MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held Sept. 6, 1956 at Hotel Warwick, Philadelphia, Pa.



IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes
J. G. Schoepf

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

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

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

Guests:
C. H. Carlough

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
O. C. Fehrens
G. J. Harris
W. E. Hill

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
Paul LeClerc

BELL ASBESTOS MINES, LTD.
F. Parker Smith

CAPE ASBESTOS CORP.
R. E. Cryor

JOHNSON'S COMPANY, LTD.
A. W. G. Gibb

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wakem and an address of welcome was extended to all the members and guests in attendance. Special recognition and welcome was given to the first president of the Institute, Mr. C. H. Carlough and to the President of Southern Asbestos Company, Mr. Warren E. Hill.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Institute were presented for reading, however, since all members were in possession of copies of these minutes and were familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by G. W. Marshall, seconded by D. W. Widmayer and unanimously agreed that the reading be dispensed with at this time.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer J. G. Schoepf and following a review of the report, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by J. T. Griffis and unanimously agreed that the report be approved and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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4. The Secretary's remarks were principally devoted to an acknowledgement of the aid and assistance given by the members of the Sales Promotion Committee and many of our Associate members in Canada for providing the necessary samples of materials and photographs used in the construction of the new exhibit. Through these cooperative efforts the exhibit as finally constructed provides a very descriptive and educational story relating to the manufacture and utilization of asbestos textiles and as the display is exhibited in various locations and trade shows it should effectively serve to promote a wider understanding regarding our industry and the products eminating therefrom.

The Secretary also announced that the next meeting of the Institute is scheduled to be held in New York City on December 5 and 6, 1956.

5. The next report was presented by Mr. M. I. Ruddock, legal counsel. Mr. Ruddock discussed some of the legal aspects related to standardization as conducted as a function of a trade association. He pointed out the type of standardization activities which had been found legal and beneficial to the public by the courts and contrasted them with the types of standardizations which had been condemned, usually because there was not sufficient public or consumer benefit from these, and the fact that they had been used as an aid or mechanism for price fixing activities.

6. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to committee reports by the Chairmen of the several active committees.

a) Mr. D. R. Holmes, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee discussed the work of this committee as conducted during the past quarter and in the meeting held on September 5, 1956. Mr. Holmes reported that this committee reviewed a number of subjects including 1) the Wheelabrader system of dust control, 2) fiber conditioning by oil spray techniques, 3) dust count techniques and results throughout the representative segment of the industry, 4) the proposed epidemiological study to be undertaken by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation and 5) the purported relation between lung cancer and asbestosis. The detailed report covering these and other subjects discussed is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

b) Mr. H. W. Oliver, Chairman of the Technical Committee, presented a report covering the activities and discussions of this committee. The endeavors in efforts directed toward the development of standard lists for cloth, tape and braid were presented and notable progress noted.

Work related to the establishment of suitable heat-aging tests for asbestos textiles was described and it was stated that the Fellow has been directed to develop more detailed data upon this subject, which may serve as a basis for final considerations in this regard.

The detailed report as presented by Mr. Oliver is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

c) Mr. J. T. Griffis, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee, presented a comprehensive report covering the activities of this Committee during the past quarter and the discussions held during the course of the committee meeting held Sept. 5. Included in the report as presented were discussions related to 1) Visual Aid placements, 2) the new exhibit and its placement, 3) government stockpiling of asbestiform minerals, 4) adoption

of actual minimum performance standards for asbestos textiles that will provide consumers of these materials with true and factual data regarding the products of our industry. In furtherance of this latter promotion, it is intended that a mark or seal of quality, to be established by the Asbestos Textile Institute shall be authorized and may be affixed to packages of those materials that meet the necessary requirements.

The full report by Mr. Griffis is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

In the discussion following the remarks by Mr. Griffis, Mr. R. E. Cryor spoke briefly regarding his understanding and knowledge of the U. S. Government stockpiling efforts presently in force. It was observed that the present method of stockpiling is theoretically not a government stockpiling effort but is rather a warehousing procedure designed to assist the Arizona mining interests. It was pointed out by Mr. Wakem however that this device does reflect upon the availability of spinning grade fiber to anyone not familiar with the technique here in effect even though in actuality, spinning grade fiber is in abundance at the present Canadian sources of supply. It was agreed that all consumers, both government and individual, should be thoroughly appraised regarding these matters in order that our industry may not be discriminated against on the basis of an alleged short supply, an enigma we have lived with for several years.

d) The next committee report was presented by members of the Fiber Committee with Mr. Gibb serving as spokesman. It was noted that the spinning grade fibers are in plentiful supply and no change in this condition is anticipated in the foreseeable future.

e) The final report was presented by Dr. M. C. Shaw covering the work under the Fellowship during the past quarter. The work reported upon was a continuation of the studies designed to determine the characteristics of asbestos textiles under stress at high temperatures. Investigation at temperatures up to 2650°F and under loads ranging from a "sensible stress" to 500# per square inch were conducted and the results here reported. The information here presented proved of great interest and a continuation of these studies was directed. The Fellowship Report #38 is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

7. The Asbestos Textile Institute since its founding in 1944 has had in its service many men of ability and vision to assist in the organization, the direction and the carrying out of its objectives. Mr. Wakem arose at this time to recognize the contributions of one such man, Charles R. Frederick, and to present him with an appropriate illuminated scroll setting forth his accomplishments and contributions as an active member of the Asbestos Textile Institute. Following the presentation Mr. Frederick briefly addressed the meeting and expressed his deep appreciation for this recognition.

8. This meeting, being the annual meeting for 1956, served as the termination of two years in the office of President of the Institute for Mr. F. J. Wakem. Recognizing this, Mr. Wakem advised that the meeting was now open for the election of members to serve on the Board of Governors for the Institute for the year 1957. Mr. M. I. Ruddock, legal counsel, was asked to read from the Constitution and By-Laws the provisions there set forth governing the

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election of Board of Governors members and officers of the Institute. Following the reading the meeting was opened for nominations of members to serve on the Board and the following were nominated.

Mr. J. A. Bettes, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Mr. J. T. Griffis, Southern Asbestos Co.
Mr. A. J. Scanlan, American Asbestos Textile Corp.
Mr. J. G. Schoepf, Asten-Hill Manufacturing Co.
Mr. F. J. Wakem, Johns-Manville Corp.
Mr. D. W. Widmayer, Keasbey & Mattison Co.

There being no further nominations it was moved by Mr. G. W. Marshall, seconded by Mr. D. W. Widmayer and unanimously agreed that the nominations be closed. It was then moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Griffis and unanimously agreed that the Board of Governors membership as nominated be elected.

Following this election, the meeting was placed in recess to permit the newly elected Board of Governors to retire and at that time elect the officers to serve the Institute for the ensuing year. Upon the return of the Board of Governors to the meeting, the meeting was reconvened and Mr. D. W. Widmayer, Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the results of the elections held to be as follows:

President ---------- J. A. Bettes, Jr.
Vice President ---------- J. T. Griffis
Treasurer ---------- J. G. Schoepf
Secretary - Ass't Treasurer ------- M. C. Shaw

Following the elections, J. A. Bettes, President-elect, briefly addressed the meeting.

9. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was moved by Mr. Bettes, seconded by Mr. Griffis and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon. Following the luncheon the group was briefly addressed by Mr. C. H. Carlough, Past President of the Institute and Mr. W. E. Hill, President, Southern Asbestos Company.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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