MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held in Philadelphia, Pa., June 10, 1954.



IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ASTEN-HILL Mfg. Co.
D. V. Asten
D. R. Holmes
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. G. Hoffer
J. C. Keleher
E. A. Schuman
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Wakem
H. H. Jackson

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

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
J. A. Marcotte

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
G. W. Marshall, Jr.
H. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith

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

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
A. R. Byrnes
J. F. Corcoran
Fehrs
A. W. Summers

JOHNSON'S COMPANY, LTD.
Carl Bindman

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw, Secretary

1. The meeting was opened with an address of welcome by President Widmayer. Following these remarks each member arose in his place and identified himself and his company affiliation.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading, however, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted at this time.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Scanlan. (copies attached) It was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by J. G. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's Report was presented by H. C. Shaw and a copy of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. In the discussion pertaining to the subjects covered in this report, two specific actions were taken.

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a) Abradoflex. It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary should confer with several machine manufacturers and thereupon determine the cost to manufacture the Abradoflex for public sale and establish the name of a suitable manufacturer by whom they might be manufactured.

b) September General Meeting. Since the headquarters of the Institute will be established at the Philadelphia Textile Institute on September 1st, it was suggested that the September meeting, normally scheduled for New York City, be transferred to Philadelphia and on that occasion recognition be given to the new laboratory with perhaps a part of the meeting being held at the new location. In view of this, it was unanimously agreed that the September General meeting be held in Philadelphia on September 16, 1954 and the Secretary was instructed to develop a program suitable for the occasion.

5. The next report was presented by Mr. H. I. Ruddock, legal counsel. Mr. Ruddock's remarks were addressed to considerations of the economic and legal aspects of business as it exists today. He reported on several recent Federal Trade Commission cases and on the statements made by the Federal Trade Commission members at the recent meeting in Washington D. C. of the Anti-Trust Section of the American Bar Association.

6. The first committee report was presented in behalf of the Air Hygiene Committee by H. H. Jackson, Chairman of that committee. A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes as a part thereof.

In the discussion of the report it was agreed that the doctor representatives of the member and associate member companies should be invited to attend the next meeting of this committee to participate in discussions related to the most recently accumulated pertinent data of particular interest to that group.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by A. E. Whitfield, Chairman of that committee and a copy of this report is attached to these Minutes as a part thereof.

In the discussion covering the several points covered in this report the following actions were taken.

a) In the distribution of the Handbooks many requests for copies of this publication have been and are being received from practically every country in the world. It was here unanimously agreed that such circulation was desireable and deliveries should be continued to all who make requests from any country in the free world.

b) The magazine "Textile World" periodically publishes a detailed fiber chart wherein is set forth many of the unique properties and characteristics of most of the organic fibers and glass, however, asbestos fiber is not here included. It was agreed that the Sales Promotion Committee should take steps which might lead to the inclusion of asbestos in this chart.

c) As a part of this committee's report, Mr. J. A. Bettes reviewed the plans which are presently being formulated regarding the procurement policies and procedures to be followed by the federal agencies in case of war or other critical situations. It was indicated that this planning has now been reasonably well completed and the schedules which have been

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established calling for asbestos textiles will require the cooperation and efficient operation of the entire industry if the schedules are to be met.

In order that there may be a better understanding between our industry and the federal procurement agencies it was suggested that representatives of the government be invited to attend the September meeting and at that time hold discussions covering the demands which will be directed to the industry and to advise the representatives regarding the potentialities of the industry. Among those to be invited are Mr. Van Lear, Mr. William B. Freeman and Mr. Harry B. Sharpe. Several other key representatives are to be extended invitiations also.

c) Each member company will advise President Widmayer as to those individuals who should be invited to this meeting and he will in turn extend the formal invitation on behalf of the Institute.

8. The report of the Fiber Procurement Committee was presented by Mr. G. S. Fabel. The basis of this report was a letter received from Quebec Asbestos Mining Association in response to a request by the Institute at the last General meeting. Information had been sought by the Institute relative to the probable availability of chrysotile asbestos in the event of an emergency wherein the requirements for asbestos textiles would be as great or greater than those encountered during the last war. The letter received and presented at this time, set forth the significant production figures which may be expected in the future. A copy of this is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

On the basis of the discussion following this report it was unanimously agreed that copies of the Q.A.M.A. letter should be given widespread circulation among key representatives of both federal and non-federal procurement officers. Each member company representative indicated the number of copies to be distributed through his office and Mr. Marcotte agreed to have a sufficient number of mimeograph copies run off for such distribution.

Upon conclusion of the discussion covering this important subject, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that an expression of appreciation should be extended to the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association and Mr. Penhale by the Asbestos Textile Institute for preparing this report and submitting it for use by the Institute.

It was also moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by J. G. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the Institute membership at this time express their appreciation to the members of the Fiber Procurement Committee for their activities in promoting this important program of asbestos textiles sales promotion.

9. The Fellowship Report was presented by H. C. Shaw and a copy of this report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

10. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman of this committee. A copy of this report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. Mr. McCluer discussed in detail the various subjects presently under consideration by the Technical Committee and reviewed the progress that has been made in negotiating many federal specifications.

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11. The next subject presented at the meeting was a communication received from the Quarter Century Club of Johns-Manville Corp., wherein it was stated that Mr. L. R. Hoff, a member of that company and one of the founders of the Institute was being hospitalized for surgery. It was unanimously agreed that the legal counsel should prepare an appropriate message, extending the good wishes of the membership, and that such a message should be sent to Mr. Hoff by telegraph. The message prepared and sent, follows:

Mr. L. R. Hoff
Eye Institute
635 Fort Washington Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Asbestos Textile Institute sends its best wishes for your prompt recovery and a long continuance of the far sighted guidance it has had from you since its creation.

D. W. Widmayer,
President

12. The final actions taken in this meeting were considerations of new business.

a) Two asbestos fiber mining companies have expressed desires to affiliate with the Asbestos Textile Institute. The 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. Following a discussion of these applications it was unanimously agreed that representation from each company should be invited by President Widmayer to attend the next General Meeting and an invitation to membership be extended at that time.

b) Renewal of the insurance covering the seven Visual Aid Displays was presented for consideration. Since two of the displays are presently on exhibition outside of the continental limits of the United States, it became necessary to extend the coverage to include these conditions. In view of this fact, the policy now in effect covers damage on any of the displays located anyplace in the world with the exception of Russia. The invoice covering the renewal on the above basis, in the amount of $231.04 was submitted for approval of payment. It was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the payment be approved.

13. In concluding the meeting President Widmayer called upon Mr. Keleher, Canadian Johns-Manville Corp., and Mr. Carl Bindman, Johnson's Company, for brief remarks. Mr. Keleher expressed great interest in the work of the Technical Committee, Air Hygiene Committee and the Fellowship as it is related to the accumulation of information which may lead to improvements in asbestos fiber and processing techniques. Mr. Bindman gave a brief account of his recent trip through Europe and noted that business conditions on that continent are perhaps slightly improved over that found a year ago. It was also reported that the Visual Aid Display now located in Canada has been on exhibition in Toronto at the Canadian International Trade Fair and will be returned to Thetford in a short time for display in that locality.

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14. There being no further business to come before this meeting, the President announced that Mr. Bertrand Hayward, Director, Philadelphia Textile Institute would be a guest at the luncheon to follow this meeting and then adjourned the meeting for the luncheon.

Myrll C. Shaw,
Secretary

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the quarter just concluded your Secretary has been engaged in the following activities of interest to the Institute membership.

1. On May 5th, the Secretary accompanied Mr. J. L. Tucker and Mr. C. R. Frederick to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for the purpose of discussing specification revisions with the authorities at that installation regarding specifications MIL-C-4117 and MIL-C-7637A. The results of these discussions are appended as a part of the Fellowship Report.

The Institute is indebted to Mr. Tucker and Mr. Frederick and their respective companies for the expenditure of time and effort in these negotiations. Through such unselfish participation much was accomplished in this instance and serves well to demonstrate the usefulness of such cooperative endeavors.

2. On several occasions during recent months the Secretary has visited the Philadelphia Textile Institute for discussions relative to the transfer of our headquarters to that Institute.

As a result of the activities of the Fellowship Committee, composed of Messrs. Fabel, Schoepf, Cannon and Bettes, members of the Institute have agreed to supply the necessary materials for the construction of the laboratory at P.T.I. Johns-Manville Corporation has agreed to furnish Terraflex tile for the flooring and Keasbey & Mattison Company is furnishing Linabestos for the walls.

Construction of the laboratory was scheduled to start on June 7th and it should be completed very soon thereafter.

Plans now call for the physical transfer of the laboratory equipment from the present location to P.T.I. during the month of August. September 1 has been set as the date upon which the new headquarters will be officially opened.

During recent months President Widmayer advised the Secretary that the insurance carried on each of the Visual Aid Displays expires as of June 21, 1954 and asked for particulars relative to the renewal of such insurance. Negotiations in this regard will be discussed by Mr. Widmayer.

4. On May 14, 1954 inquiry was received relative to the possibility of extending membership to a new associate member. This matter has been discussed by the Board of Governors and will be presented by the President.

5. The distribution of the Handbooks is proceeding with somewhat less vigor than was experienced during the months immediately following its issuance. To date, there has been a total distribution of approximately 1000 copies from this office. We still have 3000 copies in stock at the Hibbert Printing Company offices, Trenton.

6. During the past quarter the actions relative to the procurement of the patent on the Abradoflex were condluded and the patent obtained. Several inquiries have been received as to the possibility of obtaining such a machine, however, no efforts have been made during recent months to obtain estimates of

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cost for construction. It would seem that some efforts should be made in this direction at this time in order that we may be able to advise those interested in procuring such a machine as to the cost and the manufacturer that may be in a position to supply it. Any thoughts or recommendations in this regard will be appreciated.

7. The next General meeting of the Institute is scheduled to be held at the Essex House, New York City, on September 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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