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MINUTES of General Meeting of the
Asbestos Textile Institute held
March 11, 1954 in New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CO.P.
A. J. Scanlan

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. L. Holmes

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
E. A. Schuman
H. M. Jackson
R. Jackson
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Wakem
K. O. Beyard
W. G. Hoffer

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.
A.W.G. Gibb
M. C. Pharo

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

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
G. W. Marshall, Jr.
H. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel
J. T. Griffis
J. D. McCluer
O. C. Ferens
G. J. Harris

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
G. A. Novak
A. W. Summers
A. R. Byrnes

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to the members present.

2. The Minutes of the last General meeting were presented for reading, however, since all members had previously received copies of these transactions and were familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan and copies of this report were distributed among the members present. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted, as read, and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's Report was read by the Secretary and was unanimously accepted. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

5. The Legal Counsel addressed the meeting regarding recent developments and court decisions dealing with anti-trust and business problems generally.

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6. The first committee report was presented by H. H. Jackson, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee. This committee is continuing to pursue an active program of investigations related to the dust control and hygienic problems of this industry. Reports from French associate member companies had been presented and were discussed at an earlier meeting of this committee and a review of these reports was here presented by Mr. Jackson. Transcripts of the pertinent information set forth in these reports will be included as a part of the Minutes of the meeting of this committee and will be furnished to the members of the Institute. It was suggested by Chairman Jackson that since considerable interest has been evidenced by many industrial hygienic specialists and insurance company specialists in the air hygiene and dust control problems of our industry, as has been evidenced by the number of requests for the Handbook on Asbestos Textiles received from such individuals, it might be well to have a section devoted to this subject in the next issue of the Handbook. However, a discussion regarding this latter suggestion revealed some reluctance on the part of the membership to report such information at this time on the basis of the information presently available. It was felt that much more information will be required before an authoritative presentation can be made. It was recommended that Mr. Jackson prepare an abstract for such an article, setting forth an outline of the proposed information, and submit it for review by the Board of Governors at the next meeting.

Upon conclusion of this report, the President acknowledged the accomplishments of this committee and extended the compliments of the Institute for the industrious endeavors being exerted by the Air Hygiene Committee.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by A. E. Whitfield, Chairman of that committee, and covered the following subjects:

a) It was here reported that the response resulting from the distribution of the Handbooks indicates a widespread and genuine interest in the publication. The Secretary furnished information to this committee to the effect that requests for the Handbook have been received from fifteen foreign countries as well as from practically every state in the United States.

b) During the discussion pertaining to the Visual Aid Displays, Mr. A. W. G. Gibb, Johnson's Company, spoke briefly on the plans for exhibiting the display throughout Canada. It was also stated that one of the displays is presently in England for exhibition throughout that country.

c) As a part of the report of this committee, Mr. G. J. Harris was called upon to discuss the considerations of the sub-committee which has been assigned the task of investigating the market for theatre curtains. Mr. Harris and Mr. J. L. Tucker served on this committee and the conclusions reached indicated that the potential market now apparent is insufficient to warrant further considerations by the Institute. The various city codes covering the use of fire retarding curtains in theatres are, for the most part, directed to the usage of materials other than asbestos. It was, therefore, recommended that there be no further activities on the part of the Institute in promoting this project. The report presented by Mr. Harris is herewith attached.

d) Also, as a part of this committee report, Mr. J. A. Bettes was asked to report on activities of the Fellowship Project Committee, of which Mr. Bettes was chairman. It was here reported that this sub-committee held

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two sessions during the past quarter and developed a Fellowship Project list for submission at this time. This list, as approved by the Board of Governors, was thereupon submitted and is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

e) The final subject to be reported upon as a part of this committee report concerned proposals for the promotion of asbestos textile sales. Mr. J. A. Bettes during recent months has given this problem much study and was asked to present his observations at this time. The reasons for declining asbestos textile usage by the armed services were reviewed and possible methods of overcoming these deterents were suggested. The detailed report covering these remarks is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Following the presentation of the several subjects covered in this report, the matters requiring membership action were discussed.

1. The recommendation of G. J. Harris on behalf of the sub-committee concerned with the Theatre curtain project, specifically stating--"That no further activities on the part of the Institute be exerted in promoting this project", was unanimously approved.

2. The Fellowship prlject list as submitted by J. A. Bettes was unanimously approved, following a motion by A. J. Scanlan, and a second by G. S. Fabel, that such action be taken.

3. The discussion concerned with the problem of promoting asbestos textile sales was concluded by the unanimous acceptance of the recommendation that the Fiber Procurement Committee be assigned the tasks of 1) collecting pertinent information regarding the present and anticipated availabilities of asbestos fiber, such information to be obtained from the Canadian miners through the Quebec Asbestos Miners Association, and 2) disseminating the information in such a manner that the several Federal Procurement agents may be authoritatively informed. The Fiber Procurement Committee will be assisted in these endeavors by the Sales Promotion Committee and the Associate Member fiber producers.

Following these considerations the report of the Sales Promotion Committee was accepted and the services of the committee appreciatively acknowledged.

8. The Fellowship Report was presented by H. C. Shaw and copies of the report distributed among the members in attendance. A copy of this report is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

9. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman of the Technical Committee. This committee during the past quarter has been concerned with Federal specification revisions and with considerations related to the establishment of industry-wide data on tape and braid. The full report as presented by the Chairman is herewith attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting. During the discussion concerned with the Federal specification revision section of this report it was unanimously agreed that when such discussions are held with the various Federal agencies, at least two members of the Institute should accompany the Secretary for such discussions.

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Following a full discussion of this report, it was unanimously accepted and the work of the committee acknowledged by the President.

10. Upon concluding the committee reports, the President announced that the Board of Governors, in an effort to maintain a closer relationship with the several committees within the Institute, would have the chairman of each of the committees report at all future meetings of the Board of Governors regarding the activities of each committee.

11. The next subject presented for discussion concerned the Fellowship Renewal. Mr. G. S. Fabel, Chairman of the subcommittee, concerned with this subject presented the report of his committee activities and offered recommendations on the basis of the deliberations pursuant thereto. The committee, in addition to Mr. Fabel, consisted of J. G. Schoepf, J. A. Bettes and P. D. Cannon. This group met with Mr. B. W. Hayward, Philadelphia Textile Institute, for the purpose of determining the possibilities and advisability of establishing the Fellowship at the Philadelphia Textile Institute and were favorably impressed with the possibilities of establishing such a relationship. It was determined that there would be a considerable financial advantage to be gained through such a connection and, in addition, the direct association of the Institute with a textile school of the calibre here being considered would offer extensive possibilities for conducting research on textile problems and would provide our industry with a source of trained personnel for employment within the asbestos textile industry. In view of these conclusions, it was the recommendation of the committee that efforts be made by Mr. Fabel to conclude a working agreement with the Philadelphia Textile Institute for the establishment of the Fellowship at that Institution. It was further recommended that Mr. Fabel endeavor to obtain an option on the agreement to cover at least a three year period on the basis of the terms as are now understood to be acceptable for the first year. It was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the above recommendations be accepted.

It was further agreed that the legal counsel should prepare, for submission at this time, a resolution covering necessary expenditures which will be involved in making the transfer from Rutgers University to Philadelphia Textile Institute to cover the moving expenses of the Fellow and the purchase of new equipment for the laboratory. The resolution as presented follows:

> "Resolved that the Fellowship Agreement with Rutgers University shall not be renewed at the end of the current Fellowship year on September 30, 1954. Further Resolved that a Fellowship Agreement be entered into with the Philadelphia Textile Institute of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for one year commencing in September, 1954 and that the necessary funds, not to exceed $2500, be appropriated to cover the expense of purchasing necessary equipment for the research activities of the A.T.I. at Philadelphia Textile Institute and to cover the moving expenses of laboratory equipment and of Dr. Shaw and his family from New Brunswick, N. J. to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania."

It was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved.

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12. There being no further regular business to come before the meeting, the President opened the meeting for general discussions and called upon Mr. H. C. Pharo, Johnson's Company, to address the group. Mr. Pharo expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend this meeting and expressed great interest in the work of the several committees, especially the activities of the Air Hygiene Committee.

Mr. A. W. G. Gibb also spoke briefly and expressed a willingness to cooperate with and to attempt to enlist the support of the members of Q.A.M.A., in the Institute's efforts to collect information regarding fiber production figures for the enlightenment of the Federal agencies and the general public. Mr. Gibbs also translated parts of a newspaper article originating in Paris, France, wherein a fire fighting suit capable of withstanding 4230°F temperature was described.

13. There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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