

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association of the United States was held in Room A, The Chemists' Club, 52 East 41st Street, New York City, on February 12, 1946, at 11:08 A.M.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Lamot du Pont, Chairman

L. T. Beale

Charles Belknap

H. L. Derby

C. F. Hosford, Jr.

August Kochs

J. W. McLaughlin

C. D. Marlatt

Charles S. Munson

M. F. Crass, Jr., Acting Secretary

Absent: H. M. Hooker

H. C. C. Ingraham

W. S. Landes

G. W. Merck

P. T. Sharples

H. I. Young

In the absence of the Chairman at the opening of the meeting, Mr. H. L. Derby took the Chair temporarily.

### I. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the January 8 meeting were duly approved as sent to the members.

- A. Treasurer's Report. The report of the Treasurer for the period January 1, 1946 to January 31, 1946, was reviewed, and

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

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

- B. Business Conditions Report No. 75. This report was reviewed and discussed.

Note: Mr. Lamot du Pont entered the meeting at this point and took the Chair (11:15 A.M.).

### II. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, MR. H. L. DERBY

A. S.O.C.M.A. Request for MCA Endorsement of Candidate to Directorship of Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Mr. Derby stated that he had received a letter from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association soliciting MCA endorsement of Dr. E. H. Killheffer as a candidate to the directorship of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

It was the sense of the Executive Committee that the MCA should endorse Dr. Killheffer for this post.

B. Temporary Visit of German Technicians to the United States. Mr. Derby reported that Col. H. A. Kuhn, Chemical Warfare Service, had telephoned him concerning a State Department suggestion that German chemists and scientists be brought to the United States for interrogation by representatives of our Association.

Members raised no objection to Col. Kuhn's proposal provided subject matter could be properly correlated, results be made available to the entire industry, and that sponsorship remain in Government hands. It was agreed that the Secretary should advise Col. Kuhn to this effect.

C. Labor Relations. The Committee discussed ways and means of effectively disseminating information on labor relations matters in the chemical industry. On motion duly made and seconded, it was

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VOTED: That the activities of the MCA Washington office be expanded to provide authentic information on labor relations matters.

The Secretary was instructed to report back to the Executive Committee regarding details and cost of such a program.

### III. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A. Metalsalts Corporation. Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, the application of Metalsalts Corporation for membership in the MCA was duly approved for submittal to the membership.

B. Standard Oil Company (Indiana). It was agreed to defer action on this application until the next meeting.

C. Membership of Subsidiary Firms of MCA Member Firms. It was agreed that where a subsidiary of an MCA member firm was a separate corporate entity, membership of such subsidiary should be in its own name and not in the name of the parent firm or firms.

### IV. CHEMICAL INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION ON PROPOSED INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS BOARD

The Secretary reported on a Treasury Department (Procurement Division) request for advice concerning chemical industry representation on a proposed Industry Advisory Committee to the Federal Specifications Board. It was agreed that reply should be made suggesting that the MCA Secretary fill this post, notwithstanding the Treasury Department's present view that representation in the name of an Association would be inadvisable at this time. Members felt that the many segments of the chemical industry would obviate selection of representation from an individual firm and that matters could best be cleared through the MCA Secretary to the person possessing the necessary knowledge and qualifications in each case.

### V. GENERAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

The appointment of H. L. Miner, du Pont Company, to confer with the National Safety Council on the elimination of duplication on chemical safety data sheets was approved.

### VI. MCA ANNUAL MEETING

The Secretary advised that Dr. Leo Wolman has accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual Meeting on June 6, the choice of subject to be left in Dr. Wolman's hands.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he would have specific suggestions for an evening speaker at the next meeting. In this connection, Mr. du Pont agreed to contact Mr. Alfred R. Glancy.

### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Federal Research. The Secretary read a report from Dr. G. O. Curme, Jr., Chairman, Special Committee on Proposals for Federal Research, in which Dr. Curme stated that a detailed report at this time was not feasible, due to the newly-submitted Willis Bill and the impending revision of the new Kilgore Bill.

B. Public Relations. The matter of suggestions regarding public relations from a group of public relations officers of member companies was not discussed due to the absence of Messrs. Merck and Watson from the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was

On motion, duly made and seconded,

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned accordingly

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M. F. CRASS, JR.

Acting Secretary

APPROVED

Lammot du Pont

Chairman

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