

October 15, 1954

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MINUTES of the forty-second meeting of the Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at The Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on October 12, 1954, at 10:30 a.m. (CST).

There were present:

Messrs.

E. T. Asplundh	J. J. Kerrigan
Howard S. Bunn	R. C. McCurdy
J. D. Fennebresque	Charles S. Munson
Joseph Fistere	John A. Sargent
A. E. Forster	George M. Walker
William C. Foster	William H. Ward
John L. Gillis	Rothe Weigel
R. K. Gottshall	J. Albert Woods
J. R. Hoover	M. F. Crass, Jr.

Alternates:

J. M. Gillet (for Rothe Weigel)
John A. Hill (for Charles S. Munson)
Felix N. Williams (for John L. Gillis)

Present by Invitation:

Edward Block, Blockson Chemical
Company
A. Norman Into, International Minerals
and Chemical Corporation
W. S. Guthmann, Ringwood Chemical
Corp.
August Kochs, Victor Chemical Works
Marx Leva, Fowler, Leva, Hawes &
Symington
Howard R. Medici, Visking Corporation
E. A. Moss, Swift & Company
William B. Plummer, Indoil Chemical
Company
Joseph Regenstein, Velsicol Corporation
Joseph E. Rich, Bay Chemical Company
K. L. Schanbacher, Carlisle Chemical
Works
J. Paul Smith, Visking Corporation
Wesley H. Sowers, Frontier Chemical Co.
Floyd K. Thayer, Abbott Laboratories
R. I. Wishnick, Witco Chemical Company

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In the absence of Mr. Fred J. Emmerich, who did not arrive at the meeting until shortly following its conclusion, having been delayed by floods enroute, Mr. Charles S. Munson assumed the chair. On behalf of the Directors, Mr. Munson extended a cordial welcome to the executive contacts from the Middle-Western area who were present by invitation and urged them to enter actively into the discussion.

I. MINUTES OF MEETING.

The minutes of the September 14, 1954, meeting were duly approved as sent to the members.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mr. Foster prefaced his report with general remarks concerning the Association's over-all program and stated that the Chicago meeting was part of a plan designed to familiarize executive contacts with Association operations. He invited those present to take a more active part in Association affairs and to feel free to comment on the MCA program at any time.

(a) Chemical Progress Week. In view of the Board's decision last month relative to a delay in the 1955 Chemical Progress Week, the Public Relations Advisory Committee met on October 5 and passed a unanimous resolution reiterating the importance of a 1955 spring event and inviting further Board consideration of the matter. This action was supported by the Chairman of the Public Relations Policy Committee, the whole committee not yet having had an opportunity to meet. Developments subsequent to the September Board meeting indicate that the Texas Chemical Council will be opposed to such a spring event whether it be held during April or May. Further contact with the American Petroleum Institute revealed that it would not be practical to schedule a Chemical Progress Week during the early fall of 1955 since this would interfere with Oil Progress Week. Discussion then ensued with the consensus that the Association should proceed with plans for Chemical Progress Week to be held during the spring of 1955; that the time for such Week, be it in April or May, be left to the discretion of the Public Relations Advisory Committee; and that MCA would not plan any Chemical Progress Week activities in the State of Texas.

(b) Houston Conference. The President's appearance before the Seventh Industrial Health Conference at Houston on September 23 was reported.

Mr. Foster conferred with Trustees of the Welch Foundation the same day. The Foundation has requested MCA cooperation and assistance in the selection of an executive director. Board members and guests present were invited to submit the names of possible prospects to Mr. Foster for submittal to the Foundation.

(c) Toxicological Institute. On recommendation that the Board of Directors appoint a Committee to conduct a preliminary study, the following task group was named:

Messrs. W. H. Ward, Chairman
Leland I. Doan
William C. Foster
John L. Gillis
R. K. Gottshall
R. T. Major (Merck & Co.)
W. Minnis (National Aniline Div. - Allied)

(d) Government Questionnaires and Reports. The Association has been invited to nominate a panel of chemical industry experts to be considered in connection with a Hoover Commission Task Force which will shortly undertake a simplification study relating to Federal questionnaires and reports. Following discussion, it was the consensus that the Association should accept this invitation and submit a panel of qualified representatives of member firms.

(e) American Public Health Conference. The President reported on a proposal from this group that MCA provide financial assistance in liquidating a national meeting debt. It was agreed that the Association could not contribute direct aid since no funds were provided in the budget for this purpose. It was suggested that individual firms interested get in touch directly with the Conference.

(f) Food and Drug Administration. A report was made on the visit of Messrs. Foster and Logue with Mr. Bradshaw Mintener, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Commissioner Larrick of the Food and Drug Administration with reference to Association and Departmental policies on possible food additive legislation.

In connection with the forthcoming study of the Food and Drug Administration, those present were invited to submit nominations to the President of MCA for a chemical representative on the study committee.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT.

(a) Financial Summary. The financial summary for the period September 1 - September 30, 1954, was reviewed, and

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the report be accepted and placed on file.

(b) A brief report was made on invested funds of the Association. Three members have not yet paid their membership fees for the current fiscal year.

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(a) Association By-Laws. Members and guests were presented with printed copies of the revised By-Laws.

(b) Membership Directory. Those present were handed copies of a new printed Directory of Officers, Directors, Committees and Members.

(c) Program Committee. The appointment of Ernest W. Reid replacing Stanley Crossland as Chairman of the 1954-55 Program Committee was approved.

(d) Membership Committee. A list of chemical manufacturers with which the Association has had correspondence during the past year, and which are considered to be active prospects, was discussed. Those present were requested to study this list and to advise Chairman Kerrigan concerning those firms whom they would be willing to contact with regard to membership.

V. COMMITTEES.

(a) Industrial Alcohol Technical Group. The appointment of W. W. Carré, National Distillers Products Corporation, replacing L. A. Helfrich, was approved.

(b) International Trade and Tariff.

1) The appointment of Lewis Lloyd, The Dow Chemical Company, replacing W. A. Groening, Jr., was approved.

2) The Secretary presented a report of the October 7 Committee meeting, including the following items on which action was indicated:

a. Fluorspar. It was agreed that the Association should take no position with reference to import duties on fluorspar at a hearing to be held in Washington on October 19.

b. In accordance with a Committee recommendation that Mr. Fred Singer be invited to attend the November 9 Board meeting to outline recommended Association policy relative to the current Tariff Commission study on customs tariff classifications, it was the consensus that such invitation be extended.

c. GATT. The Board affirmed a Committee recommendation that member executives be sent copies of the American Tariff League's recent presentation before the Department of State on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

d. National Labor-Management Council on Foreign Trade Policy. The Secretary was authorized to remit a contribution to this organization in the amount of \$350. The Board affirmed a Committee recommendation that MCA take no part in the Nation-Wide Committee of Industry, Agriculture and Labor on Import-Export Policy at this time, this organization having taken over the National Labor-Management Council.

e. Messrs. Foster and Woods reported on their recent conference with Mr. John H. Stambaugh, Deputy Director, Foreign Operations Administration, concerning the chemical industry's position relative to international trade and the tariff. It was agreed that an invitation should be extended to Mr. Stambaugh to attend a forthcoming meeting of the MCA Committee as well as the Fourth Semi-Annual Meeting on November 23.

(c) Industrial Relations Advisory Committee. The Board approved assignment of the matter of technical personnel recruitment to the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee as a continuing responsibility.

(d) Packaging. The appointment of D. L. McCollum, U. S. Rubber Company, replacing A. K. O'Keefe, on Metal Packages and Miscellaneous Packages Committees, was approved.

(e) Safety.

1) The Board confirmed the election of the following Committee officers:

S. M. MacCutcheon, Chairman
G. L. Gorbell, Vice-Chairman

2) Reference was made to the Secretary's letter of October 13 to the Executive Contacts, outlining amendment of rules of eligibility in connection with the Lammont du Pont Safety Award, and clarification of rules of eligibility relative to Certificates of Achievement.

(f) Tax Policy. The appointment of Edwin J. Putzell, Jr., Monsanto Chemical Company, was approved.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) 1954 Mid-Year Meeting - November 23, 1954. Mr. Sargent presented a brief report on the general and panel programs. The official mailing to member firms, with finalized program and application forms, will be mailed from the Washington office within two weeks' time.

(b) Research Project on Physical Properties of Chemical Compounds. The detailed report and outline of this project, together with request for funds, was mailed by the Association to member research contacts on October 6. It was reported that contractual negotiations are now being finalized with Carnegie Institute of Technology.

(c) Industry-Education Cooperation. Mr. Foster reported that the Public Relations Advisory Committee's Industry-Education Subcommittee had now been constituted, the personnel consisting of:

Messrs. T. C. Fetherston, Chairman
W. Austin Bishop
William J. Long
Thomas Kennedy
Glen Perry

This group will prepare a detailed program which will be submitted to the Board at an early meeting for consideration and approval.

(d) International Labor Organization. Mr. Foster reported that he would leave for Europe on October 16 to take part in ILO Chemical Employers' discussions at London and Wiesbaden the following week. A busy agenda of conferences has been arranged which will also include a visit to Brussels. The viewpoint of the American chemical industry on agenda items was discussed at a meeting of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee held on October 5.

(e) Washington Office Organizational Chart. Those present were handed copies of an organizational chart of the Association's Washington Office.

(f) October 13 Transportation Symposium. The program of the MCA-sponsored symposium on the transportation, packaging and labeling of chemicals to be held on October 13 in conjunction with the 8th National Chemical Exposition was briefly discussed.

VII. NEXT MEETING. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on November 9, 1954, in New York City.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn. A social hour and luncheon followed the meeting.

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary

Approved: Charles S. Munson
Chairman of the Executive Committee