

A G E N D A

M. C. A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
11:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 14, 1947
Piping Rock Club, L. I., N. Y.

- I. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1947 MEETING
- II. TREASURER'S REPORT
- III. RETIREMENT PLANS - FORD PROPOSAL - Mr. H. O. C. Ingraham
- IV. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS - Mr. H. O. C. Ingraham
- V. M.C.A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES
 - A- General Safety Committee
 - 1. Inclusion of Texas City Injuries in Accident Ratings
 - 2. Safety Program for Transmittal to Members
 - 3. Chemical Safety Data Sheet, SD-16, Phosphorous
 - 4. A.P.I. - Toxicological Reviews
 - B- Air Pollution Abatement Committee
 - C- Membership Committee - Mr. H. O. C. Ingraham
 - 1. Approval of Lion Oil Co., application of September 3, 1947
 - 2. Resignation of ALCOA
- VI. STATE LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT FOR JANUARY 1, 1948 TO JANUARY 1, 1950
- VII. TANK CAR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE
- VIII. AMMONIUM NITRATE INVESTIGATION PROGRESS REPORT
 - A- New Committee of Five
- IX. FEDERAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
 - A- Report to President - September 27, 1947
(See General Bulletin, October 1, 1947)
- X. REPORT ON THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
- XI. GERMAN CHEMICAL STOCKS AND PRODUCTION
- XII. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A- Confidential Report No. R-1, mailed September 18, 1947
(Revisions to Chemical Labor Contract Analysis of 1946)
 - B- American Standards Association
 - C- Chemical Alliance

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association of the United States was held at Piping Rock Club, Piping Rock, Long Island, N.Y., on Tuesday, October 14, 1947, at 11:00 A.M.

Members Present

George W. Merck, Chairman
Charles S. Munson, President
J. W. McLaughlin, Treasurer
Lamot duPont
C. F. Hosford, Jr.
H. O. C. Ingraham
W. S. Landes
Clyde D. Marlatt
P. T. Sharples
John L. Smith
Warren N. Watson

Members Absent

Leonard T. Beale
W. E. Bell
Walter B. Brown
W. N. Rand
H. I. Young

Guests Present

H. F. Atherton, A. C. D.
P. B. Stull, V.P., Hercules Powder Co.
H. L. Derby

I. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the September 9, 1947 meeting were duly approved as sent to the members.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer for the period September 1, 1947 to September 30, 1947, was reviewed, and

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

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

III. RETIREMENT PLANS - FORD PROPOSAL

The attention of the Committee was called to a summary of the Ford retirement plan on page 8 of the M.C.A. Labor Relations Bulletin of October 9, 1947.

IV. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

A letter from Mr. Ingraham dated August 26th to Chairman Merck was reviewed, pointing out the importance of qualified technical personnel in the Chemical Division of the Bureau of the Census to compile chemical returns for the census of 1947 accurately and also supporting a special section for this purpose. Following a review of the problem, it was suggested that members submit to Secretary Watson errors in the chemical data of the last census on chemicals and that the Secretary confer with the Census Bureau in regard to their attitude for an advisory group to cooperate and assist them, the Secretary to report the results of this conference to Chairman Merck.

V. M.C.A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

A- General Safety Committee

1. Inclusion of Texas City Injuries in Accident Ratings A letter from Mr. W. N. Rand to Chairman Merck dated October 9th, was read to the Committee protesting the decision of the National Safety Council and the American

Standards Association in charging the Texas City fatalities and injuries to the Monsanto Company and the chemical industry. The Executive Committee was advised that the M.C.A. General Safety Committee had passed the following resolution at the meeting of April 17th and 18th, 1947:

"A resolution was unanimously adopted to exclude from the injury reports submitted to the M.C.A., all personal injuries sustained by employees of member firms in the Texas City, Texas holocaust. Such injuries might have been sustained 'in the course of' employment, but certainly would not be 'arising out of employment'".

The Committee of Judges of the A.S.A. will meet in November to reconsider its decision in the case of the Monsanto Chemical Company and the chemical industry. It is the understanding of the Executive Committee that the decision of the A.S.A. Committee of Judges is not concerned with a revision of the rules but rather with an interpretation thereof. The Executive Committee accordingly asks the General Safety Committee to review the facts in this case and develop reasons in support of its action. The Executive Committee approves the appearance of an M.C.A. representative at the hearing of the A.S.A. Committee of Judges in conformity with the General Safety Committee's decision after review.

2. Safety Program for Transmittal to Members In response to a request from Chairman Merck, the General Safety Committee advises that they have not found another company safety program in appropriate form for submittal to members. The Committee suggested that they re-canvass this situation after the first of the year.

3. Chemical Safety Data Sheet - SD-16 Phosphorous Chemical Safety Data Sheet, SD-16, Phosphorous, will be released on October 15th.

4. A.P.I. Toxicological Reviews For the information of the Committee, the American Petroleum Institute have had a member of the staff of the Harvard Medical School prepare toxicological reviews on a number of chemicals which they use in the petroleum industry. The approach, based on survey of literature, differs from that in the M.C.A. Chemical Safety Data Sheets and this question is now under review by the M.C.A. Medical Advisory Committee.

B. Air Pollution Abatement Committee Members of the Executive Committee were invited to advise the Secretary of qualified members of their staff to serve on the Air Pollution Abatement Committee.

C. Membership Committee

1. Approval of Lion Oil Co., application of Sept. 3, 1947 Chairman Ingraham stated that he had no report to make on the application for membership of the Lion Oil Company, dated September 3, 1947.

2. Resignation of ALCOA Chairman Ingraham stated that he would follow up the resignation of ALCOA from the M.C.A. and advise the Executive Committee.

VI. STATE LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT FOR JANUARY 1, 1948 TO JANUARY 1, 1950

A contract for State Legislative Service with the Commerce Clearing House covering services for chemicals and allied products as set forth, from

January 1, 1948 to January 1, 1950, at a figure of \$2404 was approved.

VII. TANK CAR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

A special report from the M.C.A. Tank Car Advisory Committee by Mr. M. F. Crass, Jr., advising that the American Association of Railroads subcommittee has stated that it would advise railroad executives to increase the mileage rate on privately owned tank cars from 1-1/2¢ to 2¢ per mile. This would mean approximately \$6000,000 to the chemical industry. The Executive Committee will be advised as soon as final action has been taken. The M.C.A. Tank Car Advisory Committee, through Mr. Crass, collected maintenance and operating costs for 1946 and presented them to the A.A.R. subcommittee.

VIII. AMMONIUM NITRATE INVESTIGATION PROGRESS REPORT

A. New Committee of Five The Executive Committee was advised that General Fleming has appointed a Committee of Five as a result of the conference of September 5th, 1947 on ammonium nitrate. This includes Mr. W. N. Watson as the industry's committee member. The Fleming Committee has decided not to duplicate the research program now in progress by the Interagency Committee with which the M.C.A. Committee on Ammonium Nitrate is actively cooperating.

IX. FEDERAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

A. Report to President - September 27, 1947 The Committee was advised that Part II of the President's Scientific Research Board report was summarized in the M.C.A. General Bulletin of October 1st, 1947 and that Part III just released, will also be summarized in the next General Bulletin.

X. REPORT ON THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

The Committee was advised that, according to the latest reports, the approval of the trade agreements prepared at Geneva was held up by the reluctance or refusal of Great Britain to reduce empire preference rates.

XI. GERMAN CHEMICAL STOCKS AND PRODUCTION

Reports of substantial inventories of chemicals in Germany have not been officially confirmed nor has official information been released in regard to such stocks.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Confidential Report No. R-1 Confidential Report No. R-1, Revisions to Chemical Labor Contract Analysis of 1946, was mailed to the executive contact of each member on September 18th, 1947.

The November meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on November 5, 1947, at the Chemists' Club, New York City.

There having been no further business before the meeting, it was
On Motion, duly made and seconded,

VOTED: To adjourn

Adjourned accordingly

A True Record

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WARREN N. WATSON,
Secretary

APPROVED:

George W. Merck,
Chairman