MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held at the Essex House, New York City on September 10, 1953

IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

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

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
F. J. Wakem
H. M. Jackson
J. L. Tucker
E. R. Schuman
R. Jackson

KEASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY
A. E. Whitfield
C. R. Frederick

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
Ralph Smith
M. W. Oliver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS COMPANY
G. S. Fabel
J. T. Griffis
O. C. Fehrens
G. J. Harris
J. D. Beatty

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
J. F. Corcoran
A. R. Byrnes
A. W. Summers

SOCIETE ANONYME FRANCAISE du FERODO
J. F. Tesniere
P. E. Segard

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
J. A. Marcotte

JOHNSON'S COMPANY
A. W. G. Gibbs

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to the membership. Special recognition was given to the attendance of four members representing two associate member companies from Canada and one associate member company from Paris, France. Also, at this time, a letter from Mr. R. E. Cryor was read, wherein he presented his resignation as a member of the Asbestos Textile Institute. Since he

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is no longer associated with a member company affiliated with the Institute his request was regretfully accepted.

2. The President called for a reading of the minutes of the last General Meeting, however, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were therefore familiar with the actions taken on that occasion, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted.

3. The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer who had previously prepared the report and submitted it for presentation at this meeting. A copy of this report is attached as a part of these Minutes. Following consideration of this report, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by J. A. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's report was read by the Secretary and was accepted as read. Copy attached.

5. The first committee report was presented by Mr. H. M. Jackson, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee. The committee meeting held on September 9th consisted of a two section meeting with medical doctors representing Institute member companies and the regular committee meeting in separate session in the morning. During the afternoon the two sections met jointly. The report covering the work of these groups was discussed by Mr. Jackson and a copy of the report is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Following a full discussion of the report of this committee unanimous approval of the work now being undertaken was expressed by the members and the committee was commended by the President for the active part it is playing in extending the service of the Institute in the interest of our industry.

6. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by G. J. Harris, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee. The major activity of this committee during recent months has been directed toward the completion of the "Handbook of Asbestos Textiles". Copies of this Handbook were distributed to all members present.

The first subject discussed by Mr. Harris concerned the methods which will be used in circulating and distributing the 10,000 copies of the Handbook being printed in the first edition. It was the recommendation of the Sales Promotion Committee that a total of 5400 copies be allocated to the regular members with individual company allocations being based upon the extent to which each member participated in the most recent Publicity Fund Assessment. Each Associate member company is to be given 100 copies and since there are six such associates, 600 copies will be allocated in this manner. The final 4000 copies are to be turned over to the Secretary for distribution in response to requests resulting from a publicity program which will be promoted by the Sales Promotion Committee.

Since it was felt that many companies might wish to obtain additional copies of the Handbook, over and above that number which would be made available on the basis of allocations, arrangements were made with the printer to delay the printing until

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September 17th to give those wishing to order additional copies time to do so. In concluding this part of the discussion it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the above recommendations of the Sales Promotion Committee regarding distribution be adopted.

An analysis of the total cost for the printing work revealed that the charges by Hibbert Press will be $4547.00 or approximately $1000 more than the amount allocated and presently available in the fund set up to cover this work. In view of this, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that an assessment of $1000 be collected from the regular members, such assessment to be on the regular publicity fund collection basis of textile sales.

Following the discussion of the Sales Promotion Committee report it was moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the following resolution be spread upon these minutes: "Resolved, that the meeting here assembled extend to the members of the Sales Promotion Committee; Mr. G. J. Harris, Chairman of the Committee; Mr. Howard Bain, Editor in Chief of the Handbook and all others who contributed time and information in the preparation of the Handbook, the sincere appreciation for their contributions and high commendation for the excellence of the Publication titled 'Handbook of Asbestos Textiles'".

A copy of the report of this committee is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

7. The report of the Fiber Procurement Committee was presented by Mr. G. S. Fabel, Chairman of that committee. Mr. J. A. Marcotte,

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Asbestos Corporation and Mr. A. W. G. Gibbs, Johnson's Company were at this time asked to address remarks pertaining to this subject and each presented rather optimistic views regarding the spinning fiber availability for the not too distant future. New developments in the Canadian mining fields appear to be promising and within the next few years there should be a marked improvement in the supply of those fibers of interest and importance to the asbestos textile industry.

8. The Technical Committee Report was presented by J. L. Tucker, Chairman. A copy of this report is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

During the course of this report Mr. Tucker discussed in some detail sections of the Fellowship report related to the elevated temperature serviceability of asbestos textiles and pointed out the significance of the information here presented. Reference was also made to the work of the Fellowship pertaining to the "Significance of Magnetic Iron in Chrysotile".

Several task groups within this committee have been actively engaged in resolving specific problems under consideration by this committee. The work of these task groups was reviewed.

Following a full discussion of the Technical Committee report it was unanimously approved.

9. The Fellowship Report was presented by the Fellow, M. C. Shaw, and a copy of the report has been made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

10. The final report of the meeting was presented by Mr. M. I.

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Ruddock, legal counsel. Recent actions and an analysis of future policies of the Federal Trade Commission as related to Anti-Trust Laws were reviewed. It now appears promising, on the basis of activities and statements to date, that a definite attempt will be made to give advance guidance and clearly stated rules of conduct to business men so that the past uncertainties and confusion may be lessened. The new commissioners have expressed the healthy attitude that business men want to comply with the laws and the problem is to make sure they understand them.

11. The next order of business presented for consideration was the election of members of the Board of Governors to serve for the year 1954. The President nominated the following members to serve on the nominating committee for this purpose:

G. S. Fabel, Chairman
J. G. Schoepf
J. A. Bettes

Following due consideration by this committee the following men were nominated to serve on the Board of Governors for 1954 and recommendations were also offered, for action by the Board of Governors, relative to the officers of the Institute to serve during 1954:

D. W. Widmayer, President
F. J. Wakem, Vice-President
A. J. Scanlan, Treasurer
G. W. Marshall, Jr.
G. S. Fabel
J. F. Corcoran
J. G. Schoepf

It was moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the Board of Governors members, as nominated, be elected.

Following a brief recess in the General meeting during which time the Board of Governors met for the purpose of electing officers to serve the Institute during 1954, the meeting was called to order and the results of the elections announced, as follows:

Officers to serve for the year 1954:

President----------D. W. Widmayer
Vice-President----------F. J. Wakem
Treasurer----------A. J. Scanlan
Secretary & Asst. Treasurer----M. C. Shaw

12. The President next called upon several members representing foreign and associate member companies to address the meeting. Mr. Marcotte and Mr. Gibbs, having spoken earlier in the meeting had nothing further to add at this point. Mr. Jacques Tesniere, Societe Anonyme Francaise du Ferodo, Paris, France, addressed the group with an expression of gratitude for the opportunity to attend these meetings and extended greetings from Mr. P. Oger, Director, of his company.

13. Under subjects of old business there were no matters for consideration. Under new business one subject was considered. It was suggested and unanimously approved that the President should send complementary advance copies of the Handbook to the following:

C. H. Carlough, Carolina Asbestos Company
T. L. Gatke, Asbestos Textile Co.
T. C. McClusky, Tallman-McClusky Fabrics Co.
G. S. Abbott, Garlock Packing Co.
G. M. Williams, Russel Manufacturing Co.
H. B. Humphreys, Jr., U. S. Rubber Co.
J. M. Weaver

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14. There being no further business to come before this session, it was moved by F. J. Wakem, seconded by J. G. Schoepf and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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