

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Edward H. Gautschi at 2:00 p.m.

QUORUM

A quorum was reported present by the Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman announced that the Minutes of the previous meeting, held November 8, 1974, had been circulated and no comments received. On motion duly made, seconded and carried the Minutes were approved as written.

FALL IDC BUDGET MEETING

The IDC established Wednesday, November 19, 1975 as the date for the 1976 Program/Budget Meeting to begin at 9:30 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman discussed the purpose of the meeting as informal exchanges of ideas between staff and IDC members of the programs being considered for 1976 and beyond. He asked that each IDC representative consider carefully how LIA staff members and plans be used to the greatest possible advantage. He also stressed the role of IDC members as a source for new ideas to supplement ideas of the LIA staff.

UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Dr. Cole, Director of Environmental Health for LIA spoke on this topic saying that he, Dr. Lynan and Hill & Knowlton worked closely on all phases of the subject.

He spoke of the international usefulness of the Kettering Abstracts, distributed without charge to all parties interested in the medical and toxicological studies on lead. These are prepared by the Kettering Laboratory of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Seminars on lead have been very useful. The transactions of the last one, Conference of Standards for Occupational Lead Exposure, held in February 1974 were published in the Journal of Occupational Medicine and reprinted and widely distributed by LIA.

The status of lead in gasoline regulations remains unclear until the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has ruled on the EPA appeal. This is expected in the fall of this year. Meanwhile the state of California is working out a proposal to drop lead content of gasoline to .2 grams per gallon by 1980. LIA has requested a rehearing on this move, and has been granted a rehearing on the validity of the basis of the California action, their airborne lead standard of 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter of air.

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Ambient air standards for lead are beginning to attract considerable attention from EPA. As a result LIA is working to develop reasonable standards. It is also important to work with states and municipalities, as standard set by local jurisdictions are often adopted by others.

Studies are being conducted by the government on pollution of both water and solid wastes - lead and other heavy metals are prime targets.

Dr. Cole plans to start an LIA environmental newsletter shortly, which will attempt to digest the voluminous government reports to a comprehensible interpretation.

Dr. Lynam reported on the occupational health film which centers on recommended practices for lead producers and users. An acceptable script is nearly ready for a 12 minute film. Completion date target - November. Dr. Lynam also reported the government is backing away from a ban on lead shot, and will probably accept prohibition of lead shot only in "hot spot" areas where problem is known to exist. This was the LIA testimony at public hearings which was widely publicized. Mr. Gentschi asked about alternatives to lead shot. Dr. Lynam said that experiments with lead/iron shot were promising.

Dr. Cole mentioned a possible seminar on the neuropsychiatric effects of lead exposure as one plan for LIA's 1976 program.

Mr. Thompson of Hill & Knowlton spoke briefly of two highlights to watch for in 1976: 1. The total community studies being carried out by EPA and other groups at nonferrous smelters, and the resultant publicity. 2. The need to watch state and city regulations, as well as federal, on limitations on lead. Many statutes will start at the local level and then proliferate.

Mr. Callaghan of Hill & Knowlton proposed consideration of several simply written "laymans language" position booklets giving LIA's position and a degree of perspective to situations such as: OSHA federal hearings on occupational health practices; lead chromate carcinogenic possibilities; federal and private study group survey of all non-ferrous smelters and near by residents; lead in paint; lead shot. In addition perhaps an overall book on the values of lead. Mr. Buck asked if environmental health departments of member companies were aware of these plans. Dr. Cole indicated that all programs were cleared through the Environmental Health Committee as a first step before action. Mr. Wallace commented that many of the smaller companies had no environmental health personnel and relied entirely on LIA.

UPDATE - ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM

Mr. Connel Baker, recently named Manager of Energy Programs for LIA spoke on activities and plans for this field.

HR 5470 calling for federal expenditures of \$120,000,000 over a 3 year period, to buy 10,000 electric vehicles and test run them, has been voted out of committee to the floor of the House of Representatives.