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MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute held March 10, 1954 at New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
KENDALL & NATTESON CO.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. F. Holmes

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
F. J. Wahem

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

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by the President. Recognition was extended to Mr. D. F. Holmes, representing Mr. J. G. Schoepf, Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Governors were presented for reading, however, since all members had previously received copies of these transactions, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted.

3. The first subject presented for consideration concerned the promotion of asbestos textile sales. Mr. J. A. Bettes, who during recent months had conducted a considerable amount of research on this problem, was asked to present his findings at this meeting and to offer recommendations for a proposed program to be pursued by the Institute.

Mr. Bettes reported that the use of asbestos textiles by the several Federal agencies is dropping off at an increasing and alarming rate. The most recent specifications for navy cable insulations, for example, do not give any consideration to asbestos as a possible material for this service. Other normal applications wherein asbestos textiles would and should be used are likewise ignoring the possible usage of asbestos textiles.

It was further pointed out by Mr. Bettes that the Navy, the largest consumer of asbestos textiles in the past, will not, in the future, offer such a large market. The fact that appropriations for both the Army and Navy Departments has been markedly reduced during recent years and further reductions are anticipated, serves as the basis for this observation. The Air Force budget, on the other hand, is being continually increased and the developments in jet engines and jet propelled missles are on an ever-expanding program. The usefulness of asbestos textiles, an elevated temperature serviceable material, should find many applications in these developments.

However, one of the reasons, and perhaps the most important one, for

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the decrease in the amount of asbestos textiles finding application by the armed services, rests in the fact that asbestos fibers (chrysotile, crocidolite and amosite) are presently classified by Defense Mobilizer, Arthur S. Flemming, as critical materials and Mr. Flemming has ordered the General Services administration to complete the stockpile goals at the earliest possible date. This situation exists as the direct result of the position in which the asbestos textile industry found itself during world wars I, II and during the Korean war, at which time the supply of asbestos fibers was critically short and some difficulties were encountered in meeting all of the requirements for all of the services during that period. It was, however, pointed out that there were no known instances when urgent and authentic demands for asbestos materials needed for the Korean war were not met and supplied.

The availability of chrysotile asbestos fiber has markedly improved since 1946 through the improvement of mining methods and the expansion of the mining operations and facilities. Further improvements are anticipated as a result of additional expansion programs now under way in the Canadian mining fields.

In view of the declining market for asbestos materials due to curtailment in the ship building program and other applications where asbestos textiles have, in the past, found extensive usage and, since the fiber supply is becoming increasingly more plentiful, it is essential that corrective steps be taken in the interest of the asbestos textile industry. It is suggested that: 1) the armed forces agencies and procurement authorities be advised regarding the availability of asbestos and the products made therefrom, such production data to be procurred from the miners and judiciously disseminated among the proper authorities of the armed services as proof of the present and future availabilities; 2) investigate asbestos textile applications related to air force and jet component usage to replace the shrinking consumption by the other branches of the service.

Following the presentation of these pertinent remarks by Mr. Bettes, a full discussion regarding the subject was held and it was agreed that the following steps should be taken:

1) Collect information and production data covering present and anticipated future availabilities of asbestos fiber; such information to be supplied by the miners, probably through Quebec Asbestos Miners Association.

2) The Fiber Procurement Committee, G. S. Fabel, Chairman, should assume the responsibility of disseminating the information among the proper authorities and give it the proper publicity for general consumption in such publications as the Wall Street Journal and like periodicals.

It was unanimously agreed that this problem was of utmost and immediate importance to this industry and every effort should be directed, at this time, in the promotion of the recommendations here set forth.

4. The next subject presented for discussion concerned the activities of the Fellowship Project Committee of which Mr. J. A. Bettes was chairman. The committee met on February 26, for the purpose of drafting a project list for submission at this General meeting and the committee again met on March 10th in a joint meeting with the Air Hygiene Committee, Sales Promotion Committee and the Technical Committee to review the recommendations drafted at the first meeting. The program, as accepted at this latter meeting, was here

reviewed and accepted for presentation and recommended acceptance at the General meeting.

5. The Treasurer's Report, covering the past quarter, was reviewed by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan. It was noted that the deficit carried on the preceeding quarterly statement, resulting from Handbook assessments, has been cleared and that, through the sale of Handbooks, $76.00 has been realized. In accordance with instructions received at the last meeting of the Institute, the funds in the Publicity account were transferred to the General Fund, resulting in the Publicity Fund now showing no balance. It was moved by G. [illegible] Marshall, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report as presented be accepted. The full and detailed Treasurer's Report will be presented at the General Meeting.

6. The next subject for discussion concerned the activities of the Fellowship General Committee and Mr. G. S. Fabel, Chairman of that committee was asked to report for the committee. The committee, consisting of G. S. Fabel, J. G. Schoepf, P. D. Cannon and J. A. Bettes, met with Mr. B. W. Hayward, Philadelphia Textile Institute, for the purpose of determining the possibility and advisability of moving the Fellowship from Rutgers to the Philadelphia Textile Institute.

As a result of this sub-committee meeting it was the opinion of that group that the change of location would be advisable, the decision being based upon: 1) lower cost of maintance and 2) several advantages to be gained through the Institute's association with a textile institution. On this basis, it was recommended that such a change of location be proposed for acceptance at the General Meeting. This proposal received the affirmative vote of every member of the Board of Governors and Mr. Fabel was further authorized to proceed to negotiate with the Philadelphia Textile Institute in an effort to obtain an option for a three year agreement on the basis of the terms set forth for the first year of operation.

It was further agreed that the legal counsel should draft a resolution covering moving expenses and new equipment expenditures in an amount not to exceed $2500, to be presented at the General Meeting.

7. The Secretary reported upon several activities of the office: 1) A review of the Handbook distributions during the past quarter was given and a report covering this activity, as presented to the Sales Promotion Committee was circulated. In this connection, a letter was read from Mr. T. L. Gatke who had previously ordered and received fifty copies of the Handbook and who wished to address remarks to his friends in the Institute, 2) recent Visual Aid placements were recounted and it was noted that one display is now in England for exhibition in that country, while another display is being exhibited in Canada, through the efforts of A.M.G. Gibb, Johnson's Company, and an effort is here being made to have it exhibited at an industrial fair in Toronto sometime this spring, 3) the illuminating scroll was sent to Mr. J. H. Weaver during the past quarter and, in this connection, the President read a letter received from Mr. Weaver who expressed his appreciation for this action by the Institute.

8. The final subject for discussion at this meeting was presented by Mr. F. J. Wakem in the form of the following motion--"Be it resolved that, at all future meetings of the Board of Governors, the chairmen of the active committees of the Institute, namely, Technical, Air Hygiene, Sales Promotion

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and Fiber Procurement, be in attendance for the purpose of reporting on the activities of the several committees and to review the report covering these activities which is to be delivered at the General Meeting". This action was unanimously approved and an announcement of this action will be made at the General Meeting.

9. There being no further business to come before this 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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