

MINUTES OF MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Links Club, New York City
Tuesday, December 14, 1965

Following breakfast at 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

There were present:	Chester M. Brown	John L. Gillis
	David H. Dawson	W. P. Marsh, Jr.
	George H. Decker	Kenneth Rush
	Harold W. Fisher	Robert B. Semple
	J. Robert Fisher	Harry B. Warner
	Carl A. Gerstacker	M. F. Crass, Jr.

General Counsel: Lloyd Symington

Present by Invitation:

D. B. Andrews (Portion of Meeting Only)
A. R. Marusi
M. A. Minnig
Charles S. Munson
Donald D. Pascal

1. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer. At the close of six months' operations, the financial picture continues favorable. Income totalling \$1,193,000 falls only \$39,000 short of the budgeted goal of \$1,232,000. Attainment of this goal by June 1, 1966, appears certain since supplemental income from publications sales, interest, and general meetings surplus should more than make up the difference.

With regard to expense, disbursements of \$550,000 for the first six months operations are 10.1% under the prorated budget for that period. Although special project and retirement plan expense will narrow the gap as the fiscal year continues, it would appear at this time that the expense budget for the entire year will be in balance.

Looking at the over-all income-expense picture, the possibility of ending the fiscal year with a reasonable surplus appears to be favorable.

2. Program -- 94th Annual Meeting. Mr. Fisher stated that a meeting of the Program Committee had been held on November 22 in order to select speakers for the 94th Annual Meeting of the Association at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on June 9-11, 1966. Possibilities for both the Annual Business Meeting and the Annual Banquet have been listed in order of priority, and active steps are now being taken to finalize the number one selections.

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3. Proposed Financial Support for Industrial Hygiene Foundation Research Project on Emphysema. Action on this topic was tabled at the last meeting, pending development of further information. A memorandum was sent to the Directors on December 3, and this information was supplemented at the meeting by D. B. Andrews, Chairman of the MCA Air Quality Committee. Dr. Andrews presented data on the IHF and described the project plans of Dr. Gross, the IHF pathologist who will conduct the study. Definite commitments of support have already been obtained from four industry associations, and it appears likely that an additional group will participate as well.

Following discussion, it was the consensus that the project should be recommended favorably to the Board of Directors; that an appropriation of \$20,000 spread over two years be authorized, with half of this amount to be paid during the current fiscal year if required and funds are available; that if funds are not required during this fiscal year, amounts of \$10,000 will be budgeted for payment in each of the 1966 and 1967 fiscal years.

4. Proposed MCA Regional Office on the West Coast. At its October 13, 1965, meeting, the Board of Directors received the final report of the West Coast Ad Hoc Committee on CIC. One of the Committee's recommendations urged Board consideration of a West Coast MCA office; action on this project was held in abeyance pending further study by the MCA staff. This study has now been completed, and a report with recommendations was transmitted by the staff to the Directors on December 3. The report set out the arguments for such an office, both pro and con. Based upon consideration of the views of all interested parties, including members of the Ad Hoc Committee, it was the opinion of the MCA staff that there should not at this time be established an MCA office on the West Coast.

Following discussion, it was the consensus that the recommendation of the staff should be approved and that a recommendation to this effect be transmitted to the Board of Directors.

There still remains, however, the definition and unification of CIC policies and activities which will assure continued growth on a financially sound basis. The over-all CIC financial situation is under staff study, and a further report will be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at a later date.

5. Economic Incentives for Pollution Abatement. At the last meeting, reference was made to the recent report of the President's Science Advisory Committee entitled "Restoring the Quality of our Environment" which recommended, among other things, that a tax be imposed on stream polluters based upon the amount of pollution which they originate. Consideration of the matter was held over for further consideration until the December 14 meeting.

Opinion was divided as to the merits of imposing a tax on polluters. Some considered this approach objectionable, while others considered a monetary penalty preferable to a cease and desist order that might curtail or stop production. It was the consensus that, if penalties are considered unacceptable, alternatives should be proposed. Discussion indicated that certain localities now reduce or completely remit property taxes based upon the abatement job done. It was felt that this was a constructive approach which might be supplemented by other incentives. It was decided that the MCA Tax Policy Committee should be asked to develop recommendations as to the policy which the Association could support in connection with obtaining some form of relief. Also, the position of other industries should be checked.

6. Environmental Health Program. Renewed discussion of the Booz, Allen & Hamilton Feasibility Study again indicated lack of support for the report as written and presented. All agreed that a careful re-evaluation and study of the problem and the proposals should be made in order to establish a clearly defined program and assign priorities. It was reported that the Environmental Health Advisory Committee has undertaken to do this and that a report to the Board will probably be made at the February 8 meeting. It was agreed that until that time further consideration of the BAH Report be deferred; also that the Water Resources -- Public Relations Committees proposed water action program for 1966-67 be similarly deferred.

The current heavy workload of the MCA staff engineer assigned to environmental health matters was then discussed. In view of this, the staff was authorized to take immediate steps to employ a qualified technical man with experience in the field of pollution abatement to assist in this work.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn.

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer