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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

GYPSUM ASSOCIATION

THE DRAKE HOTEL

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 6, 1977

The annual meeting of the Gypsum Association was called to order by Mr. E. J. Killian at 9:00 a.m., April 6, 1977 in The Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Killian welcomed all in attendance and expressed pleasure at the excellent representation from all the member companies, as well as two non-member companies. All present were asked to introduce themselves and state their affiliations. The following were present:

F. S. Burgen	The Celotex Corporation
E. R. Kiehl	The Celotex Corporation
J. E. Ross	The Celotex Corporation
W. J. Barney	The Flintkote Company
R. L. Murray	The Flintkote Company
C. W. Lehnert	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
G. E. Wilson	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
G. I. Fischer	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
J. L. Maddox	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
C. R. Norman	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
W. J. Marshall	Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Corporation
W. B. Hoffman	National Gypsum Company
J. K. Hovind	National Gypsum Company
E. J. Killian	National Gypsum Company
R. L. Zale	National Gypsum Company
G. E. Burgeson	Temple Gypsum, Division of Temple Industries
J. H. Crumbaugh	United States Gypsum Company
R. P. Entz	United States Gypsum Company
H. D. Gobrecht	United States Gypsum Company
C. C. Gramer	United States Gypsum Company
K. E. Mohler	United States Gypsum Company
R. L. Selbe	United States Gypsum Company
T. S. Turton	United States Gypsum Company
R. B. Cartwright	Legal Counsel
A. V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association
M. M. Brenner	Gypsum Association
H. B. Carlsen	Gypsum Association
R. W. Grove	Gypsum Association
T. D. MacQueen	Gypsum Association
F. J. Rogers	Gypsum Association
Guests: J. Dalton	American Gypsum Company
C. Gessler	Weyerhaeuser Company Dierks Division

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appeared heavily weighted in Labor interests favoring consolidation of all mining activities in the Department of Labor under the Coal Act. Mr. Rogers stated that passage of these bills would have a pronounced effect on gypsum operations. It was proposed that an industry-wide letter writing campaign be launched toward inducing members of the Senate and House to oppose passage of this legislation.

Mr. Rogers reported that the cooperative efforts of the Safety and the Manufacturing and Mining Committees are required to monitor any new MESA programs affecting the definition and regulation of mineral fibers. Although an attempt to include all fibers under the asbestos regulation was not successful last fall, there are indications that a new attempt will be made. It is therefore important that the industry expand their data base on employee health records to better prepare a defensive position with regard to future federal health proposals affecting gypsum operations. The Safety Committee supports the Manufacturing and Mining Committee recommendations in this area.

The Association has offered testimony on two occasions relative to the proposed OSHA 85 dba Noise Standard. It is expected that the OSHA Noise Standard will become law in a matter of weeks and the committee plans to monitor this activity.

The Safety Seminar program has been successful and a schedule of four per year seems appropriate. The seminar conducted on a regional basis provides a two-way communication between plant safety supervisors and the committee.

New safety activities include the publication of a compendium of safety articles which will be useful in plant safety training discussions, a new program for recognition of exemplary plant safety programs, and preparation of Volume II of the slide cassette "Plant Safety Training Program." Volume III of the "Plant Safety Training Program" is also in the planning stage.

Mr. Rogers requested approval of $2800 to be used for the development of a production script for a new industry safety film to replace the now obsolete film "Safety Zone." Anticipated total cost of the film is $25,000 and the Safety Committee requests the remaining $22,200 when funds are available.

In conclusion, Mr. Rogers noted that the National Safety Council is scheduling a national television disaster survival test to be narrated by NBC's Tom Snyder on May 1, 1977. The self-evaluation programs will require use of a preprinted test form which the Association is currently distributing for use by all gypsum plant employees in cooperation with the National Safety Council.

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