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MINUTES OF MEETING - PLASTICS COMMITTEE Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass. September 14, 1952

PRESENT:

Mr. M. G. Milliken
Mr. John P. Coe
Mr. Howard S. Bunn
Mr. Roger S. Firestone

Mr. Dan M. Rugg
Dr. D. S. Frederick
Mr. J. R. Hoover
Mr. F. H. Carman

The meeting was called to order with Mr. Milliken in the Chair.

NEW MEMBER

The Chairman called on Dr. Frederick to report for a subgroup which had been asked to suggest a replacement for Mr. Abbiati. The suggestion was then made that Mr. Dan M. Rugg be appointed Vice Chairman of the Plastics Committee and the full Committee agreed that this recommendation should be forwarded to the Directors. In keeping with the terms of reference for the Plastics Committee and with the view of having a representative from one of the smaller companies on the Committee, Dr. Frederick reported that it was the unanimous recommendation that Mr. Harry M. Dent of Durez Plastics & Chemicals, Inc. be suggested for appointment by the Directors to the Plastics Committee. It is the understanding that Mr. Dent will replace Mr. Rugg as a regular member and should thus serve for two years. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Committee.

OYSTER HARBORS CONFERENCE

Plans for the two-day session were discussed informally. The Committee approved the proposal of the secretary that the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the main speaker, Mr. Cyrus Ching, be handled by a modest honorarium.

In consideration of Association members not attending this Conference, the suggestion was made that Mr. H. H. Reichhold of Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. be approached by Mr. James L. Rodgers, Jr. for participation in forthcoming activities of this group. During the evening of September 16, Mr. W. F. Leicester of The Borden Company was the guest of one of the members, and it was reported that this company is now a likely prospect for membership. Mr. Leicester will be invited to the next Group meeting.

MID-YEAR MEETING

Plans for the full day Association meeting on November 25 were reported to the Committee and later to the Plastics Group. It was agreed that the Plastics Group should have its regular semi-annual business meeting on the evening of November 24 in conjunction with the Association meeting the following day.

At the aforementioned business meeting of the Plastics Group, it was the recommendation of the Committee that Dr. Frederick report on the plastics fair and other pertinent points regarding the chemical industry in Germany, as he will have made a trip to Europe just prior to the meeting.

TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The general program for the Technical Subcommittee meetings scheduled for the following two days was outlined. Also a brief review of their meeting in August was given, at which time it was brought out that factual reporting in the way of progress to the Executive Representatives on the MIT research would be highly important to obtain wider sponsorship of that work. The technical group has embarked upon a program to provide a suitable brochure on accomplishments about three months prior to the end of the school year.

The technical data book is now in the hands of the printer and it is hoped copies will be available in October. The mailing lists received from members for complimentary copies of the book showed a marked increase in number as compared with that of 1948. After correlation to eliminate duplicates, the list was reviewed to make sure that wide distribution was made to companies and plants yet not too many copies to any given unit. The mailing list was thus reduced to about 4,000. There are approximately 500 copies of the 1948 edition still on hand, and it was decided that a total of 6,000 copies of the new edition should be printed.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

The Committee unanimously agreed and the Plastics Group subsequently approved by a standing silent vote that a resolution expressing the sadness on the passing of Mr. Abbiati be drawn up on parchment and provision be made for signatures of all of his friends, said resolution to be transmitted to Mrs. Abbiati. It is the understanding this should be available for signatures during the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Group on November 24.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Plastics Committee will be held Wednesday, October 22, beginning with luncheon at twelve-thirty at the Manhattan Club, New York City.

On recommendation of the Committee and approved by the members, it was agreed that the next Oyster Harbors Conference should be scheduled for September 14 and 15, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

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