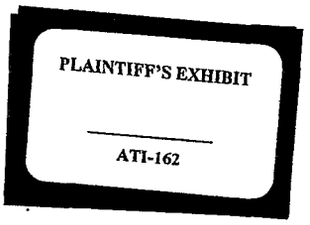
MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held June 11, 1953 at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.



IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
S. V. Dillon
E. A. Schuman
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Wakem
H. L. Jackson
R. Jackson
K. Q. Beyard

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown
R. Smith
M. W. Oliver
G. W. Marshall

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
G. S. Fabel
O. C. Ferens

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
R. E. Cryor
A. R. Byrnes
S. Gass

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
E. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
E. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and a message of welcome extended to all members present.

2. Upon a call for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by R. E. Cryor and unanimously agreed that, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were therefore familiar with the actions therein set forth, the reading at this time should be omitted.

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3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, A. J. Scanlan, and copies of this report are herewith attached. Following consideration of this report, it was moved by R. E. Cryor, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be approved.

4. The Secretary's report was next presented and a copy of this report is herewith attached.

5. The Legal Counsel addressed the meeting regarding various legal aspects of trade association work.

6. The first committee report was submitted by Mr. H. M. Jackson, Chairman, Air Hygiene Committee. On June 10th, this committee held meetings with the medical representatives of most of the member companies and in this endeavor initiated an effort to clarify medical understandings related to asbestosis and other air hygiene problems which confront our industry. A full report covering the work of this committee, submitted by Chairman Jackson is herewith attached.

Following the reading of this report there was a full discussion of the work of this committee and commendations were extended for the activities now under engagement. It was further agreed that the medical representatives should again be extended an invitation to attend the next meeting of this committee scheduled for New York City on Wednesday, September 9, 1953, so that the important work here initiated might be continued.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by Chairman G. J. Harris. During the past quarter the handbook material

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has received further consideration and editing and the second writing was presented at this meeting for further review. Also, it was reported that three Visual Aid Displays have been returned to Gardner Displays, Inc. for refurbishment and that an expenditure of $525 will be necessary to renew the exhibits and that new samples will be required for the three displays, such samples to be furnished by the member companies. The full report, presented by Chairman Harris, covering the activities of this committee is herewith attached.

Following the presentation of this report several actions related to these activities were taken:

1) Regarding the repairs to the Visual Aid Displays, it was moved by A. J. Scanlan, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the sum of $525 be authorized to meet the expenses involved in refurbishing the Visual Aid Displays now at Gardner Displays, Inc., and that the necessary replacement samples for the exhibits be provided by the member companies in accordance with the arrangements made within the Sales Promotion Committee.

2) During the course of the discussion relative to the Handbook it was unanimously agreed that every effort should be made to issue a publication of the highest quality with regard to construction as well as composition. It was further agreed that the text in its present form is excellent and that the physical construction of the booklet should be carried out with the same degree of excellence. The work of Mr. Howard Bain, as editor-in-chief, was given special commendation and upon recommendation by the Sales Promotion Committee, it was moved by

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F. J. Wakem, seconded by R. E. Cryor and unanimously agreed that the compensation to be paid Mr. Bain for his services should be increased from the original $500 to $1000.

In addition, in keeping with the desire to issue the most attractive and useful handbook, it was further agreed that an additional $1000 should be added to the Publicity Fund Account to meet the necessary printing expenses. Such action was moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by R. E. Cryor and unanimously agreed upon.

The work of the Sales Promotion Committee, George J. Harris, Chairman, and Howard T. Bain, editor, in connection with the publication of this Handbook was highly commended by several of the members in attendance and the opinion expressed that this work will provide the Institute with one of its most worthwhile contributions to the industry.

8. The report of the Technical Committee was submitted by J. L. Tucker, Chairman and a copy of this report is herewith attached. Following a discussion of the several subjects covered in this report, it was unanimously agreed that the actions and recommendations therein set forth be approved.

9. The Fellowship Report was presented by Dr. M. C. Shaw and included as a part of this report was an index of all Fellowship reports to date. Copies of these two items are included as a part of these Minutes.

10. In closing the meeting President Widmayer announced that the next General meeting will be held at the Essex House in New York

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Secretary's Report

During the quarter just passed, your Secretary has engaged in the following activities in pursuance of the duties of the office.

(1) Work with the Sales Promotion Committee in connection with the preparation of the handbook has required that two meetings be held for consideration of the manufscript. On May 5th the entire committee met in New York with Mr. Bain for the purpose of reviewing criticisms of the first writing by the membership. On June 4th, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Harris, again met with Mr. Bain and the Secretary for the purpose of preparing the copy of the second writing of the handbook for presentation at this meeting. A full report of this subject will be presented by Mr. Harris.

(2) During this quarter three Visual Aid Displays have been sent to Gardner Displays for refurbishing. Reports from the Gardner Display representative state that all of these cabinets are in need of extensive repairs and that new specimens throughout will be required. The specimen requirements have been submitted to the Sales Promotion Committee and appropriate action has been taken.

(3) On June 2nd we were visited by two representatives of the Public Service Electric and Gas Co., of Newark, N. J., for the purpose of discussing proposed revisions in their specifications on tape and braided sleeving. The details of the discussions have been presented to the Technical Committee and action regarding these matters initiated.

(4) On May 20 assessment payment for three quarters of 1953 was received from Societe Anonyme Francaise Du Feroda, Paris, France. Our membership now is made up of seven regular members in the United States, two associate members in Canada, three associate members in England and one associate member in France.

(5) The next General Meeting of the Institute is scheduled to be held on September 10, 1953 at the Essex House in New York City. This will be the occasion of the annual meeting and any plans of special interest for that meeting should be formulated at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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