

MINUTES
SEMIANNUAL MEETING
THE GREENBRIER
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

October 12-13, 1977

The semiannual meeting of the Gypsum Association was called to order by Mr. E. J. Killian, President, at 9:00 a.m., October 12, 1977 in The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Those present were as follows:

J. Fisch	The Celotex Corporation
E. R. Kiehl	The Celotex Corporation
W. G. Lees	The Celotex Corporation
R. McMurray	The Celotex Corporation
W. J. Barney	The Flintkote Company
J. C. Harkness	The Flintkote Company
R. L. Murray	The Flintkote Company
C. T. Upshaw	The Flintkote Company
J. R. Hurd	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
G. E. Wilson	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
W. B. Hoffman	Gold Bond Building Products
	Division of National Gypsum Company
E. J. Killian	Gold Bond Building Products
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R. L. Zale	Gold Bond Building Products
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G. I. Fischer	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
J. L. Maddox	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
W. J. Marshall	Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Company
P. Orleman	Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Company
J. Cain	Republic Gypsum Company
D. Cook	Republic Gypsum Company
O. M. Montgomery	Republic Gypsum Company
P. Simpson	Republic Gypsum Company
G. E. Burgeson	Temple Industries
J. D. Cornell	United States Gypsum Company
J. H. Crumbaugh	United States Gypsum Company
R. P. Entz	United States Gypsum Company
C. C. Gramer	United States Gypsum Company
K. E. Mohler	United States Gypsum Company
T. S. Turton	United States Gypsum Company
J. Rutherford	Western Gypsum Company
D. R. Macdonald	Legal Counsel
A. V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association
D. E. Brackett	Gypsum Association
T. O. MacQueen	Gypsum Association
F. J. Rogers	Gypsum Association

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partitions. A 3" solid gypsum partition and a metal stud-drywall partition with thin sheet metal between the board and the studs on the stairwell side have proved equal to masonry. The Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories test report will be reviewed before submission to the New York Board of Standards and Appeals for approval.

Mr. Crumbaugh said that a test program is underway at Underwriters' Laboratories to establish industry shear values for mobile home walls and ceilings faced with 5/16" gypsum board. Six member companies have responded to U.L. that they will participate and are making arrangements for witnessed plant runs of board for testing. The program approved to date covers small scale shear tests which will be used to select the board for full scale tests to establish the industry shear values.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has proposed to ban consumer patching and spackling compounds containing asbestos including drywall joint treatment compounds. Public hearings and receipt of written comments have been completed.

He also reported that a task force was appointed to study the effects of installation of water base spray foam insulations in gypsum board faced walls and ceilings in both new and existing buildings. The use of these new foams, which may contain up to 70% water at time of installation, is growing rapidly and the committee would like to determine whether or not gypsum board performance could be adversely affected.

The 1978 edition of the Fire Resistance Design Manual and an updated Using Gypsum Board for Walls and Ceilings have been published. Recommended Specifications for the Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board, GA 216, is under extensive revision, particularly the section on Application of Gypsum Board over Rigid Foam. Mr. Crumbaugh's report was accepted with thanks.

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. J. R. Hurd, Chairman of the Safety Committee, reported on the activities of his committee. He reviewed the industry accident experience for the first six months of 1977 under the new Association OSHA based record keeping system which recorded a 6.81 incidence rate for the period based on 333 recordable cases. He noted that the 6.81 incidence rate was a 14% decrease in the rate reported during the first six months in 1976. Mr. Hurd urged a continued industry safety effort so that further reductions in the rate could be accomplished.

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