Minutes

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Asbestos Textile Institute
February 9, 1967
Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J.

FAGAN 23

In attendance:

J.L. Rainey - American Asbestos Textile Corporation
J.A. Brown, Jr. - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corporation
S.J. Peele, Jr. - United States Rubber Company
J.L. Mitchell - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company
M.L.A. Martucci - Garlock Inc. (Treasurer of A.T.I.)
P.Jay Flocken - Legal Counsel, ATI
H.E. Sunbury - Secretary, ATI

Absent: J.A. Gallagher of H.K. Porter Company
G.P. Wiess of Garlock, Inc.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by President Rainey who stated that he had received a letter from Mr. G.Parry Wiess, the regular representative for Garlock Inc., stating that Mr. Martucci would represent Garlock Inc. at this meeting and was authorized to vote on their behalf.
The only member company not represented was H.K. Porter Company due to the illness of their Mr. J.A. Gallagher.

2. The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting. It was moved by Mr. Peele, seconded by Mr. Schuman, that the reading be omitted. So voted.

3. The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Martucci. It was moved by Mr. Mitchell that the report be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Brown. So voted. The report is made a part of these minutes.

4. Proposed revision of Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary had notified all members of the Board of Governors under date of November 22, 1966, that it was proposed to change the Constitution by adding an amendment under Article IV in the form of a new paragraph #5 to read as follows:

"5. Regular Members and Associate Members may be represented at all proceedings of the Institute and at all meetings thereof only in the person of their duly authorized representatives who shall be either officers or employees of such Regular Members or Associate Members. The authorization for a representative of a Regular Member must contain specific authority for such representative to vote and bind the Member before such representative will be deemed entitled to vote."

Paragraph 1 of the By-Laws to be amended to read as follows:

"1. Institute Meetings: At all meetings of the Institute, a Regular Member shall be represented for voting purposes by the chief executive officer of such Regular Member, or in his absence, by another officer or employee thereof who has been duly designated and authorized to act as an alternate representative, and whose name has been filed with the President.

"In the absence of the chief executive officer or such duly designated alternate, a Regular Member may be represented for voting purposes by an officer or employee of such Regular Member appointed, in writing, to vote at and attend the designated meeting by the chief executive officer or, in default of such appointment, by the duly designated alternate representative. No representative of any Regular Member of the Institute shall be allowed to vote at meetings unless such representative has authority to commit such Member in accordance with his vote.

"Regular and Associate Members shall attend and be represented at any meeting of the Institute for all non-voting purposes in the person of officers or employees of such members."

The remainder of Paragraph 1 of the By-Laws, relating to the time and location of meetings, to remain unchanged.

Mr. Brown moved that the amendment as stated above be approved, and made a part of the Constitution and By-Laws. Seconded by Mr. Pantucci. Approval was unanimous.

5. Mr. C.L. Sheckler was then invited in to the meeting to review for benefit of the Board members the report given to our Air Hygiene Committee earlier in the day by Dr. L.J. Cralley of the U.S.P.H.S. in respect to the Occupational Health Program andthe Environmental Health Study that has been underway for the past several years. Mr. Sheckler expressed himself as greatly encouraged by Dr. Cralley's report, and feels that at last he is getting somewhere, and that we in turn will be progressing as a result.

Dr. R.T.P. deTreville came into the meeting at 4:40 P.M. (by invitation) and reviewed the progress made by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation during the last six or seven months under their Asbestos Bioeffects Research Program, which is under the supervision of Dr. Paul Gross. He stressed the need for financial help from industry in order to continue the research program - about $100,000 per year is needed. He stated that Mellon Institute is merging with Carnegie Tech to form Carnegie University, and that I.H.F. can no longer look to Mellon Institute for subsidies, and will also lose the present favorable overhead operating costs. He suggested that ATI should take a position in respect to the research program, and not be passive. Would value our assistance in raising additional funds to continue the research program on a proper scale.

Mr. Brown suggested to Dr. deTreville that he should solicit funds directly from the head official of various asbestos companies, rather than to expect results from executives in the lower echelons of management.

President Rainey thanked Dr. deTreville for coming to the meeting and assured him that ATI wanted to do everything in its power to further the research program.

6. The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. W.S. Hough in which he submitted his resignation as chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee by reason of the fact that he is leaving the asbestos industry effective the end of February, 1967. It was voted to accept his resignation with extreme regret. Mr. E.A. Schuman was appointed to serve for the balance of Mr. Hough's term, which normally would have ended in December of 1967.

7. The Secretary presented a letter from English Asbestos Co., Ltd., dated 24th January, 1967, in which they submitted their resignation as an Associate Member of the Institute due to the fact that they are now part of the B.B.A. Group of companies, also have withdrawn from the outside asbestos textile market.

Also presented was a letter from the Cape Asbestos Company Limited, dated 30th January, 1967, in which they submitted their resignation as an Associate Member due to the fact that they had discontinued the manufacture of asbestos textiles in England.

Mr. Peele moved that both resignations be accepted with regret. However, they should be advised that dues for 1967 are payable as set forth in Article III, Paragraph 4, of the Constitution and By-Laws. This motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. So voted.

(The resignation of Cape Asbestos Company is to be discussed with Mr. R.E. Cryor before a letter is sent to them.)

8. The application of the Frank G. Ruggles Co., for Associate Membership in the Institute, on which no action was taken at the last meeting, was brought up for discussion. As the By-Laws would have to be amended before approval could be given to this company (who does not card or spin asbestos fiber) it was moved by Mr. Peele that the application be denied. Seconded by Mr. Brown. So voted. The Secretary is to advise Mr. Ruggles of this action.

9. The Secretary reported that H.K. Porter Company had agreed to supply a speaker for our June meeting.

10. Date and location of the June 1967 meeting. The Secretary reported that he had written to Logexpo, the central bureau for finding accommodations in Montreal for visitors to Expo 67, in an effort to determine whether our June meeting could be held in Montreal, Canada. The Board members were agreeable to the idea of meeting in Montreal on June 8th and 9th (arrival June 7th) provided we could line up suitable accommodations. Failing in that, it was decided that we would try to hold the June meeting at Hotel Hershey, in Hershey, Pa.

11. Locations for future years. It was agreed that Mr. Peele and the Secretary should collaborate in an effort to arrange firm reservations at desirable locations for our meetings three years in advance.

12. The Secretary's vacation plans were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury
Exec. Sec'y.