ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

MINUTES of the General Meeting held June 19, 1946 at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Penna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

GEORGE L. ABBOTT,
The Garlock Packing Co.

HOWARD T. BAIN,
Johns-Manville Corp.

J. A. BETTES,
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

J. F. BURKE,
J. Franklin Burke & Co.

C. H. CARLOUGH,
Carolina Asbestos Co.

S. V. DILLON,
Johns-Manville Corp.

GEORGE S. FABEL,
Southern Asbestos Co.

GEORGE W. MARSHALL, JR.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

F. SIMS McGRATH,
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft

ERNEST MUEHLECK,
Keasbey & Mattison

E. R. TEUBNER, JR.
Philadelphia Asbestos Co.

FRANK J. WAKEM,
Johns-Manville Corp.

J. M. WEAVER,
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

D. W. WIDMAYER,
Keasbey & Mattison

HARRIS D. McKINNEY,
Institute Manager

NO. 1

The President called the meeting to order and the Manager read the minutes of the General Meeting of April 4th. The minutes were approved as read by unanimous vote. The President then read the auditor's report and the Treasurer's report. Mr. Marshall moved that these reports be approved as read, seconded by Mr. Fabel and approved unanimously.

NO. 2

The Manager presented a brief outline of the activities of his office during the last quarter. These included the notification to members and non-members on O.P.A. removal of ceiling prices, distribution of Garlock Dust Control System report, correspondence with non-members regarding Manager's Summary Report, record of activities in gathering news for publicity items and his work with the various

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committees. Mr. Muehleck moved that the Manager's report be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Fabel and approved unanimously.

NO. 3

The President brought up the matter of keeping non-member companies informed on Institute activities. Discussion was held and it was recommended that the Manager send copies of the minutes of this meeting, with accompanying committee reports, to the following non-member companies. It was also unanimously agreed that representatives of these companies be invited to attend the next General Meeting of the A.T.I.:

ASBESTOS MANUFACTURING COMPANY
ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
FIBRE & METALS COMPANY
GREENE-TWEED COMPANY
U. S. RUBBER COMPANY

NO. 4

The matter of publicity news releases was discussed and Mr. Marshall suggested that each member company furnish the Manager with a specially-selected list of about 10 representative buyers and/or users of textiles, so that the Manager can contact them with a view to obtaining information for news items on new products, new uses, etc. This suggestion met with full approval and the Manager will write to each member company regarding the required list.

NO. 5

Mr. Weaver, Chairman of the Technical Committee, presented a report on recent activities of his Committee. (copy attached). It was the recommendation of the Technical Committee that the Institute establish a Fellowship at Rutgers College, and to consider Dr. Myril C. Shaw as head of the activity. Mr. Fabel moved that we appropriate a sum of $15,000. a year, for two years, to set up an Asbestos Fellowship as recommended by the Technical Committee. This motion was seconded and

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passed by all companies present.

It was understood that this Fellowship would operate under the Technical Committee who would be responsible for its supervision and guidance. Furthermore, the record of the man recommended in the Technical Committee report to head this Fellowship, Dr. Myril C. Shaw, met with the approval of the group, but the full responsibility for selecting a man to head the Fellowship was assigned to the Technical Committee.

The President pointed out that the Constitution calls for a vote by all member companies on matters relating to special assessments. It was therefore recommended that the Manager get in touch with the two absent member companies (Asbestos Textile Company and Union Asbestos & Rubber Company) at an early date, for purposes of obtaining their approval of the Fellowship program.

NO. 6

Mr. Bain, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee, presented his report on recent activities. (copy attached). Mr. Bain stated that the "Primer" is now in production and that cost estimates obtained for preparing and printing this job are well within the approved figure. However, these cost estimates do not include any mailing or distribution expense that might be involved.

The matter of news releases was again brought up for discussion and it was agreed that some general publicity could be gained by sending releases about Institute General and Committee meetings, to publication in the textile field and to "Asbestos" magazine. The Manager will accordingly do so.

The Manager then presented revised layouts and copy for the space advertising program. Open discussion was held on these layouts and approval was voiced informally. It was agreed that details in the space advertising program should be handled through the Sales Promotion Committee. It was also agreed that the currently-

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planned space advertising should include a "definition" of the Institute based on that given in the Constitution. The following wording met with approval: "The Asbestos Textile Institute is a voluntary, non-profit organization formed to render service to buyers and users of asbestos textiles."

Mr. Muehleck moved that the Sales Promotion Committee report be approved as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Fabel and unanimously approved.

NO. 7

In the absence of Mr. Luttenberger, Chairman of the Fibre Improvement Committee, Mr. Marshall presented the Committee report. (copy attached)

Since all members who requested trial lots of fibre from the Canadian Producers have not as yet sent their reports to the Manager's office, the President suggested that they do so as soon as possible.

The many shortcomings of the shaker box method of evaluating spinning fibres were discussed and Mr. Luttenberger suggested that this matter of purchasing test equipment be referred back to his Committee for further consideration. It was suggested that a development of test methods would be a worthy subject for study by the Fellowship.

Mr. Marshall moved that after Mr. Luttenberger makes his report on the special fibre from the Canadian producers, that another Q.A.P.A. - A.T.I. Joint Committee meeting be arranged. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. The Manager will make the arrangements for this meeting at the required time.

NO. 8

Mr. Muehleck, Chairman of the Dust Control Committee, presented a report of his Committee, (copy attached), including numerous findings and recommendations.

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Mr. Fabel presented the tentative plan for an A.T.I. central medical department, as prepared by Dr. Vestal. It was agreed that this plan should be turned over to the Dust Control Committee for action, but that in the meantime, copies of the plan should be distributed to all member companies.

The recommendation of the Dust Control Committee to incorporate damp weaving wherever feasible was brought up for discussion. Mr. Bettes gave his reactions from the Sales standpoint, general discussion followed, but no decisions were reached.

NO. 9

The President complimented all Committee Chairmen on the excellent work of their Committees, and it was unanimously agreed that a great deal of worthwhile work is being capably handled by these Committees. Mr. Wakem moved that, in order to express the appreciation of the member companies for the good work, the Manager be asked to send copies of all minutes of Institute meetings to all members of the committees. Motion unanimously approved.

NO. 10

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Institute should be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania at the Hotel Hershey on Friday, September 27, 1946.

NO. 11

There being no further business before the meeting, adjournment was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

HARRIS D. McKINNEY
Institute Manager

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