MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute held September 7, 1955 at the Essex House, New York, N. Y.



IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J. W. Weber

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. V. Asten

KEASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY
A. E. Whitfield

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
W. H. Fehrs

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

1. President Wakem opened the meeting and extended recognition to Mr. J. W. Weber, representing American Asbestos Textile Corp., in the absence of A. J. Scanlan; Mr. D. V. Asten representing Asten-Hill Mfg. Company in the absence of J. G. Schoepf; Mr. A. E. Whitfield, representing Keasbey & Mattison Company in the absence of D. W. Widmayer; Mr. J. A. Bettes representing Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., in the absence of G. W. Marshall; Mr. J. T. Griffis representing Southern Asbestos Company in the absence of G. S. Fabel; and Mr. W. H. Fehrs representing Union Asbestos & Rubber Company in the absence of J. F. Corcoran.

2. President Wakem asked the Secretary to present the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Governors for reading at this time. However, since all regular members had received copies of these minutes and were therefore familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by J. W. Weber, seconded by J. A. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the reading at this time be omitted.

3. The Treasurer's report, as submitted by Treasurer J. G. Schoepf, was read by the Assistant Treasurer. Following a discussion of this report it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by A. E. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that the report be recommended for approval at the General meeting.

4. In further consideration of the financial status of the Institute and since the next meeting of the Institute marks the close of the fiscal year for the Institute, it will be necessary that a budget for 1956 be considered at that time. In view of this, President Wakem appointed the following members to serve on the Budget Committee and instructed that they meet prior to the December 8th meeting of the Institute to prepare a budget for consideration at the next meeting. The members appointed to serve on this committee are as follows:

J. G. Schoepf, Treasurer --Chairman
G. W. Marshall (J. A. Bettes, alternate)
A. J. Scanlan

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5. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to the attention of the committee reports by the chairmen of the several active committees of the Institute.

Air Hygiene Committee. The report for this committee was made by H. H. Jackson, Chairman. It was noted that there were three representatives from Canada in attendance at the meeting of this group on this date, September 7th. The Canadian guests were: Dr. Cartier, Mr. LaChance and Mr. Ivan Sabourin. A thorough review of the activities of this committee was pursued at this meeting and the detailed report covering these discussions are set forth in the report as presented by Mr. Jackson which is appended as a part of the Minutes of the General meeting dated September 8.

Sales Promotion Committee. The report for this committee was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield, Chairman. This committee in session considered many subjects of interest to the Institute membership and the detailed report as presented by Mr. Whitfield is appended as a part of the Minutes of the General meeting. The following subjects included in this report were discussed in detail at the meeting of this Board: 1) It has been called to the attention of this committee that certain retailers of materials designed for ironing board covers are advertising these products as "asbestos" or "asbestos blends" even though there may be as little as 20% asbestos present in the material. It was agreed that the legal counsel should investigate the advisability of contacting the Federal Trade Commission with a view toward correcting such practices. The Fellow and legal counsel were directed to proceed in preparing and collecting the necessary information to establish a basis for such action. 2) Plans for a new sectional exhibit obtained by Mr. Whitfield were presented for consideration at this meeting. The exhibit as offered would cost in the neighborhood of $6000. It was unanimously agreed that an exhibit along the lines here suggested would effectively promote an interest in asbestos textiles and that there should be further considerations directed toward the promotion of such an exhibit. It was suggested that the active participation of the miners and associate members should be solicited in this endeavor. 3) President Wakem spoke regarding the advisability of promoting closer cooperation between our Sales Promotion Committee and the similar group which is a part of Quebec Asbestos Miners Association. A publication issued by the latter group entitled "Asbestos Producer", was introduced and it was suggested that the Secretary should obtain additional copies of this publication as they are made available.

Technical Committee. The report for this committee was presented by Mr. J. D. McCluer, Chairman. The detailed report covering the activities of this committee during the past quarter and in the meeting held on this date, is attached as a part of the minutes of the General meeting.

6. At the last meeting of the Institute, President Wakem appointed J. A. Bettes to serve as chairman of a committee established to review and revise the Fellowship program. This committee met in Philadelphia on June 30, with the following members in attendance: Mr. Bettes, Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Hoffer and Mr. Scanlan. Dr. Shaw was also in attendance at this meeting. The report covering the recommendations of this committee was presented at this time by Mr. Bettes and the program, as approved, is attached as a part of the minutes of the General meeting.

Following the discussions covering the several committee reports, the meeting was opened for consideration of matters of old business.

a) Invitations for associate membership extended to two foreign asbestos textile manufacturers as a result of action taken at the last meeting have not as yet been acknowledged. Action in this regard was therefore withheld.

b) At the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute, Dr. Shaw was asked to make a preliminary investigation covering flame proofing as it applies to our industry today and to determine the possibility and feasibility of conducting such work as a part of the Fellowship program. A report covering this subject is attached as a part of the Fellowship Report as issued at this meeting.

8. President Wakem next called for subjects of new business for consideration. There being no such matters introduced, it was announced by the President that the annual election of members to serve on the Board of Governors of the Institute for 1956 would be held at the General meeting on September 6.

9. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by J. W. Weber and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Cyril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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