MINUTES of the General Meeting
of the Asbestos Textile Institute
held December 2, 1954 at
Philadelphia, Pa.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

ATI-183

IN ATTENDANCE:

F. J. Wakem, President
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
K. Q. Beyard
W. G. Hoffer
H. M. Jackson
E. A. Schuman

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
R. L. Lanz
A. E. Whitfield
D. W. Widmayer

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

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

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

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
Paul Leclerc

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wakem and an address of welcome extended to all of the members present.

2. The President called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, however, upon a motion by D. R. Holmes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously adopted, it was agreed that "since all members had received copies of the minutes of the last meeting and were therefore informed of the transactions therein set forth, the reading of the minutes at this time should be omitted and that the minutes be approved as distributed".

3. The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary, in the absence of J. G. Schoepf, Treasurer. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by D. W. Widmayer and unanimously agreed that the report, as read, be accepted and entered as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. (Report attached)

In further consideration of the financial position of the Institute, it was announced by President Wakem that the Board of Governors, in session on December 1, adopted a budget in the amount of $21,500.00 to cover the operating expenses of the Institute for 1955.

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4. The Secretary's report was read by the Secretary and the following actions taken.

Abradoflex. It was agreed that the Institute research laboratory should procure a new abradoflex in accordance with the quotations as offered. It was further agreed that the Fellow should provide the members of the Institute with complimentary abradoflex tests in accordance with a schedule to determined. Non-members of the Institute will also be permitted to have tests conducted at a rate and charge to be determined.

Visual Aid Displays. The Visual Aid Displays presently available are to be offered to the following institutions for exhibit: North Carolina State College, Clemson and Franklin & Marshall College. In addition, one of the displays is to be kept available for placement in the asbestos exhibit to be set up in the Commerce Building, Washington D. C., some time in January 1955.

5. The report by Legal Counsel, M. T. Ruddock, was the next subject on the agenda. Mr. Ruddock addressed the meeting regarding several new opinions of the Federal Trade Commissions in proceedings dealing with trade association activities and the Robinson-Patman Act.

6. The first committee report was presented by H. M. Jackson, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee, who reviewed the activities of his committee during the past quarter and in the meeting held on December 1st. The full report is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by A. E. Whitfield, Chairman, and a thorough review of the activities of this committee was discussed. Among the interesting developments here reported was a service test comparing asbestos tape and tubing with glass tape and tubing as insulating covers for underground cables. The asbestos materials exhibited markedly superior properties. The full report covering this presentation is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

8. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman. This committee in meeting on December 1, met during a part of the afternoon session with the Sales Promotion Committee for joint considerations of revisions to several Federal Specifications and the actions there taken are reviewed in this report. The subcommittees of the Technical Committee, namely, Tape--headed by C. R. Frederick and Braid--headed by M. W. Oliver reported to the committee on their endeavors directed to the establishment of industry-wide lists for such materials. Definite progress in this work was noted. The full report presented by J. D. McCluer is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

9. The Fellowship report, presented by M. C. Shaw, is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting. Due to the short period of time between this meeting and the preceeding meeting, an insufficient amount of work was carried on to permit issuing specific reports or additional significant information on any of the projects under consideration.

10. At the conclusion of the committee reports President Wakem expressed appreciation on behalf of the Institute for the efforts exerted by the several committee chairmen and committee members in the execution of the many assignments directed to their attentions. In addition, it was pointed

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out that the participation of associate members in the activities of the several committees would be welcomed and, indeed, would be desireable in order that a well rounded and most effective program of activity may be realized.

11. The next subject for consideration on the agenda for this meeting related to matters of old business.

a) At the last meeting of the Institute, Mr. R. E. Cryor indicated that Cape Asbestos Company would probably seek associate membership in the Institute in the near future. Since that time, confirmation of this action and a formal application has been received from Mr. Cryor in the name of Cape Asbestos Company Ltd., London, England. This application was thoroughly reviewed by the Board of Governors on December 1, and associate membership unanimously approved, effective January 1, 1955.

b) The possibility of exhibiting one of the Institute's Visual Aid Displays in the Commerce Building, Washington, D. C., was suggested by Mr. H. B. Sharpe during the course of his remarks at the last meeting. Since that time, further developments in this regard have been promoted and it now appears likely that there will be a general exhibit of asbestos products at that location sometime in January, 1955. Mr. C. C. Kelsey, Asbestos-Cement Products Association, is organizing such an exhibit and it is understood that one of our displays will be included in this show.

12. New Business.

a) In view of the increased facilities available for research at the new location of the A.T.I. laboratory, it was felt advisable to provide funds which might be used by the Fellow in engaging the services of students at the Philadelphia Textile Institute to assist in carrying on some of the laboratory tests. For this purpose, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously approved that a sum not in excess of $500.00 be provided which may be used to pay for the services of student help at a rate not exceeding $1.25 per hour.

13. The remainder of time of the meeting was opened for general discussions on any subjects of interest to the group.

a) Inquiry was directed to the further consideration of asbestos textiles as lagging materials in stationery power plant installations. Attention to the possibilities of such applications were considered several years ago, however, the fact that a low cost duck appears to adequately meet the requirements presents a problem of major significance. It was suggested that perhaps with the utilization of higher temperatures in industrial power units improved elevated temperature serviceability for such materials will be necessary and certain asbestos textiles may find application in such installations. The possibilities in this field are to be investigated by interested members.

b) Mr. H. M. Jackson, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee, reported that some member companies of the Institute were not being officially represented at the meetings of that committee and asked that each company review the status of their representative for this group in order that a full membership participation may be had. It was pointed out that the

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effectiveness of the committee's activity is directly proportional to the extent of the interest and participation exerted and that if the important work now under consideration is to be acted upon and implemented it will require the best efforts of each company's representative.

14. 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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