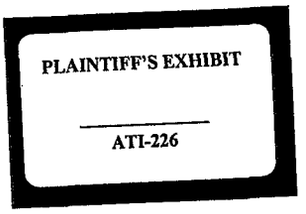
MINUTES of the General Meeting
of the Asbestos Textile Institute
held December 6, 1956 at Hotel
Commodore, New York, N. Y.



IN ATTENDANCE:

J. A. Bettes, President
RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

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

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
L. R. Hoff
W. S. Hough
E. A. Schuman
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Wakem
E. H. Wells

KEASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY
R. L. Lanz
A. E. May
D. W. Widmayer

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
B. W. Luttenberger
J. A. Brown
M. W. Oliver
J. F. D. Rohrbach
R. B. Smith

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
J. A. Marcotte
G. F. Jenkins

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LTD.
F. Parker Smith

JOHNSON'S COMPANY, LTD.
Carl Bindman

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP., LTD.
J. D. Christian
T. T. Tigert

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

GUESTS:
T. R. Fisher, Johns-Manville Corp.
J. A. O'Brien, Johns-Manville Corp.
R. R. Porter, Keasbey & Mattison Co.
A. R. Byrnes, Tallman-McCluskey
Roscoe Tallman, Tallman-McCluskey
T. C. McCluskey, Tallman-McCluskey

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bettes and an address of welcome extended to all of the members and guests in attendance.

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 Mr. Wakem, seconded by Mr. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with at this time.

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3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. J. G. Schoepf. Following a discussion of the financial statement as presented, it was moved by Mr. D. W. Widmayer, seconded by Mr. J. T. Griffis and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and be attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting. As a further duty of the Treasurer, Mr. Schoepf reported upon the action of the Board of Governors, taken on December 5, regarding the budget for 1957 and here revealed that a budget in the amount of $23,000.00 was approved.

4. The Secretary's report covered 1) the issuance of the new membership directory, copies of which were distributed at this meeting and 2) the meeting dates for the Institute for 1957 as follows:

March 7-8 ---------- Philadelphia
June 6-7 ---------- Philadelphia or Chicago
September 5-6 ---------- New York (Annual Meeting)
December 5-6 ---------- Philadelphia

5. The Legal Counsel, Mr. M. I. Ruddock, was next introduced and asked to address the group on matters of importance and interest to trade associations in general and our Institute in particular from a legal standpoint. In his remarks Mr. Ruddock dealt with the boundaries between legal and illegal activities relating to standardization of products and certification of products as meeting standards of quality and performance.

6. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to the reporting of committee activities by the chairman of each of the working committees.

The Air Hygiene Committee report was submitted by Mr. D. R. Holmes, Chairman, who outlined the essence and results of the discussion held by this committee in meeting on December 5. Mr. Holmes first expressed the regrets of his committee through the loss of Mr. John Beatty who passed away on December 3, and suggested that a message of sympathy be extended to the family on behalf of the Institute. Action in this regard was immediately taken and President Bettes asked Mr. Ruddock to draft an appropriate message of condolance which might be transmitted by the Secretary to Mrs. Beatty and the family. The following resolution was offered.

"Resolved, that the members of the Asbestos Textile Institute express their deep sympathy to the family and associates of JOHN BEATTY who, over a period of many years, contributed greatly to the success of this Institute both as a valued member of its Air Hygiene Committee and as a highly esteemed friend of its members."

In reporting the work of this committee Mr. Holmes recounted the discussions pursued by the members in meeting covering a wide range of activities that are presently under consideration by this group. The detailed report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

The Technical Committee report was presented by Chairman M. W. Oliver. This committee is presently engaged in the revision of tensile strength values for the standard cloth list and in the meeting of this Committee held on December 5, primary consideration was given to this project. The full report, as presented, is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by Mr. J. T. Griffis, Chairman. This committee is presently engaged in many activities designed to advance interest in and the utilization of asbestos textiles. Work in

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connection with the promotion of our newest exhibit was reviewed as was the placement of the older Visual Aid Displays. During this part of the presentation colored slides showing the four sections of the new exhibit were shown. Also, serious consideration is being given to the adoption of a program for giving customer assurance of the quality of asbestos textiles under which asbestos textiles which meet certain specifications may be authorized to bear a seal of significance which will serve to identify that product as one having met the certain specified standards.

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

The Fellowship report, presented by Dr. H. C. Shaw, covered recent work in connection with the determination of the elevated temperature serviceability characteristics of an industry-wide selection of cloths in all grades in styles 36P10 and 26P14 over a temperature range of from 300°F through 800°F. This report is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

The Fiber Committee report consisted of informal remarks by Mr. Marcotte and Mr. Christian regarding the fiber availability picture as it presently exists in Canada. Mr. Christian briefly covered the fiber development program under way in the Canadian Yukon territory. It is apparent from these reports that the availability of most textile grade fibers well exceeds the capacity and demands of the American asbestos textile mills. The availability of Canadian fibers in Grades #1 and #2 Crude is extremely limited, however, through improved mining and milling techniques the spinning grade fibers and blends are now available that satisfactorily meet all requirements.

In the concluding segment of the meeting, Mr. L. R. Hoff and Mr. J. F. D. Rohrbach, two of the founders of the Institute addressed the group with appropriate remarks related to the status of the industry today and of the outlook for the future. These addresses were enthusiastically received by the members in attendance.

8. There being no further business to be transacted during this session, it was moved by Mr. F. J. Wakem, seconded by Mr. J. G. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

9. Following adournment the group met for luncheon. Following the luncheon President Bettes addressed appropriate remarks in appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Past President F. J. Wakem and introduced Mr. Geo. W. Marshall for the purpose of extending further recognition to Mr. Wakem. Mr. Marshall addressed the meeting with remarks setting forth the accomplishments of Mr. Wakem both as an executive of Johns-Manville Corp. and as a member and officer of the Institute. It was here revealed that Mr. Wakem has just concluded 35 years of service with Johns-Manville Corp., and on this date is celebrating his 60th birthday. Mr. Marshall also recounted events dealing with Mr. Wakem's war records, his educational background and his many accomplishments in the field of business and executive responsibilities.

Upon conclusion of these remarks, Mr. Marshall presented to Mr. Wakem, on behalf of the Institute, a silver cigarette box, on the cover of which were engraved the signatures of most of the founders of the Institute and the members of the present Board of Governors.

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Mr. Wakem gratefully acknowledged the gift and expressed his deep appreciation for this remembrance, pledging his continued support of and active participation in the affairs of the Institute.

Following the presentation, Mr. A. R. Fisher, President, Johns-Manville Corp., was called upon and he addressed further complimentary remarks to Mr. Wakem and expressed his gratitude for the many contributions Mr. Wakem has made to the asbestos industry and to Johns-Manville Corp., over the past 35 years. Also, Mr. J. A. O'Brien, Vice President, Johns-Manville Corp., addressed remarks of appreciation for the abilities of leadership and management exhibited by Mr. Wakem in the growth of Johns-Manville Corp. Finally, Mr. L. R. Hoff, addressed appropriate remarks of commendation and recalled interesting episodes which occurred during the rise of Mr. Wakem in the Johns-Manville organization.

With the conclusion of these addresses, Mr. Bettes called upon Mr. T. C. McCluskey who had earlier advised the President that he would like to speak briefly at this point in the meeting. Mr. McCluskey expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of visiting the meetings of the Institute during the past two days and stated that both he and Mr. Tallman were favorably impressed with the objectives of the Institute and the work that was being conducted. He also stated that in view of these impressions it was the desire of the company which he and Mr. Tallman represented to affiliate with the Institute as a member and to help in the promotion of the work of the Institute.

Mr. McCluskey's remarks were enthusiastically received by the members in attendance.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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