

MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held March 8, 1956 in Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J. W. Weber

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. C. Seeds
E. A. Schuman
K. Q. Beyard
E. H. Wells
W. S. Hough
H. M. Jackson

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

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

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
R. S. Hulse

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
T. T. Tigert

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

Guests:

ASBESTOS TEXTILE COMPANY
Frank Gatke

GARLOCK PACKING COMPANY
G. E. Houghton

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wakem and an address of welcome extended to all of the members present. Recognition and welcome was also extended to representatives of two former member companies who attended the meeting of the Air Hygiene Committee held March 7 and were also in attendance at this meeting, namely, Mr. G. E. Houghton, Garlock Packing Company, and Mr. Frank Gatke, Asbestos Textile Company.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Institute 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 J. A. Bettes, seconded by D. R. Holmes and unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes be omitted at this time.

3. The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary in the absence of J. G. Schoepf, Treasurer. Following a discussion of the contents of this report, it was moved by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by J. A. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted.

The Secretary announced that the next General meeting of the Institute would be held at Thetford Mines, Canada, on June 6 and 7, and that the necessary arrangements for accommodation at Thetford and travel facilities to and from the

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meeting were being made by the President and Secretary. As soon as the Secretary can ascertain the number of members who will attend this meeting, this information will be turned over to President Wakem who will in turn endeavor to carry the plans forward with some assistance of the traffic department at Johns-Manville Corp.

Since it is unlikely that the full membership will be able to attend these meetings, it is now planned to hold the committee meetings normally held on the day preceeding the General meeting in New York on the day preceeding the Thetford meetings. The results of any actions taken at the committee meetings will be reported at the Thetford meetings by the Chairman of the respective committees.

5. Legal Counsel, H. I. Ruddock was next called upon to address the meeting. Counsel discussed the attitude of the Federal Trade Commission with respect to the complaint made to it by the Institute in an effort to curtail the promiscuous use of the word asbestos in advertising low asbestos content ironing board covers. It was pointed out that the Commission is being continually confronted with cases that are far more flagrant in representation and are concerned with much greater volumes of business and therefore of general public interest than is the case in which we are here interested. In view of this, it was pointed out, it will be necessary for the Institute to establish an undeniably clear case of misrepresentation if it is to receive any favorable action. Evidence to date does not offer such a case and the present position of the Commission is therefore understandable.

Mr. Ruddock also discussed recent legislative developments in connection with the problems presented by the large number of corporate mergers in the past few years. As a minimum it is to be expected that some requirement for advance notice to the Federal Trade Commission or Department of Justice will be required.

6. The next report was presented by D. R. Holmes, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee. The considerations of this committee in session on March 7 were fully discussed and the specific actions there taken were noted. The comments of Dr. Smith, Johns-Manville Corp., related to the report issued by Dr. Hueper on a subject relating asbestosis with lung and heart diseases was discussed at great length. This latter matter earlier received attention by the Board of Governors and it was announced that this body had appropriated sufficient funds to initiate a preliminary survey to investigate the possibility of more concerted action designed to refute the work of Dr. Hueper. The full report for this committee is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by J. T. Griffis, Chairman. It was reported that this committee has been actively engaged in efforts designed to promote the dissemination of information designed to enlighten and educate the consumer of asbestos textile products regarding their unique characteristics and applications. The placement of Visual Aid Displays and plans for the development of the new asbestos textile exhibit were fully discussed.

In an effort to speed up the development of the new exhibit it was agreed that a part of the necessary funds for its construction should be made available at this time. It was moved by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by D. R. Holmes and unanimously agreed that a sum of $4000.00 be transferred from the General Fund

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of the Institute to the Publicity Fund for this work. It was further agreed that there should be a refund of $4000.00 from the Publicity Fund to the General Fund upon completion of necessary assessments required to cover this project.

The full report covering the activities of this committee is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

8. The report for the Technical Committee was presented by M. W. Oliver, Chairman of that Committee. The work of this committee now covers a wide range of technical problems related to constructions for cloth, tape and braid and test methods for textiles including 1) a standard heat aging test and 2) fiber dimension evaluations.

The full report, as presented, is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

9. The Fellowship Report was presented by Dr. Shaw and is attached as part of the Minutes of this meeting. Much interest is presently being evidenced in the elevated temperature serviceability characteristics of asbestos textiles and the necessity for a standard test method is becoming ever more apparent. The Fellowship report includes work along these lines and a new technique known as dynamic testing has been here introduced for consideration. It is felt that this new approach in elevated temperature studies will provide further significant information.

10. During the course of the meeting, Mr. D. W. Widmayer announced that Mr. C. R. Frederick was being transferred from the textile division of Keasbey & Mattison Company to another division of that company and that Mr. R. L. Lanz would hereafter represent that Company on the Technical Committee. Expressions of gratitudes were extended to Mr. Frederick by President Wakem, Mr. Oliver and Dr. Shaw for the continued interest and many contributions he has made during his long and active participation as a member of the Institute, a period extending from the date of founding of the Institute in 1946.

11. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was moved by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by R. S. Hulse and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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