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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel

Arlington, VA

September 19, 1978

The meeting was convened at 10:00 A.M. at the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Present were:

Thomas A. Dougherty	CertainTeed Corp., AIA/NA Pres.
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.	Nicolet, Inc.
John H. Marsh	Raybestons-Manhattan, Inc.
Dimitry Poutiatine	Johns-Manville Corp.
Harrison B. Rhodes, Dr. Eng. Sc.	Union Carbide Corp.
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
Edward R. Zacharias	Molded Materials Company
Others:	
R.H. Mereness	AIA/NA Executive Director
B.J. Pigg	AIA/NA Administrative Asst.
Monroe Harris	Johns-Manville Corp.
Hans Weill, M.D.	Tulane University
Richard T. Davis, C.P.A.	Frantz and Company

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, August 8, 1978, were approved except for the following correction:

The words "a reduction of" were deleted from the 12th and 13th lines of the 2nd paragraph of page 2.

Financial Report

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statement for the period ended August 31, 1978. The Association's accountant, Richard T. Davis, C.P.A., said one member was delinquent in payment of dues, but that communication with the company indicated

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ANNUAL MEETING

September 20, 1978

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The Annual Meeting of the Asbestos Information Association/ North America was convened at 9:52 AM, September 20, 1978, in the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. The following members were present:

George Barge
W.H. Beasley
Frank M. Brown
Robert A. Carlson
William C. Clark
Brian Donner
Thomas A. Dougherty
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.
Jean Gaudry
(for M. P. Carson)
Clarence A. Herbst, Sr.
H.W. Heunemann
(for N. E. DeCandia)
A. R. Hooker
Edward Kaufman
(for Alfred Shaines)
J. E. Keith
Donald G. Magill
John H. Marsh
Joseph T. Mooney, Jr.
C. G. Morgan
Adam Novak
Dimitry Poutiatine
Richard H. Prigozen
(for K. S. Prigozen)
J. L. Rainey
John Riopelle
B. B. Rhodes, Dr. Eng. Sci.
Richard H. Rosenberg
Walter J. Rosenthal
Kurt Schwarz
John Sheridan
(for J. M. Ciskowski)
E. R. Zacharias

Atlas Asbestos Company
Cement Asbestos Products Co.
Connell Bros. Co., Ltd.
Special Asbestos Co., Inc.
Asten-Hill, Limited
Vermont Asbestos Group
CertainTeed Corporation
Nicolet, Inc.
Asbestos Corp., Ltd.

Resinoid Engineering Corp.
Congoleum Industries, Inc.

The Flintkote Company
P.T. Brake Lining Co., Inc.

Rostone Corporation
Hollingsworth & Vose Co.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Monsey Products Company
Continental Products Corp.
Huxley Development Corp.
Johns-Manville Corporation
Schriber Industries, Inc.

Amatex Corporation
The Bendix Corporation
Union Carbide Corporation
Borg-Warner Corporation
Glasveid International, Inc.
Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
Jim Walter Research Corp.

Molded Materials Company

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Also present: James W. Armstrong, F. E. Messier and Ben Hong, The Bendix Corporation; E. W. Drislane, Friction Materials Standards Institute; Joseph A. Artabane, Esq., Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft; W. T. Whitley, Cement Asbestos Products Co.; Doris M. Fagan, ASBESTOS Magazine; Richard P. Carter, Edmund M. Fenner, and James F. Reis, Johns-Manville Corp.; James G. Heil, CertainTeed Corp.; Robert G. Rucker, Congoleum Industries, Inc.; Hans Weill, M.D., Tulane University; R. H. Hareness, B. J. Pigg and Richard Trachtman, AIA/NA staff.

Welcome and Minutes

Mr. Dougherty, President of the Association, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and introduced members attending their initial AIA/NA meeting and Joseph A. Artabane, Esq. who succeeded Adrian May as Association counsel. On motion, minutes of the last Annual Meeting, September 21, 1977, were approved as submitted.

Statement of Finances

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statement for the eight-month period ended August 31, 1978. He invited attention to and explained any negative variances between the budget and actual expenditures for specific line items. As of August 31, total assets of \$161,312 with liabilities of \$53,711 resulted in a net worth of \$107,601. The Executive Director said the Association's financial condition was solvent and no problems were anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal (calendar) year. On motion, the financial report was accepted.

Executive Director's Report

OSHA - The RTI-CONSAD consolidated report on studies of the construction and manufacturing industries is not available, although it has been submitted to OSHA. Grover Wrenn, OSHA's Director of Health Standards Division, recently advised that public hearing on the asbestos standard most likely would not be held before the first quarter of next year.

EPA - Phase I of the Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Review has been completed by the project officer and is undergoing in-house review. The report will ultimately be considered by EPA's Priorities Committee (Phase II) for possible further studies or regulatory initiatives.

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Air Sampling and Analysis Program

Dr. Rhodes said this program continues to enjoy outstanding participation. Thus far, data has been received on 2,414 filters. A printout will be distributed which will show each program participant the results of all samples with which that participant was associated. Dr. Rhodes observed that the numbers generated by the sampling program showed some variances which were greater than expected.

Dr. Rhodes reported on response to date regarding attendance at the Second International Colloquium on Dust Measuring Technique and Strategy scheduled for October 11-13 at the Dulles Marriott Hotel. Approximately 25 non-U.S. attendees have advised of their plans to be present.

Legal Research Committee

Mr. Gabrielson said that this committee met September 18 and reviewed the State-of-the-Medical Art Memorandum prepared by special counsel. He said that this document covers the legal issues involved in the presentation of the state-of-the-medical art defense. The document incorporates the work of Dr. Enterline in his review of medical literature on asbestos-related disease. The document is now being revised following the committee's review and should be available to members and their trial counsel in the near future.

Mr. Gabrielson said that the document would be available to non-members as previously agreed. The fee will be \$2000. Mr. Gabrielson added that the procedure here would involve a direct billing to the non-member by Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft while the AIA/NA would receive appropriate follow-on credit.

Mr. Gabrielson reported that the cost of maintaining the data bank by special counsel on a monthly basis would be about \$1500 which is considerably more than the earlier estimate of \$700. He said the Executive Committee had agreed that no change in this procedure should be made for six months.

Medical Consultant's Report

Dr. Weill reported on the AIA/NA sponsored Plant Physicians Conference to be held in New Orleans, November 9-10, under the auspices of Tulane's continuing education program. The purpose of this conference is to provide physicians whose responsibility it is to perform medical surveillance on asbestos exposed workers with an update on the methodology of health surveillance.

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Also covered will be the state of the medical art. This will prepare the plant physician to serve as a witness during litigation. Dr. Weill said that official AMA credit would be made available to participants. Response to date has been encouraging - about 30 attendees are expected.

Dr. Weill reviewed the present state of asbestos-health literature with specific reference to the United Kingdom. A study dealing with average exposure and mortality has recently been published. Dr. Weill noted that this work does have scientific merit.

There will soon be published an update of a ten-year old British study on asbestosis. This is the study on which the current British asbestos standard is based.

Dr. Weill mentioned a further study conducted at McGill University which is based on total particulates rather than fibers. There is a Tulane University study of asbestos-cement manufacturing industry workers which showed the existence of a level of exposure below which excess mortality was not detectable. Dr. Weill next mentioned the occurrence of mesothelioma in a Turkish village where there is no asbestos.

Dr. Weill referred to HEW Secretary Califano's speech on September 11 before the AFL-CIO National Conference on Occupational Safety and Health and related study. He expressed confidence that the study would be discredited and stated further that this was an example of the anti-scientific approach of releasing this kind of information generally to a public which cannot evaluate it prior to the time for scientific peer review. Dr. Weill then addressed some specific problems with the study. He concluded by saying that the scientific basis for the study is weak.

Technical Committee Report

Mr. Fenner said that the major task facing the committee at this time is the provision of technical support for the Standards Advisory Committee relative to their preparation of an AIA/NA alternative standard for occupational exposure to asbestos in the construction industry. This work is principally in two areas. The first is in connection with

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