

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 20, 1969

Seaview Country Club, Absecon, N. J.

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In Attendance:

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.

J. L. Rainey  
J. W. Christenbury  
E. H. Walter

GARLOCK INC.

G. E. Houghton  
S. G. Dixit  
E. W. Fisher (Guest speaker)

JOHN'S-MAITVILLE CORP.

E. A. Schuman  
R. H. Billings  
C. L. Sheckler

H. K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.

L. E. Moody  
J. D. McCluer  
D. E. Childers  
J. L. Mitchell  
J. W. Echerd

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

M. Q. Scoweroft  
A. R. Patterson  
J. W. Hawkins  
R. B. Smith

UNIROYAL, INC.

R. P. Clark  
R. C. Hunt  
D. T. Austin, Jr.  
H. Fleming  
J. E. Wolfstie, M. D.

GUESTS

W. S. Hough, Sec'y-Treas., Mech. Packing  
Association.  
J. L. Tucker, Consultant on Textiles  
B. E. Shirey, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED

P. E. Leclerc  
G. F. A. Brink

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LIMITED

W. H. Smith  
C. H. Schoch

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP. LTD.

Dr. R. A. Kuntze

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC LTD.

C. E. Stiefken

TURNER BROS. ASBESTOS CO., LTD.

W. M. Deckman

NICOLET INDUSTRIES, INC.

Geo. Griswold, Jr.  
D. Frost

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT

H. C. Roosevelt (Legal Counsel)

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

H. E. Sunbury (Secretary)

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reports.

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1. President Schuman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A. M.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. R. P. Clark moved the reading be omitted, seconded by J. L. Rainey, and so voted.
3. The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Scowcroft. It was moved by R. P. Clark that report be accepted. The motion was seconded by J. W. Christenbury, and so voted. The report is attached.

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5. At this point in the meeting President Schuman asked each person present to stand and identify himself and his company.
6. President Schuman announced that the Board of Governors had unanimously approved the application of Nicolet Industries, Inc., for Regular Membership in the Institute, and extended to that company a most cordial welcome to participate in our activities.
7. President Schuman announced that the resignation of Tellman-McCluskey Fabrics Company from the Institute had been accepted due to the acquisition of that company by the H. K. Porter Company, Inc.
8. Our next meeting, to be held October 8-10, 1969, at Pinehurst, N. C., will be the 25th Anniversary meeting of the Institute and President Schuman announced that Mr. J. L. Rainey had been appointed Program Chairman for that important occasion. He asked that everyone make a special effort to attend, bringing their

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wives if possible. Also that we would like a large attendance by company officials in addition to those who regularly attend our meeting.

9. The Fibre Producers Report was prepared by Mr. M.P. Carson, V.P. Sales, ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED, Thetford Mines, Quebec, and was given by Mr. Paul E. Leclerc, Regional Sales Manager of ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED, as Mr. Carson was confined to his room due to sudden illness. The full text of the excellent report is attached to these minutes.

10. President Schuman introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Edward W. Fisher, Supervisor of Product Engineering, GARLOCK INC. Palmyra, New York. Mr. Fisher talked about - "The Use of Asbestos Textiles in the Packing Industry". Speaking from a background of over 35 years experience in the Packing Industry Mr. Fisher gave a most interesting and informative talk on various forms of packings and the design principles involved in making them effective for a multiplicity of applications and operating conditions. Many samples were displayed illustrating points made as his talk progressed, and at its conclusion copies of his paper were given to those in attendance. President Schuman thanked Mr. Fisher on behalf of the Board of Governors and members and a fine round of applause was given Mr. Fisher in recognition of an outstanding talk. We are most appreciative of the cooperation of GARLOCK INC. in permitting Mr. Fisher to give his fine talk.

11. The committee reports were given by the respective chairmen as listed below:

Fiber Testing Committee - G.P.M. Brink, Chm.  
Technical Committee ----- J.W. Hawkins, Chm.  
Sales Promotion Committee - M.Q. Scowcroft, Chm.  
Air Hygiene & Hfg. Committee - E.H. Walter, Chm.

The full text of their reports is attached to these minutes.

12. President Schuman asked Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman of the recently formed Environmental Study Committee, to give a brief report on the current activity of that committee. Mr. Sheckler said that one major objective of the committee was to keep members of the Institute informed on legislation affecting our industry, and in this connection he urged everyone to read the revised Walsh-Healy act now in effect for public contracts in respect to environmental working conditions involving dust counts and also noise levels.

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Mentioned his current discussions with the U.S.P.H. Service in reference their policy and procedure on reporting significant findings of clinical examinations of employees to the individual's family physician, but not to the company physician. He stressed the necessity for the company physician to know which employees are in need of medical attention.

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Mr. Sheckler reported that he had written Mr. C.A. Gnam, in the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, on May 6, 1969, giving Mr. Gnam on behalf of the Asbestos Textile Institute, comments pertaining to the proposed legislation HR 2503. Mr. Sheckler pointed out to Mr. Gnam that HR 2503 is too broad and non-specific in its provisions and as it related only to asbestos would vest all authority in the Dept. of HEW, including inspection authority which would, in effect, duplicate the existing and proposed responsibilities of the Dept. of Labor. Hence a separate act, such as the proposed HR 2503 relating only to the asbestos industry, is unnecessary and also undesirable.

Mr. Sheckler touched on some miscellaneous medical scientific reports concerning the biological effects on animals of asbestos in conjunction with pulmonary diseases.

In concluding his remarks Mr. Sheckler announced that a new member of his committee was Dr. J.L. Wolfstie, Corporate Medical Director, Uniroyal, Inc.. Other members of the Environmental Study Committee are:-Dr. J.L. Goodman, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. at North Charleston, S.C.; J.L. Rainey, Vice President, American Asbestos Textile Corporation; and R.P. Clark, Sales Mgr. for asbestos textiles, Uniroyal, Inc. (Mr. Sheckler, the Chairman, is Manager - Accident Prevention and Health Administration, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City.)

13. President Schuman announced these dates for future meetings:

October 8-10, 1969 - The Carolina, Pinehurst, North Carolina  
February 4-6, 1970 - The Regency Hyatt House, Atlanta, Ga.  
June 10-12, 1970 - The Hotel La Provence, Thetford Mines, Que.  
October 7-9, 1970 - The Statler Hilton Inn, Williamsburg, Va.

In respect to the meeting scheduled for June 10-12, 1970 at Thetford Mines, President Schuman expressed the sincere appreciation of all members for the invitation extended to the Institute by the mining companies, namely:- Asbestos Corporation Limited; Bell Asbestos Mines Limited; Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Ltd.; Cassiar Corporation Ltd.; and Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Ltd.

14. There being no other business to come before the meeting it recessed for a group luncheon after which it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Sunbury  
Secretary

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Asbestos Textile Institute - June 19, 1969  
Seaview Country Club, Absecon, New Jersey

The Sales Promotion Committee met on June 19th with representatives of five member companies in attendance.

The major topic of discussion was the letter written on May 5th by the Naval Ship Engineering Center of the Department of the Navy, to, we presume, all companies involved or interested in high-temperature insulating materials. This letter said in part ... "The serious hazards of asbestos have recently received widespread publicity and have generated a high level of interest concerning its use by the U. S. Navy as an insulating material." It went on to point out that the chief hazard existed wherever there was a possibility of dust evolution during fabrication, installation and rip-out. Further, it said ... "In order to minimize the hazards associated with the use of asbestos and therefore reduce the possibility of deleterious effects to the workers, a comprehensive study has been initiated by the Naval Ship Engineering Center, Hyattsville, Md. to investigate the feasibility of substituting alternate materials for asbestos used as lagging, piping and boiler insulation."

Our committee discussed this problem in depth as it related to an important segment of our business - textiles. Several member companies responded individually to the Navy with letters of protest. There was no direct action taken by the committee itself.

A motion was passed to recommend to the Board of Governors that representatives of the Environmental Study Committee contact the concerned persons at the Navy in Hyattsville for a conference on the problem. We felt that our current concern is involved with learning as much as we could about their progress and the degree of their intent and that information could best be obtained by the environmental Study Committee rather than the Sales Promotion Committee.

In an effort to have information on the Asbestos Textile Industry get wider distribution, we discussed the possibility of arranging free subscriptions to the trade magazine "Asbestos." We are thinking of engineering college libraries among other institutions. It was agreed to propose a program to the Board of Governors. A motion to do so was made and passed at this meeting.

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Two Years ago, we investigated the possibility of instituting an advertising program sponsored by the Institute. After some preliminary work was accomplished, each member of the committee checked the subject with his own corporate executives. The reports back at that time were lukewarm at best and the matter subsequently was dropped. However, the Committee itself has not lost its enthusiasm for the project. Because of the increase in unfavorable publicity on asbestos during the ensuing time, members felt that their respective managements might be more receptive and that the program should be reinvestigated. The subject attracted spirited

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discussion but no specific action was taken at this meeting other than to put the subject on the agenda for the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned early in order that members could attend the important meeting of the Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee meeting attended by two representatives of the U. S. Public Health Service.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Q. Scowcroft  
Chairman

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MINUTES - AIR HYGIENE & MANUFACTURING COMMITTEE  
Asbestos Textile Institute

June 19, 1969 - Seaview Country Club, Absecon, N. J.

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In Attendance:

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| H. H. Walter, Chairman | - | American Asbestos Textile Corp. |
| L. E. Moody            | - | H. K. Porter, Inc.              |
| H. Fleming             | - | Uniroyal, Inc.                  |
| R. C. Hunt             | - | Uniroyal, Inc.                  |
| R. B. Smith            | - | Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.       |
| A. R. Patterson        | - | Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.       |
| S. G. Dixit            | - | Garlock, Inc.                   |

Bausch & Lomb Automatic Dust Counter:

The members of the committee agreed to further pursue the development of a method for correlating dust counts obtained by the Midget Impinger and the Bosch & Lomb Dust Counter. This attempt appears to be important in regards to the acceptance of datas from the Bosch & Lomb Dust Counter by governmental agencies as well as for the evaluation of such datas within the plants.

The Bosch & Lomb Dust Counter will be transferred shortly from the Uniroyal plant in Hogansville to H.K. Porter. Mr. Earl Wells - dust count technician of Uniroyal - will discuss his datas and experience with the technician of H.K. Porter. It is planned that at a later date the dust count technicians of all member companies get together, exchange their datas and experience and develop a method for the proper use of the Bosch & Lomb Dust Counter and a correlation to the Midget Impinger.

Wet Weaving:

Samples of wet woven asbestos garment cloth before and after application of a finish proved that a wet woven asbestos garment cloth, which without the application of a proper finishing method, would be unacceptable for garment use, can be finished in such a way that it shows the same as or even improved characteristics of dry woven cloth. Problems arising from rust formation as well as from clogging of heddle eyes and reeds in the wet weaving process can be overcome by the use of stainless steel oval reeds and stainless steel heddle eyes.

Noise Exposure:

The problems of reducing the noise level, particularly in weave rooms, were discussed in regards to the "Revised Safety & Health Standards Under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act". Copies of that act and an analysis of the revised standards will be distributed to the committee members.

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Dr. L. J. Cralley and Dr. William W. Lainhart of the U. S. Public Health Service, the Environmental Study Committee and members of the Board of Governors joined the committee meeting at 10:45 A.M. Dr. Cralley, Dr. Lainhart and Mr. C. L. Sheckler discussed procedures for the continuation of the study of the asbestos textile industry by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Walter  
Chairman

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Mr. Moody seconded this motion, and it was voted approval unanimously. The Secretary will advise the incoming chairman of this action, and ask him to take the initiative in recommending a new name for the committee.

12. Mr. S.R. Zimmerman, Jr., showed a series of three advertisements prepared by the Asbestos Information Committee, 10 Lardour St., London, England. These ads, to be published under the caption "WHO NEEDS ASBESTOS" will appear in certain trade papers beginning in November 1969. Mr. Zimmerman commented favorably on the makeup of the ads and felt it was a constructive effort to acquaint the public with the importance of asbestos products in today's world.

13. Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman of the Environmental Study Committee, reviewed for the benefit of the Board several developments that have taken place since the last meeting. He again stressed that his committee acts only in an advisory capacity. The highlights of his remarks, (unedited by Mr. Sheckler) follow:-

Confidential Information is that the U.S.P.H. Service is preparing a Position Paper on health aspects of asbestos, and Mr. Sheckler has reviewed a draft of same. USPHS gives opinion that asbestos hazard can be controlled except for mesothelioma. Question of what Threshold Value should be established for asbestos reviewed. British Standards of number of fibers per cc (2 or 12 fibers per cc have been suggested)- compromise may be 6 fibers per cc which means one million particles per cubic foot. Does not know when USPHS paper will be published but thinks in about six months, possibly. In his opinion the asbestos industry should be defended by an association rather than by an individual company.

Mr. Sheckler met recently with Dr. Selikoff, also representatives of respiratory safety equipment manufacturers, and representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. An improved protective respiratory device has been developed but it will not be marketed until, or unless, it is approved by the U.S. Bureau of Mines. This might be next July - however the Bureau of Mines will not give specific approval for asbestos dust- but rather for silicates(?) which in Mr. Sheckler's view would be acceptable. He pointed out that the plant should have a respirator maintenance program, meaning a clean filter every day, etc. This is more of a problem on construction jobs than for in-plant workers. Several companies have prototypes of respirators, including J/M, awaiting U.S. Bureau of Mines approval.

In respect to the Navy's search for a substitute for asbestos cloth as well as other asbestos products, Mr. Sheckler is under the opinion that the Navy does not necessarily want non-asbestos products, but elimination of dust is their primary objective.

Commenting on legislation - present and pending - Mr. Sheckler mentioned that compensation cases were not decreasing - quite the contrary in fact!

Examination of the employees in J/M's Marshville, N.C. plant is presently underway by the U.S.P.H. Service, and acceptance by the employees there has been excellent.

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Mr. Sheckler raised the question of whether it would be desirable to have Dr. Selikoff as the Guest Speaker at an A.T.I. meeting. Mr. Rainey felt that we should defer it as timing was not right. It was the consensus of the Board that any invitation to Dr. Selikoff should be deferred. Also that if, and when, invited to speak that Dr. Selikoff agree there would be no publicity release in connection with his talk at the Institute meeting,

The question of preparing a Position Paper on asbestos was discussed. Mr. Rainey thought that the restructured former Sales Promotion Committee might undertake it. Mr. Sheckler offered to help but not to accept responsibility for the undertaking. The Position Paper, or booklet, would be for the benefit of customers, and by means of it all companies would be in a position to advise their clients, customers, and the general public, of the many uses of and recommended procedures for the safe handling of asbestos textile products.

All agreed that such a booklet would be most desirable. Mr. Sheckler showed a booklet put out by NIIA (National Insulation Mfrs. Assoc.) saying that the format was excellent, and that a booklet on asbestos textiles might be modeled along the same lines. It was agreed that the idea of a booklet, or Position Paper, on asbestos textiles should be pursued at a subsequent meeting.

14. There being no further business to come before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. E. Sunbury*  
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Secretary

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