MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute held October 6, 1954 at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
Keasbey & Mattison Co.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
F. J. Wakem

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
G. W. Marshall

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
J. F. Corcoran

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and as the first order of business the chairman of each of the active committees of the Institute was asked to give a report covering the work of his committee during the quarter just concluded and of the meeting held on this date.

2. The first report was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield who discussed in detail the efforts exerted by members of the Sales Promotion Committee on behalf of the Institute in clarifying the chrysotile fiber supply picture with the various Federal agencies in Washington concerned with this problem. The pertinent points presented are included in the committee report presented by Mr. Whitfield which is attached as a part of the Minutes of the General Meeting.

3. The second committee report was presented by Mr. J. D. McCluer, Chairman of the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee, in session on this date, devoted a great deal of attention to the proposed revisions of Federal Specifications MIL-C-7637A and MIL-C-10316 and the results of these considerations were presented. In addition, the Technical Committee reviewed the progress made to date by the subcommittee concerned with cloth, tape and braided tubing standardization and a resume of these activities was discussed. Finally, the project concerned with the determination of the dust in chrysotile fiber which is under investigation by the members of this committee was reviewed and the progress to date noted. The detailed report, covering these remarks, submitted by Mr. McCluer as the report of the Technical Committee is attached as a part of the Minutes of the General meeting.

4. The final committee report was submitted by Mr. D. R. Holmes, acting chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee in the absence of Mr. H. M. Jackson. The Air Hygiene Committee met on this date with a group of company representative Doctors and Dr. G. W. Schepers, Saranac Laboratories. Very informative and enlightening discussions covering the relationship between asbestosis and

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diseases of the lungs and heart were pursued and Mr. Holmes reviewed the essence of the work covered. As a result of these discussions two proposals for action to further this important work were presented for consideration by the full membership. The first proposal was in the form of a recommendation by Dr. Theodos suggesting that the individual companies voluntarily participate in a program of study to be undertaken by Dr. Theodos which would provide case histories related to the relationship of asbestosis to ailments or diseases of the heart. Such a study would be a long range program wherein each company would provide suitable employee patients for study and observation by Dr. Theodos at a clinic or hospital in Philadelphia. The results of these studies, it is felt, would provide basic data upon which a better understanding of the relationship between asbestosis and heart ailments. The proposed program in no way would involve the financial support or responsibilities of the Asbestos Textile Institute but all such responsibilities will be voluntarily borne by the companies concerned and the individuals selected for such observations. Following a discussion of the proposal, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the proposal be presented at the General meeting with the recommendation that the individual members give full support to the program.

The second program proposed for action concerned the establishment of a study designed to determine the relationship between asbestosis and lung cancer. It is proposed that such an investigation be carried out using white rats as the subjects for study. The program as presented was in a very general form and the cost of carrying on such an investigation was not suggested. Following a discussion of this latter proposal it was suggested that the Air Hygiene Committee reconsider the subject and prepare a more specific program for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Following the committee reports the regular order of business for this meeting was initiated and the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors was presented for reading. However, since all members had received copies of these Minutes and were familiar with the actions taken on that occasion, it was moved by Mr. G. S. Fabel, seconded by Mr. G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the Minutes as circulated be approved.

6. The Treasurer's Report for the third quarter, 1954, was presented by Mr. A. J. Scanlan. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by Mr. G. W. Marshall, seconded by Mr. G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be presented at the General meeting with the recommendation for approval.

7. The next subject presented for consideration concerned new members. The formal application for Associate membership from the Cassiar Asbestos Corporation was presented for consideration at this time. Following a discussion of the qualifications of the applicant it was moved by Mr. G. S. Fabel, seconded by Mr. G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the application be approved and accepted and that membership be dated as of this meeting date but that no assessment be made until January 1, 1955 to cover the ensuing year.

A second tentative application was read as received from Mr. R. E. Cryor, representing the Cape Asbestos Company. Formal action on the part of the applicant is expected within a short time and a further consideration in this regard will be extended at the next meeting of the Institute.

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8. The next subject presented by the President was advice to the effect that with this meeting his tenure of office as President would be concluded, since he had served two years consecutively in this position, the limit of tenure as set forth in the By-Laws of the organization. This being so, the members of this Board of Governors were advised that an election will be held at the General meeting on October 7, 1954, for the purpose of selecting the Board of Governors members to serve during 1955. The elected Board of Governors will thereafter elect the officers to serve the Institute during 1955.

9. The final subjects presented for consideration at this meeting related to correspondence conducted by the President during recent months in the interest of the Asbestos Textile Institute.

a) On July 22, 1954, the President wrote to Mr. A. L. Penhale, President, Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., extending the thanks of the Institute for his interest and assistance in providing significant fiber production figures for use by our membership in clarifying an understanding between our industry and certain Federal agencies. In response to this transmittal a letter of appreciation was received from Mr. Penhale. Copies of both letters are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

b) On September 2, 1954, the President received a communication from President B. W. Hayward, Philadelphia Textile Institute, wherein thanks was expressed for the contribution by the Asbestos Textile Institute in connection with the establishment of the Fellowship at P. T. I. A copy of this letter is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

c) In making the arrangements for this meeting the President corresponded with Mr. G. H. Van Lear, Bureau of Ships, and Mr. Harry B. Sharpe, Department of Commerce, extending invitations for both gentlemen to attend the meeting. The relative correspondence was read and it was revealed that Mr. Sharpe would attend the October 7th meeting.

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

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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