

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute held in Philadelphia, Pa., June 9, 1954

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ASTEN-HILL MFG CO.
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
F. J. Wakem

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
G. W. Marshall, Jr.

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
J. F. Corcoran
Fehrs

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was opened by President Widmayer and reports from the Chairmen of the three committees of the Institute were presented as the first subjects for consideration.

Air Hygiene Committee. Mr. H. H. Jackson presented a resume of the activities and proposed future activities of this committee. In accordance with a directive issued at the last General meeting of the Institute, the committee in session at this meeting drafted the form for a report which might be issued relating to the known facts pertaining to the dust hazards of the asbestos industry, the steps being taken by the industry in reducing and eliminating these hazards and disclosing the evidence presently at hand which would indicate the significant differences to be found in the asbestos industry as compared to the more serious conditions prevalent in those industries where silicosis is encountered. It was agreed that this report should be developed and presented to the Board of Governors at the next meeting, for consideration.

Technical Committee. Mr. J. D. McCluer reviewed the work of the Technical Committee and related the progress which has been made regarding 1) Cloth Standardization, 2) Tape Standardization, 3) Braid Standardization, 4) Wet & Dry Weaving, and 5) the study directed to improved methods of determining fiber length and the distribution or range of lengths present in spinning grades of chrysotile asbestos.

In furtherance of this discussion it was pointed out that the value of the work of the Technical Committee and the Fellowship must be directly associated with the Sales Promotion Committee and cooperative efforts on the part of both of these committees is essential if the greatest values are to be obtained.

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Sales Promotion Committee. Mr. A. E. Whitfield presented a resume of the activities of this committee. It was pointed out that the Handbook distributions are continuing and that circulation has now been made to practically every nation of the free world.

2. Following these reports the committee chairmen were excused and the formal meeting of the Board of Governors was opened. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Governors were presented, however, since each member had received copies of these minutes, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Walkem and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted.

3. The next matter presented concerned a communication from the Johns-Manville Quarter Century Club wherein it was reported that Mr. L. R. Hoff was presently undergoing surgery in a New York hospital. It was unanimously agreed that expression of best wishes for an early recovery be drafted by Mr. Ruddock and the Secretary and be forwarded to Mr. Hoff at this time.

4. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Secretary, in the absence of Treasurer, A. J. Scanlan. Following a discussion of this report it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and presented at the General meeting.

5. The next subject presented for consideration concerned the transfer of the Fellowship work from Rutgers University to Philadelphia Textile Institute.

Mr. Fabel reported regarding the formal understanding between the Philadelphia Textile Institute and the Asbestos Textile Institute relative to the establishment of the A.T.I. headquarters at P.T.I. Copies of this agreement are included as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

It was further reported that through the activities of the Fellowship Committee, composed of Messrs. Fabel, Schoepf, Cannon and Bettes, the wall board for the laboratory construction has been donated by Keasbey & Mattison Company and the Terraflex floor tile has been donated by Johns-Manville Corporation.

In recognition of the meritorious service to the Asbestos Textile Institute given by the members of the Fellowship Committee in this endeavor, it was unanimously agreed that commendation by the Institute be extended at this time and recorded as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

The final consideration relative to the transfer of the Fellowship concerned the agreement between the Asbestos Textile Institute and the Fellow, M. C. Shaw. Following a discussion of the matter it was moved by J. G. Schoepf, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that "M. C. Shaw should be engaged as Research Director of the Asbestos Textile Institute for the period from October 1, 1954 to October 1, 1955 with compensation at the rate of $9,000 per annum for services to be rendered in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of this position".

6. The next report presented for consideration was that of the Fiber Procurement Committee with particular reference to the accumulation and dissemination of information relative to asbestos fiber availability. A letter received from Quebec Asbestos Miners Association was presented and is

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attached as a part of these minutes, wherein significant production figures are set forth. It was unanimously agreed that this information should be given widespread circulation in various economic and trade publications and should be addressed to the attention of the proper authorities in the government concerned with asbestos textile products procurement. The Sales Promotion Committee has been instructed to promote the proper publicity in this regard based upon the information here provided.

It was further unanimously agreed that the Institute should extend appreciation to Q.A.M.A. for providing the desired information in this regard.

7. During the past quarter there has been interest evidenced by two fiber producers in the possibility of becoming associate members of the Institute. The two interested companies are 1) Cassiar Asbestos Corp., Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada and 2) Cape Asbestos Company through its representative in this country, North American Asbestos Corp. It was unanimously agreed that President Widmayer should extend the opportunity for associate membership to these two companies and invite representative attendance at the next General meeting of the Institute.

8. The final subject for consideration at this meeting concerned the renewal of liability insurance upon the seven visual aid displays presently on exhibit throughout this country, Canada and England. The policy to be placed in force through this renewal will cover all cabinets in every country throughout the world with the exception of Russia. Upon presentation of the invoice in the amount of $231.04 for this renewal, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Walkem and unanimously agreed that payment be made.

9. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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