

Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting
Plastics Committee
October 13, 1953
Manhattan Club, New York City

PRESENT:

Mr. Dan M. Rugg, Koppers Co., Inc.
Mr. C. B. Branch, The Dow Chemical Company
Mr. H. K. Intemann (for G. C. Miller)
Bakelite Company
Mr. W. W. Knight, Jr., Barrett Division of
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.
Mr. Harry M. Dent, Sr., Durez Plastics & Chemicals, Inc.
Mr. Frank J. Groten (for R. S. Firestone)
Firestone Plastics Company
Mr. M. G. Milliken, Hercules Powder Company
Mr. J. R. Hoover, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company
Dr. D. S. Frederick, Rohm & Haas Company
Mr. Charles Lichtenberg, Monsanto Chemical Company
Mr. Marx Leva, M.C.A. Counsel
Mr. F. H. Carman, Assistant Secretary, M.C.A.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. with Mr. Rugg in the Chair.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

Twenty-one members had agreed to this procedure for financing plastics projects and accepted the special assessment as contained in Mr. Rugg's letter of September 9, 1953. The total amount already provided is \$26,750. The comments from those questioning or not in agreement with the special assessment were reviewed in open discussion.

Based on reports from several additional members, it is anticipated that we can be assured of approximately \$31,000. The total proposed assessments amounted to \$37,500, and it is anticipated that some of the yet unpledged money may be obtained from those who have not replied and in further consultation with those who have questioned the procedure.

The Committee agreed to the suggestion of General Tire & Rubber Company that their assessment be reduced in light of their present position in the plastics field. The Washington office is to prepare follow-up letters to Catalin Corporation of America and Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation for approval of the chairman with the view of working out a mutually acceptable assessment on the recommended procedure.

To obtain some additional monies from other MCA members interested in plastics, the Washington office is to draft a letter for this group for approval by the chairman.

The Committee further recommended that - (1) all members be advised of the results of this special assessment and that members be billed accordingly; (2) payment be made to M.I.T. for the current year; and (3) negotiations be started with the S.P.I. to republish the Buyers' Handbook as was proposed. The special assessments were to provide funds for these two special activities.

OYSTER HARBORS OUTING

Members were advised of the costs and allocations for this Outing. It was the sense of the Committee that the next arrangements committee for this outing be notified of the criticisms regarding the clam-bake and the housing problems and be requested to make recommendations on limiting attendance to that number which can be accommodated in the Club house.

A letter of thanks from Mr. Stuart Landes to Chairman Rugg regarding the Oyster Harbors Outing was read to those present.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next business meeting of the Group should be scheduled for November 23 preceding the full-day Association meeting. (Note: Arrangements have been made for this to be held at the Manhattan Club that Monday evening.) Based on experience of similar dinner meetings, it was the recommendation of the Washington office that a flat charge of \$15 per person be made for this dinner meeting; the Committee approved the suggestion.

TARIFF

Mr. Rugg reviewed briefly the recent Board action and recommendations of the Association's International Trade and Tariff Committee. During the discussion members were questioned regarding the position of plastics in export and import trade.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON SURGICAL MATERIALS

Action taken by the Washington office with respect to a request for financial assistance by this committee was reviewed for general information.

FREIGHT RATE PROPOSALS

A proposal for increase on plastic materials by certain trucking groups was reported in the last meeting. The Plastics Subcommittee of the Association's Traffic Committee has taken group action in opposing these increases in regular hearings and we now have a report that the truckers' request will probably be denied.

COATING RESINS

Members proposed for a special task committee to assist the Washington office in coating resin problems have accepted this assignment. These are Messrs. M. M. Gruber of U. S. Industrial Chemicals Co., W. F. Whitescarver of American Cyanamid Co., and Sam L. Brous of General Electric Co.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Statement recently cleared to all members for approval has been signed by nineteen companies to date with no dissents. With the view of having a heavy majority of the members accept this Statement, it was suggested that the Board approve it for the MCA. Counsel suggested a minor change in the fourth paragraph and the Committee was advised that the Board approved this Statement subject to revisions that would be approved by Counsel. Following discussion, at which Mr. Marx Leva was present, and on motion made by Mr. Branch and seconded by Mr. Milliken, the Committee unanimously agreed that the fourth paragraph should be changed to read:

"Therefore, we as manufacturers and processors of plastic materials reaffirm our adherence to the principles upon which the healthy growth of a great industry depends and undertake to:"

Further, the Statement should be cleared to the S.P.I. advising them of the MCA Board action and recommending that it or a resolution be submitted to their board for adoption by their membership. It is understood that following this adoption by S.P.I., other interested associations and groups will be asked to accept and endeavor to promulgate this Statement of Principles by the Plastics Industry.

NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held in the afternoon on November 23 at the discretion of the chairman.

WHEREUPON, adjournment was taken at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC: Mr. E. F. Schumacher

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