MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held December 10, 1953 at Hotel Warwick, Philadelphia, Pa.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

ATI-167

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
E. C. Cutler
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
J. A. Marcotte

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

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

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LIMITED
A. W. G. Gibbs

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

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Brown
R. B. Smith
M. W. Oliver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
J. F. Corcoran
A. W. Summers
G. A. Novak

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
M. C. Shaw

GUEST: Maurice Sallee
Societe Francaise de l'Amiante

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to all members and guests in attendance.

2. The Minutes of the last General meeting were presented for reading, however, since all members had received copies of these transactions and were familiar with the proceedings therein set forth, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the reading of the Minutes be omitted and the Minutes approved as distributed.

3. The Treasurer's report was presented by A. J. Scanlan, Treasurer. Following a full discussion of this report, it was moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

4. The Budget committee report was presented by A. J. Scanlan. This committee, whose membership consisted of A. J. Scanlan,

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G. S. Fabel and J. G. Schoepf met with E. C. Shaw on December 1, 1953 in the offices of J. G. Schoepf and drafted a budget to cover the activities of the Institute for 1954. These proposals were presented to the Board of Governors and, following due consideration, were approved with recommendations that they be presented at the General meeting for acceptance. The recommended budget is as follows:

General Fund

Secretary Salary	$ 3,045.00
Secretary Travel	300.00
Office Expense	800.00
Legal Expense	2,000.00
Legal Travel	100.00
Auditing Expense	250.00
Meeting Expense	1,500.00
Visual Aid Expense	300.00
Incidental Expense	100.00
	$ 8,395.00
Fellowship Fund	$ 12,000.00

The total budget amounts to $20,395.00 with $8,395.00 for the General Fund and $12,000 for the Fellowship Fund. The General Fund Budget was reduced $130.00 from that of 1953 and the Fellowship Fund was increased $25.00 over the 1953 figure. The Fellowship budget is here established on a tentative basis and may be subject to revision pending final recommendations relative to the Fellowship renewal which is to be studied by a committee commissioned to make a survey of the subject. The members appointed to serve on this committee are G. S. Fabel, Chairman, J. G. Schoepf, J. A. Bettes and P. D. Cannon. The Secretary was instructed to provide each member of this latter committee with copies of the Fellowship review report presented by G. J. Harris and J. L. Tucker at the General meeting held March 12, 1953 in New York, this report to serve as an informative basis for the considerations to be undertaken.

5. M. I. Huddock, legal counsel, addressed the meeting regarding a recent meeting which a group of attorneys practising anti-trust law, including himself, had attended with Edward Howrey, the new chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, and Earl Kintner the General Counsel of the Commission. The attitudes of the commission and the course it intended to follow was described in some detail.

6. The Air Hygiene Committee report was presented by D. R. Holmes in the absence of H. M. Jackson, Chairman of the committee. Mr. Holmes presided at the meeting of this committee held on Dec. 9, and the report presented covered the discussions held during that meeting. A copy of this report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

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It was reported that one subject which received the attention of this committee during the preliminary discussions was related to the subject of wet and dry weaving as it is practiced throughout the industry. It was felt by the committee and so recommended that the Technical and Sales Promotion Committees should investigate this matter and consider the advisability of recommending wet weaving as a means of reducing the dust problem. The recommendations in this regard received the approval of the membership, however, doubts were expressed as to the results which may be achieved. Pertinent information in this regard will be collected by the suggested committees and passed on to the Air Hygiene Committee for consideration.

Following the discussion of the report of the Air Hygiene Committee, President Widmayer complimented the committee for the excellence of its activities and accomplishments, accepting the report for inclusion as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by G. J. Harris, Chairman. A copy of this report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting and includes discussions relating to 1) the Handbook of Asbestos Textiles, 2) Visual Aid Displays and 3) an article on asbestos to be published in the magazine "Materials & Methods". Following a discussion of this presentation, the report was unanimously approved and the committee was complimented for the manner in which the Handbook work was carried out and for its continuing efforts in advancing the other promotional projects of interest to the Institute.

8. The report of the Technical Committee was presented by J. L. Tucker, Chairman. The Technical Committee met on December 9th and 10th at which time the several projects under consideration by this group were discussed. The full report on these proceedings is included in the Minutes of the meetings and the Chairman's report to the General meeting, both of which are attached to the Minutes of this General meeting. Following a full discussion of this report, it was unanimously accepted and the committee was commended for its diligence in pursuing the many problems presently under consideration.

9. The Fellowship Report was presented by M. C. Shaw. Following a discussion of the subjects presented in this report it was accepted for inclusion as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

In further consideration of the work of the Fellowship, it was suggested that the program of work to be undertaken by the Fellow should be developed as a combined effort of the Air Hygiene Committee, Sales Promotion Committee and the Technical Committee. Supporting this view, it was moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the three committees should confer prior to the next General meeting and prepare a project list for the Fellowship work.

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The status of the abradoflex patent application was reviewed in the Fellowship report and the discussion which followed served to resolve the question regarding the next steps to be taken in this endeavor. The patent attorney proposed two possible courses of action which might be pursued at this point. One, wherein a minimum coverage might be obtained under the present application even though several claims have been disallowed; the cost of such action would be approximately $180.00. The second course would require further attentions by the patent attorney in rephrasing those claims which have been disallowed and attempting to induce the Patent Office to allow them. The expenses involved in the latter procedure were estimated to be an additional $200--$250. The discussion revealed that minimum coverage would serve to satisfactorily establish the origin of the machine with the Asbestos Textile Institute and that an expansion of the application would not materially strengthen this position. It was therefore moved by D. R. Holmes, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the patent attorney should be instructed to proceed in accordance with the first noted course of action, embodying minimum coverage, and conclude this endeavor at an approximate cost of $180.00.

The Fellowship report also set forth recent correspondence from J. R. Clancy, Inc., relative to the possibility of more actively promoting asbestos textiles for theatre curtains. The discussion covering this subject did not indicate any great interest as to the possibilities of such an endeavor, however, it was agreed that the Sales Promotion Committee and the Technical Committee should give this matter further consideration in an effort to establish the worthiness of further pursuing the subject. In connection with this discussion, Mr. Maurice Sallee discussed the widespread usage of asbestos theatre curtains in France.

10. The Fiber Procurement Committee report consisted of remarks by three members of the Committee. Mr. Fabel, Chairman, Mr. Marcotte and Mr. Gibbs spoke briefly on the subject of fiber availability and presented an encouraging picture in this regard. Facilities at the mines are continuing to be expanded and improved and through these efforts an increasing supply of textile grade fibers will be made available in the very near future. Mr. Marcotte indicated that it is quite possible that, in the not too distant future, the fiber supply might well surpass the demand unless an emergency situation arises or new or expanding markets are found for textile goods.

11. During the course of the last General meeting of the Institute it was announced that Mr. J. M. Weaver, formerly employed by Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., had retired and would no longer be an active member of the Institute. In view of the great interest and energy exerted by Mr. Weaver over a period of many years in behalf of the interests of the asbestos textile industry, it was felt that an illuminating scroll should be prepared and presented to Mr. Weaver at this meeting. In the

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execution of this task, Mr. L. I. Ruddock was asked to prepare the text for the scroll and Hibbert Printing Company was commissioned to do the printing. The finished scroll was exhibited at this meeting and the signatures of those members of the Board of Governors in attendance were obtained.

12. The next subject on the agenda for this meeting concerned the appointment of the chairman and members selected to serve on the standing committees of the Institute. The following appointments were made:

Technical Committee

J. D. McCluer ----- Southern Asbestos Co., Chairman
J. L. Tucker ------ Johns-Manville Corp.
C. R. Frederick --- Keasbey & Mattison Co.
A. W. Summers ----- Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.
E. C. Cutler ------ American Asbestos Textile Corp.
D. V. Asten ------- Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
M. W. Oliver ------ Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
L. S. Maier ------- Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

Air Hygiene Committee

H. M. Jackson ----- Johns-Manville Corp., Chairman
D. L. Holmes ------ Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
J. W. Weber ------- American Asbestos Textile Corp.
T. G. Schmidt ----- Keasbey & Mattison Co.
R. Smith ---------- Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
B. W. Luttenberger- Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J. D. Beatty ------ Southern Asbestos Co.
G. A. Novak ------- Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

Sales Promotion Committee

A. E. Whitfield --- Keasbey & Mattison Co., Chairman
G. J. Harris ------ Southern Asbestos Co.
S. V. Dillon ------ Johns-Manville Corp.
J. A. Bettes ------ Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
A. J. Scanlan ----- American Asbestos Textile Corp.
J. G. Schoepf ----- Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
A. R. Byrnes ------ Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

Fiber Procurement Committee

G. S. Fabel ------- Southern Asbestos Co., Chairman
A. J. Scanlan ----- American Asbestos Textile Corp.
J. G. Schoepf ----- Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
G. W. Marshall ---- Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J. F. Corcoran ---- Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.
J. A. Marcotte ---- Asbestos Corporation, Limited
A. W. G. Gibbs ---- Johnson's Company

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13. The final item of business to come before this meeting was the announcement by the Secretary of the meeting schedule for 1954, as follows:

March 11, 1954 ------ New York
June 10, 1954 ------- Philadelphia
September 9, 1954 --- New York
*December 9, 1954 ---- Philadelphia

*The December meeting is tentatively scheduled but may be changed in order that there will be no conflict with the Automotive Industries meeting which usually meets at this time.

14. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary
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