MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held March 12, 1953 at the Essex House, New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

ASTEN-HILL MFG. CO.
D. R. Holmes

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
L. R. Hoff
S. V. Dillon
J. L. Tucker
E. A. Schuman
R. Jackson
H. M. Jackson

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield
T. G. Schmidt

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
G. W. Marshall
J. A. Bettes
J. M. Weaver
M. W. Oliver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. J. Harris
J. T. Griffis
O. C. Ferens

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
R. E. Cryor
A. W. Summers
A. R. Byrnes
A. F. Jerome
E. C. Johnson

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, F. J. Wakem. In opening the meeting, appropriate remarks were addressed by the presiding officer, in memory of an official of one of the member companies, Mr. George R. Weber, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., who passed away recently. The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon a motion by L. R. Hoff and a second by R. E. Cryor, to be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting and to be transmitted to the members of the family of the deceased.

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"Resolved that the Asbestos Textile Institute hereby expresses its deep sense of loss in the passing of George R. Weber, Vice President, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., a pioneer in the asbestos textile industry who, by his friendly guidance and counsel throughout the years, immeasurably aided in the development of this industry."

In closing this memorial, all in attendance arose and stood in silence for one minute.

2. The first order of business placed before the meeting called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting. However, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were, therefore, familiar with the contents thereof, it was moved by R. E. Cryor, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that such reading be omitted.

3. The Treasurer's report was presented by A. J. Scanlan. (Copy attached). Following a brief discussion it was moved by A. E. Whitfield, seconded by J. A. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the report be approved.

4. The Secretary's report was presented by M. C. Shaw. (Copy attached

5. The Legal Counsel addressed the meeting relative to the changes which are occurring in the business world as a result of the changing administration and an apparent change in the attitude of the general public in regard to "big business".

6. The Air Hygiene Committee report was presented by Mr. H. M. Jackson, Chairman. (Copy attached). Following a discussion of the subject presented, two specific actions were taken.

   a) It was moved by D. R. Holmes, seconded by R. E. Cryor

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and unanimously agreed that medical doctors representing member firms should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Air Hygiene Committee to be held in Philadelphia on June 11.

b) It was moved by G. W. Marshall, seconded by D. R. Holmes and unanimously agreed that T. G. Schmidt be authorized to confer with the Industrial Hygiene Foundation and other authorities relative to the determination and establishment of satisfactory air sampling techniques.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by G. J. Harris Chairman. (Copy attached). The first subject discussed concerned the Asbestos Textile Handbook which is being composed by this committee. The first draft of this book was circulated and each member was requested to review the work and submit criticisms and suggestions at an early date. The method of distribution was also discussed and it was agreed that the sale price for each copy of the handbook should be $1.00 and distribution of the 10,000 copies to be printed should be as follows: Each Associate member is to receive 100 copies without charge; the Secretary is to receive 2000 copies; and the remaining 7500 copies are to be distributed to the member companies on the basis of each members proportion of the total paid assessment.

The second subject presented for consideration by the Sales Promotion Committee concerned the distribution of Visual Aid Displays. It was pointed out that several of the displays are in need of reconditioning since in some cases the samples have become loosened and some of the cloth samples soiled and discolored. In view of this, it was unanimously agreed that one of the cabinets should be send to Gardner Displays Co., the

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manufacturers, so that an estimate on refurbishing costs might be ascertained.

8. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. L. Tucker, Chairman. (Copy attached). This report covers the activities of this committee and the two subcommittees during the quarter just passed and sets forth certain actions resulting from the committee meeting held on March 11th.

9. The Fellowship report was presented by M. C. Shaw and Report #24 was distributed among the members present.

10. At the General meeting of the Institute held in Philadelphia on Dec. 11, 1952, President Widmayer appointed G. J. Harris, J. L. Tucker and M. C. Shaw to serve on a Fellowship review task group. It was the purpose of this group to investigate the advisability of renewing the Fellowship program at Rutgers University and to further explore the possibilities of procuring a greater service through other channels of endeavor. This group met on Jan. 12, 1953 and the reports covering the findings and recommendations are herewith attached. As a result of these deliberations, it was moved by R. E. Cryor, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously approved that the Fellowship program be renewed at Rutgers University for the term from October 1, 1953 to October 1, 1954 at a cost of $11,475.00.

11. The next subject presented for consideration concerned the patent application work on the Abradoflex conducted by Ward, Crosby & Neal. It was reported by the Secretary that final approval to proceed in this work was granted by President D. W. Widmayer in

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accordance with directions received at the last General meeting and that the application work was completed on February 26th. Upon completion of this work a final bill in the amount of $522.45 was received and is here presented for authorization of payment. It was moved by J. L. Tucker, seconded by R. E. Cryor and unanimously agreed that such payment be made.

12. The presentation of applications for membership in the Institute was the next matter considered. During recent months one application for Associate membership has been received, that from Societe Anonyme Francaise Du Ferode, Paris, France. Following a full discussion concerning this application and a review of this company's qualifications, it was moved by R. E. Cryor, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that Societe Anonyme Francaise Du Ferode be accepted as an Associate member, such membership dating from April 1, 1953, with dues of $375 to cover the balance of 1953.

13. In closing the meeting Mr. L. R. Hoff addressed the Institute with reflections upon the growth of the activities of the Institute and its committees through the nine years since its founding. It was pointed out that through the cooperative efforts of the individual companies in carrying out the interests of the Institute, the benefits to the industry as a whole have been of incalculable value and that through a continuation of this interest still greater values may be expected.

Mr. Hoff's remarks were appreciatively received and the Chairman expressed the hope that the Institute will have the privilege of his counsel for many years to come.

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

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Secretary

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