

Blumberg No. 5113

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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MINUTES of the General Meeting
of the Asbestos Textile
Institute held on Thursday,
June 16, 1949, at the Warwick
Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

M. O. Hahn
J. R. Robson
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Wakem

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

W. C. Scott
C. R. Frederick
D. W. Widmayer

PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.

E. R. Teubner
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

G. W. Marshall
J. M. Weaver
J. A. Bettes

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

G. S. Fabel

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

A. R. Byrnes
M. P. Turner

C. DW. LADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT

M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

M. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. G. S. Fabel.
2. Since each member of the Institute had received copies of the Minutes and was familiar with their contents the Secretary was directed to omit the reading of the Minutes of the last General Meeting of the Institute on a motion made by Mr. E. R. Teubner, seconded by Mr. W. C. Scott and unanimously adopted.
3. The Treasurer's Report (copy attached) (1) was presented by Mr. W. C. Scott and the Secretary was requested to read the report to the group. It was moved by Mr. E. R. Teubner, seconded by Mr. F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

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4. The Secretary presented his report (copy attached) (2) and unanimous approval was given by the group.
5. Mr. G. W. Marshall reported his action in connection with efforts to obtain a clarification of the role asbestos assumes as a carcinogenic material as related in the article "Cancer and Environment", Scientific American, Jan. 1949. A specialist in this field associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. was contacted by Mr. Marshall and the resulting exchange of correspondence is herewith attached. (3). Following a discussion of the subject it was unanimously agreed that the matter should be tabled at this time.
6. Mr. J. M. Weaver informally reported the progress being made on the Federal program of asbestos stockpiling. Unanimous approval of his comments and efforts in this endeavor was given.
7. The Sales Promotion Committee activities were next discussed and the remarks mainly concerned the Visual Aid Display which is being promoted by the Institute.

a) Mr. F. J. Wakem discussed the inadvisability of seeking bids from other display manufacturers in an effort to obtain a lower price than has been quoted by Gardner Display Company, the manufacturer of the original unit. It was generally agreed that it would be improper to seek bids from other manufacturers on an unit identical to the original and it was thought questionable that a much lower price could be obtained from any other manufacturer on a display of comparable quality. It was therefore moved by Mr. F. J. Wakem, seconded by Mr. G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that \$3000.00 should be transferred from

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the General Fund to the Visual Aid Display Fund to pay for the six displays to be purchased from Gardner Display Company, purchase of which was authorized at the General Meeting of the Institute held in Chicago, Ill., on April 7, 1949.

b) It was unanimously agreed that Mr. W. C. Scott be authorized to obtain the necessary insurance coverage against damage for the present display and for those that will subsequently come into the possession of the Institute. The present cabinet is valued at \$600.00 and the remaining units will be valued at \$500.00 each.

c) Through action of the Sales Promotion Committee several changes are to be made in the first display in an effort to more accurately depict the story being presented. Mr. F. J. Wakem offered the facilities of Johns-Manville Corp. to this endeavor and suggested that the cabinet be sent to Johns-Manville Corp., 114 E. 124th St., New York, N. Y., to the attention of Mr. E. Vitalone. This action was unanimously agreed to and an expression of thanks extended to Johns-Manville Co., for their cooperation in this endeavor.

d) The Sales Promotion Committee in meeting on May 26th discussed the advisability of supplementing the Visual Aid Display with literature such as the Asbestos Textile Institute Primer. In this same connection, the National Science Teachers Association in correspondence with the Secretary solicited further cooperation with our Association through a relisting for the distribution of from 5000 to 10,000 more copies of our publication. The correspondence covering this subject has been made a part of the Minutes of the May 26th meeting of the Sales

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Promotion Committee. The Secretary obtained from Allen, Lane and Scott, publishers of the Primer, a quotation covering a second printing of this publication and this quotation is herewith attached (4). After a considerable amount of discussion the following action was taken:

The President polled the membership in attendance on the question: "Shall the Institute authorize a second printing of the 'Primer on Asbestos Textiles?'" By a vote of four votes to two votes the proposal was defeated and the Secretary was directed to advise Allen, Lane & Scott, Printers, and the National Science Teachers Association of this action.

8. Mr. W. C. Scott presented to the meeting a notice from Creth and Sullivan, bonding agents, advising that June 25, 1949, is the expiration date for the present \$20,000. bond now covering the Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Scott pointed out that renewal for three years could be accomplished at $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the yearly rate and would result in a saving on this expenditure. Since this expenditure is refundable on a short term pro rata basis in case a full tenure of office is not completed it was unanimously agreed that the Institute should take advantage of the saving and renew the commitment for three years at a cost of \$125.00.
9. The President placed before the meeting for consideration the subject of Fellowship renewal. After a discussion and consideration of the financial status of the Institute it was moved by Mr. G. W. Marshall, seconded by Mr. F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the Fellowship should be renewed for another year,

expiring Oct. 1, 1950. It was further moved by Mr. E. R. Teubner, seconded by Mr. G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the following resolution be incorporated as a part of these considerations.

"Resolved that the Fellowship Agreement between the Asbestos Textile Institute and Rutgers University be renewed for one year at a cost of \$7,500.00 plus expenses. (Since the Fellowship Fund contains a surplus which will cover a part of the cost of this obligation, member companies shall be assessed only \$4000.00 for the extension of this agreement)."

10. Mr. M. I. Ruddock, Legal Counsel, discussed recent cases and legislative developments in connection with the Anti-Trust laws. A report covering the pertinent points is herewith attached. (5)
11. Mr. J. M. Weaver presented the Technical Committee Report. (copy attached (6)). A review of the work of the Technical Committee with respect to actions taken in connection with the new Armed Forces Electro-Standards Agency Specifications was discussed.
12. A report on the Fellowship activities was presented by Mr. M. C. Shaw. (report attached) (7).
13. A letter recently received by the Secretary (copy attached (8)) from the American Standards Association was read wherein a request was made for representation by the Institute on a committee which is to work on the development of standards for Safety Clothing. Since the specific requirements of the representation were not clear it was unanimously agreed that the

Secretary should serve in the initial representation. Further participation requirements will be discussed at a future meeting after the nature of the work to be undertaken has been established.

14. A letter written to the Secretary by Mr. C. R. Frederick, Kearsbey & Mattison Co., regarding the Firefighting Clothing Project under investigation at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, was presented. (copy attached (9)). After a discussion of the subject it was agreed that no action by the Institute was indicated at this time.
15. There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Mr. A. R. Byrnes, seconded by Mr. G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

MYRIL C. SHAW,
Secretary

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C O P Y

Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.
One Madison Ave., N. Y. 10, N.Y.

May 26, 1949

Mr. George W. Marshall, Jr.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Asbestos Products Division
Manheim, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 24th calling my attention to the article on cancer in the "Scientific American". The reference made was quoted from a report on environmental cancer by W. C. Huoper, M.D., Cancer Control Branch, National Cancer Institute. During the last few years, quite a number of articles claim that carcinoma of the lungs was found due to asbestos. Those I have read do not give much substantiating evidence, but you will find that it is being quoted fairly widely. We certainly have not been able to substantiate any of these claims in the work we have been doing since 1930. However, time will prove whether they are right or wrong.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W.J. McConnell, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director
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