ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

Minutes - BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING - February 6, 1969

GRAND HOTEL - Point Clear, Ala.

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In attendance:

E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corporation
J.L. Rainey - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
M.Q. Scowcroft - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J.L. Mitchell - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co.
R.P. Clark - Uniroyal, Inc.
L.E. Moody - H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
H.C. Roosevelt, Legal Counsel - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
H.E. Sunbury, Secretary

Guests: C.L. Sheckler, Johns-Manville Corp.
F.C. Phillips, Uniroyal, Inc.
Dr. J.L. Goodman, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Absent: G.P. Wiess, Garlock Inc.

******* Minutes *******

1. Mr. E.A. Schuman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 P.M., noting that Mr. G.P. Wiess, representative for Garlock, Inc. was absent.

Mr. Schuman welcomed our new Legal Counsel, Mr. H.C. Roosevelt who replaces former Counsel P. Jay Flocken.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. Mr. Clark moved that the reading be omitted, Mr. Rainey seconded this motion, and it was so voted.

3. The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Scowcroft. Mr. Rainey moved that it be approved, motion seconded by Mr. Moody, and so voted. The report is attached to these minutes.

4. Mr. Schuman stated that he had received a letter from Mr. J. A. Brown, Jr. of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., tendering his resignation from the Board of Governors, and stating that Mr. M. Q. Scowcroft would serve as the R/M representative. Mr. Moody moved that the Board accept Mr. Brown's resignation with sincere regret. Mr. Clark seconded this motion, and it was so voted. The Secretary will advise Mr. Brown of this action.

5. Mr. M. Q. Scowcroft was elected to the Board to serve as the representative of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., on motion made by R. P. Clark, seconded by J. L. Rainey. Approval was unanimous.

6. Mr. Schuman asked Mr. C. L. Sheckler, Chairman of the new "Environmental Study Committee", formation of which was approved by the Board of Governors at their last meeting (October 3, 1968), to report on progress to date.

Mr. Sheckler said the following men had agreed to serve on his committee: J. L. Rainey, R. P. Clark, and Dr. J. L. Goodman. They propose to meet three times per year to coincide with the three regular meetings of A.T.I. Between meetings they will communicate by phone or letter. Authoritative action will be by a majority vote of the members of his committee.

Mr. Sheckler outlined the purpose and objectives of the new committee as he visualized them:

(a) To review current information on published reports concerning health problems.
(b) Liaison with member companies to keep them informed of such published reports.
(c) Liaison with A.T.I. sponsored programs.
(d) To assist member companies in an advisory capacity with health problems and other related problems.
(e) To report to the Board of Governors on their committee activities and other matters of interest.

Continuing, Mr. Sheckler said there were several priority issues to be considered: (1) Dr. L.J. Cralley of USPHS-HEW Dept., has requested that A.T.I. sponsor several meetings in various states for the purpose of working with state Boards of Health in respect to the new threshold values for Dust Count. This is in conjunction with the membrane-filter dust counting method. Wanted to know the reaction of the Board to Dr. Cralley's request before reporting back to him. ?

As a result of their meeting that day the new committee decided that "health of the consumer" was, currently, the most important factor, and that investigation to determine if a booklet setting forth recommended methods for the handling of asbestos products was a desirable step to take.

Mr. Sheckler referred to the great number of clippings that he receives with adverse publicity on asbestos, also recent publicity linking asbestos dust to lung cancer. He pointed out that the new "Environmental Study Committee" was not an "engineering committee" rather they seek the adverse publicity being spread and to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Governors.

At this point, Mr. Sheckler and Dr. Goodman left the meeting.

7. Mr. J. L. Rainey moved that a committee investigate details of the proposal made by Dr. Cralley (that A.T.I. sponsor meetings with various state Boards of Health) to determine what is involved and estimated costs. This motion was seconded by Mr. Moody, and approval was unaminous. (The Secretary is to ask Mr. Sheckler to check back with Dr. Cralley.)

8. Mr. J. L. Rainey said that he anticipated an application would be received in the near future from Nicolet Industries, Inc., for a Regular Membership in the Asbestos Textile Institute; and that he understood that Nicolet expected to receive their equipment for the manufacture of asbestos yarn from raw asbestos fibres within the next two or three months.

Mr. Schuman pointed out that the process to be used in the manufacture of yarn by Nicolet omitted the conventional "carding" process, and he had asked Legal Counsel (in advance of this meeting) if they would be eligible for membership under our Constitution & By-laws.

9. Speaker for the June meeting: The Secretary stated that it was Garlock's turn to supply a speaker. He was instructed to write to Mr. Wiess to see if they would be in position to arrange for a speaker. Mr. Schuman suggested that H. K. Porter Company, next in the line of rotation, be alerted in the event Garlock could not supply a speaker.

10. Locations for future meetings: Mr. Rainey said we should be careful to choose locations with good transportation as opposed to relatively inaccessible locations.

Mr. Schuman asked if there was any interest in Miami as a location for the February 1970 meeting, but no interest was expressed. Messers Rainey, Moody and Scowcroft thought that Atlanta, Ga., was OK for February 1970, where we already have a firm reservation at the Regency Hyatt House.

Mr. Rainey suggested that Board of Governors meetings should be held in the "daytime" if possible, in order to avoid being tied up all evening. No one disagreed with this thought, however the next two meetings will provide for golf and other forms of recreation on Thursday afternoon so it will be the February 1970 meeting before we can schedule a Board Meeting for the afternoon. Suggestions for locations of future meetings included: The Equinox, Manchester, Vt.; Chicago area; Washington, D.C.; and North Carolina mountains.

11. In respect to matter of suitable "Souveniers" for our 25th Anniversary meeting to be held at The Carolina, Pinehust, N.C. on October 8-10, 1969, it was decided to hold this in abeyance until the next Board meeting.

12. President Schuman reported the passing of Mr. R. S. Tallman, President of Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co. on December 17, 1968, and that we had received a card of appreciation from the Tallman family for the flowers sent on behalf of the members of A. T. I. Also the passing of Mr. J.F.D. Rohrbach Chairman of the Board of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. on December 25, 1968. Both of these men were staunch supporters of A.T.I. for many years, and we regret that our association with them has now come to an end.

13. There being no other business to come before the meeting it was duly adjourned at 12:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Sunbury
Secretary