

MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held March 6, 1959 in Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS COMPANY
SUBSIDIARY of H. K. PORTER CO.
J. T. Griffis, President

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
M. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION
W. C. Atkinson
J. Battersby
Edw. Beale
N. W. Hendry
W. S. Hough
E. A. Schuman
W. C. Seeds

KRASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY
W. M. Deckman
C. R. Hutchcroft
A. E. May
D. F. Quealy
A. E. Whitfield
D. W. Widmayer

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown, Jr.
M. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS COMPANY
G. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer
J. L. Mitchell

TALLMAN-McCLUSKEY FABRICS COMPANY
A. R. Byrnes

ASBESTOS CORPORATION
J. A. Marcotte

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LTD.
F. Parker Smith

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
T. T. Tigert

JOHNSON'S COMPANY, LTD.
A. W. G. Gibb

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC, LTD.
Charles Z. Carroll-Porczynski
W. R. Witener

NORTH AMERICAN ASBESTOS CORP.
A. F. Jerome

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Griffis and an address of welcome was extended to all members in attendance. Following the opening remarks, representatives of a new Associate Member Company were introduced--Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Ltd., represented by Mr. W. R. Whitener and Mr. Charles Z. Carroll-Porczynski. Mr. Griffis also announced at this time that henceforth Southern Asbestos Company would be known as a Subsidiary of H. K. Porter Company, Thermoid Division.

2. During the past year three men from our industry who have served in or have been interested in the activities of the Asbestos Textile Institute have passed on to their Eternal Reward and in memory of their services and contributions to our association a brief memorial message was read by the Secretary. Copy attached.

In accordance with the desires of the members assembled it was unanimously agreed that a copy of this memorial message should be forwarded to members of the families of the deceased.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were next presented for reading, however, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by W. S. Hough, seconded by D. W. Widmayer and unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with at this time and that they be approved as written.

4. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer W. S. Hough and an analysis of the financial status of the Institute was given. It was pointed out that with the payment of $610.00 during the past quarter, our current obligations in connection with the nuclear radiation program have been fulfilled. Upon the conclusion of this report it was moved by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by J. A. Bettee and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

5. The Secretary's report served to advise the members regarding recent publications and news items related to asbestos textiles. A new Bureau of Mines, Information Circular 7880; titled, Asbestos - A Material Survey, has been issued by the Department of the Interior under the date of 1959 and can be obtained from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at a price of $1.25.

Also, a newspaper article carried recently in the Washington Evening Star was shown which presented an account of a recent fire at the R.K.O. Shubert theatre. An interesting feature of this article is the credit given the asbestos stage curtain which served to protect the auditorium section of the theatre while most of the back stage area was nearly completely destroyed.

6. President Griffis next called upon legal counsel, M. T. Ruddock, to address the meeting concerning recent legal decisions and other subjects which would be of interest to the membership. Mr. Ruddock discussed two recent decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court which clearly established the right of States to impose an income tax on the purely interstate business of a foreign corporation in a state as long as there was a fair allocation formula used. Reference was also directed to Senate Bill 11 now referred to as the "Equality of Opportunity Bill", and some of the provisions of this law, which has a good chance of being enacted this year.

7. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to committee reports presented by the chairmen of each of the active committees of the Institute.

a) The Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee report was presented by Chairman A. E. May. This committee expressed its interest in the work being carried on by the Asbestos Research Council of England and particular interest was expressed in their current studies concerned with the Ottway Thermal Precipitator. It is hoped that information in this regard will be made available at an early date. Also included in the report by Mr. May were the results of a survey conducted by this committee to establish X-ray and physical examination procedures followed by the member companies. The complete report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Minutes of the Asbestos Textile Institute Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee - March 5th and 6th, 1959

In Attendance:

W. C. Atkinson	Johns-Manville Corp.
H. M. Jackson	Johns-Manville Corp.
A. E. May	Keasbey & Mattison Co.
J. L. Mitchell	Southern Asbestos Co.
H. E. Palm	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
W. C. Seeds	Johns-Manville Corp.
R. B. Smith	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
U. D. Torrance	Johns-Manville Corp.
J. W. Weber	American Asbestos Textile Corp.

Guest: Mr. Charles Carrol Porcaynski - Lake Asbestos Co. of Quebec

The following items were discussed in a "Round Table" type atmosphere with all members participating:

1. Report of the Asbestosis Research Council

The committee received the first annual report of the Asbestosis Research Council in which it was noted that a program was being established to evaluate the use of the Thermal Ottney Precipitator for use in taking dust counts in the asbestos textile tile industry. Although the Greenberg-Smith Impinger is the official sampling device of health authorities in the United States some of the users are not thoroughly satisfied with the impinger. The committee has requested that full information be obtained on the Ottney Thermal Precipitator and that the Asbestosis Research Council be asked for details of their program for the evaluation of the Precipitator. One of the member companies indicated that they might purchase a Precipitator for their own use.

2. Dust Control

One member company reported that their insurance carrier has asked them to establish a very elaborate dust test and control program. The program requested is far more elaborate than that recommended by the National Safety Council. No agreement has been reached as yet on a program which will be satisfactory to both.

A. E. May brought a copy of "The Industrial Environment — its Evaluation and Control" Public Health Service publication #614 on sale by the U. S. Government Printing Office, Supt. of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., Price $2.75. This syllabus contains the reference materials, lecture outlines and problems which are the basis of a training course given to industrial hygiene engineers and chemists at the Occupational Health Field Headquarters in Cinn., Ohio. Valuable parts of the publication are a "Selected List of General Reference Sources" and the references given at the end of each lecture.

The use of recirculated air was discussed because by its use considerable savings in heating can be made. One company reported that they have been doing this for some time with the approval of their insurance carriers and the state. It was mentioned that one state forbids the use of recirculated air if it contains more than 200,000 to 250,000 parts per cu. ft. of asbestos particles.

One member reported that his company has started a study to determine if the Midget and Standard Greenberg Smith Impingers give comparable samples in all cases. It has been the practice to use either of the two instruments

interchangeably.

Mr. Atkinson advised that when installing the dust collecting equipment on their frames it was necessary to replace the counterweights with springs which are very satisfactory.

The Walkre Bag Dumper is now in use in the plants of two member companies with very satisfactory results from the dust control standpoint and saving in fiber.

The Wilson 600-A Respirator which is similar in design to the Dust flow is well liked by one of the member companies.

3. Industrial Health

The policy of member companies regarding x-rays and health examinations is given below:

Company A
1. Pre-employment x-ray - size 14" x 17"
2. Yearly x-ray - size 6" x 9", taken by mobile unit of the State
   a. Employee & Company notified of positive cases
   b. Company advised of doubtful cases
3. Lung capacity tests given certain employees
4. Annual health exams given to all employees
5. In cooperation with an Electro-Cardiogram group, cardiograms are made on certain individuals

Company B
1. One 14" x 17" x-ray yearly - more often in suspicious cases
2. Annual health examination
3. Upon reports of occupational disease, a careful check of the work environment is made, and any poor conditions promptly corrected

Company C
1. One 14" x 17" chest x-ray yearly
2. one 14" x 17" pre-employment x-ray

Company D
1. One 35 mm yearly
2. a 4" x 5" x-ray in suspicious cases

This company will have their own 4" x 5" unit in operation in the near future.

Company E
1. Chest x-ray yearly
2. Annual health examination

Company F
1. One yearly chest x-ray

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. May,
Chairman