MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held September 8, 1955 at the Essex House, New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J. W. Weber

ASBESTOS CORPORATION
J. A. Marcotte

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

CAPE ASBESTOS LTD.
R. E. Cryor

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP.
T. T. Tigert

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
K. Q. Beyard
E. Beale
L. R. Hoff
W. G. Hoffer
H. M. Jackson
E. A. Schuman
Mr. Seeds

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.
Carl Bindman

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

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
J. D. McCluer

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
W. H. Fehrs
F. B. Kreider

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

Guests: Ivan Sabourin
Q.A.M.A. Councel

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wakem and an address of welcome extended to the members and guests in attendance. In his opening remarks Mr. Wakem read a telegram received from G. W. Marshall, Jr. in which Mr. Marshall extended greetings to the members attending this eleventh annual meeting and expressed his regrets in not being able to meet with the group on this occasion.

2. President Wakem introduced the Minutes of the last meeting of the Institute for reading at this time. However, Mr. J. A. Bettes moved that the reading be dispensed with at this time since all members had received copies of these minutes and were familiar with the actions there taken. This motion was seconded by Mr. A. E. Whitfield and unanimously agreed upon.

3. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Assistant Treasurer in the absence

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of Mr. J. G. Schoepf, Treasurer. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by D. R. Holmes, seconded by A. E. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that the report be approved. (Copy attached)

4. In further consideration of the Treasurer's report, President Wakem called attention to the fact that the next meeting of the Institute will be the final one for this fiscal year and on that occasion the budget for 1956 will be a subject for consideration. In preparation for this action, the following members were appointed to serve on the budget committee and were instructed to prepare recommendations for a budget for 1956:

Chairman -- J. G. Schoepf
A. J. Scanlan
G. W. Marshall, Jr. (J. A. Bettes alternate).

5. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to reports presented by the chairman of each of the several active committees of the Institute.

a) Air Hygiene Committee. The Air Hygiene Committee report was presented by H. H. Jackson, Chairman, and covered a comprehensive review of the important activities of this group. Recognition was extended to the Canadian associates who have cooperated with this committee and who have contributed a great deal to its endeavors. It was suggested that in order to extend and more effectively promote the widespread program of service along the several lines of interest presently under consideration by this committee, that the cooperation of other associations with allied interests in asbestos materials be solicited. The detailed report as presented by Mr. Jackson is appended as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Also included as a part of these minutes is a report which sets forth the results of a membership survey conducted during 1954 covering the use of fiber treatments as a means of controlling and reducing dust during asbestos textile manufacturing operations. The member companies that have cooperated in this survey are identified in this report by letters and, in the case of company A, two reports were submitted, both of which are included.

b) Technical Committee. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman. This report provided detailed information related to the several activities presently under consideration by that committee. It was here reported that the committee has now compiled and submitted to the Sales Promotion Committee for review, a listing of an industry-wide selection of representative tape constructions and braid constructions with an identification code. In addition, significant actions related to certain Federal specifications was also reported. The detailed report as presented by Mr. McCluer is appended as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

c) Sales Promotion Committee. The report for the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield, Chairman. Many subjects of interest and importance to the membership were discussed in this report which is presented in detail as a part of the minutes of this meeting. One of the subjects which was discussed and in which great interest was evidenced concerned the development of a large, three-section display, the lay-out for which Mr. Whitfield exhibited. The cost of such a display will be about $6000. It was agreed that further consideration be given this matter by the committee in an effort to obtain the cooperation of the producers of asbestos fibers and perhaps others in underwriting such a project.

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d) Fellowship Report. The Fellowship report was presented by Dr. Shaw. The report consisted of three sections, devoted to 1) Elevated Temperature Studies, 2) Flameproofing Asbestos Textiles and 3) Aquapel Treatments for Asbestos Materials. The full report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

e) Fellowship Program Committee. At the last meeting of the Institute, President Wakem appointed Mr. J. A. Bettes to serve as chairman of a committee with the assignment to review and revise the Fellowship program. Serving on this committee with Mr. Bettes were: Mr. A. J. Scanlan, Mr. W. G. Hoffer and Mr. A. E. Whitfield. The results of the deliberations of this committee were presented at this time and the program as there set forth was unanimously approved by those in attendance. The program as adopted is appended as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

During the course of the discussion concerning this program it was pointed out that the elevated temperature studies on textiles is to be continued as presently being carried and, in addition, work is to be undertaken to evaluate the properties of tensile strength and abrasion resistance of the textiles while being subjected to elevated temperatures. Further, upon the suggestion of Mr. R. E. Cryor, there is apparently a need for information related to the short term life of asbestos textiles at high temperatures, for example, the tensile strength characteristics of such materials at 2000°F and higher for periods of 2 to 5 seconds. In view of this, investigations along these lines will also be initiated.

6. Upon conclusion of the several committee reports, President Wakem expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Institute membership to the chairmen of the several committees and to the committee members who have contributed so much in the work of the Institute. It was pointed out that each chairman had served in that position for the past two years, with the exception of M. M. Jackson, Air Hygiene Committee, who has served since December 1952, and that since it has been the policy of the Institute to continue these chairmanships for only two year periods, new appointments would be made at this time. The following men were then appointed to serve as chairmen of the respective committees:

Air Hygiene Committee	D. R. Holmes
Technical Committee	H. W. Oliver
Sales Promotion Committee	J. T. Griffis
Fiber Committee	G. S. Fabel

7. President Wakem next introduced Mr. L. I. Ruddock, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, legal counsel, who addressed the meeting regarding certain recent legislative actions of interest to trade association activities in general and the Asbestos Textile Institute in particular.

8. The next order of business directed to the attention of the membership concerned the election of members to serve on the Board of Governors of the Institute for 1956. Mr. Ruddock familiarized the members with the election procedure as set forth in the By-Laws of the Institute and in accordance with those provisions the following members were elected to so serve during the coming year:

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American Asbestos Textile Corp. --------- A. J. Scanlan
Asten-Hill Manufacturing Co. ------------ J. G. Schoepf
Johns-Manville Corp. ------------------- F. J. Wakem
Keasbey & Mattison Co. ------------------ D. W. Widmayer
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. --------------- G. W. Marshall
Southern Asbestos Co. ------------------- G. S. Fabel
Union Asbestos & Rubber Co. ------------- W. H. Fehrs

9. At this point in the meeting a recess was called in order that the Board of Governors might retire and elect the officers to serve the Institute during 1956. Upon the conclusion of this action by the Board of Governors, the meeting was reconvened and it was announced that the following men had been elected to serve as the officers of the Institute for the coming year, 1956:

President ----------------------------- F. J. Wakem
Vice President ------------------------ W. H. Fehrs
Treasurer ----------------------------- J. G. Schoepf
Secretary & Assistant Treas. ---------- M. C. Shaw

10. There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was moved by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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