

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION
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Safety Wearing Apparel Group
Arlington Hyatt House Hotel
Arlington, Virginia
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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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M I N U T E S

A meeting of the Safety Wearing Apparel Group was held at the Arlington Hyatt House Hotel on November 19, 1981. The following were in attendance:

C. L. Grossman	A-Best Products Company
R. M. Thomas	Becton Dickinson & Co./Edmont
B. Bedell	Disposables, Inc.
L. E. Goldstein	Durafab Disposables, Inc.
J. R. Gauwerke	Fyrepel Products, Inc.
J. H. Weaver	Fyrepel Products, Inc.
L. P. Frieder, Jr.	Gentex Corporation
E. Alexandroff	Gentex Corporation
A. J. Roan	Gentex Corporation
R. M. Ladick	Mine Safety Appliances Company
T. J. Kulp	Norton Company
L. M. Hatch	Norton Company
H. S. Lewis	Rubin Brothers, Inc.
D. E. Houston	Safety First Industries, Inc.
W. L. Hughes	Safety First Industries, Inc.
R. Sager	Sager Glove Company
G. G. Dickson	Standard Safety Equipment Company
J. A. Casey	WGM/Granet
W. R. Moran	ISEA Counsel
F. E. Wilcher, Jr.	ISEA President

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman Don Schmidt. On motion, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the previous Meeting, November 19, 1980, were approved as presented.

Mr. Sager reported on the ASTM F23.80 Protective Clothing Materials for Exposure to Molten Substances Committee. He reported that a task group from the committee would get together for the purpose of writing a working document. It is hoped that such a document might expedite progress on a completed Standard.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Thomas reported on foreign competition. Currently 70% of work gloves are imported, mostly from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea. China, with a wage rate of \$00.10 per hour compared to Taiwan at \$00.65 per hour is a major threat to these three for the U.S. market. Coated gloves are of increasing concern as the duty is being reduced gradually from 35% to 14% by 1987. Current duty is 27.6%.

Mr. John Weaver reported on the NFPA fireman's clothing committee. Specifications for clothing 1971, were reaffirmed for another three years. Efforts are still underway to allow competitive fabrics such as fire resistant cotton to qualify. A passive alert device was discussed and hopefully

a specification will be available in the spring.

Mr. Schmidt introduced a discussion on a report done by a student on asbestos work gloves. It was generally decided that the report lacked a great deal of important information such as: grade of asbestos, linings, realistic work applications. It was also suggested that a glove be submitted to SEI for approval. This suggestion was considered impractical at the present time.

Ms. Bedell reported on ASTM F23.40 Clothing Classification Matrix. The Matrix was issued in the form of a proposed ballot in June. It was reported that 120 ballots were sent out, 64 were returned with 2 against and 64 in favor, many with comments. The proposed Matrix would require a data bank which ASTM has declined to maintain.

Mr. Schmidt introduced a request on behalf of the American Pulpwood Association for members of the ISEA product group to produce and market leg protective devices for operators of power chain saws in accordance with their new voluntary standard. Difficulties in marketing, distribution and liability were cited by members.

Mr. Wilcher reported on SEI and stated that industry has expressed special interest in clothing certifications. Mr. Wilcher further noted that chemical clothing seems to be of most concern to the industry.

Mr. Wilcher also reported that he would volunteer a panel of speakers from ISEA to cover various topics on chemical protective clothing for AIHA. At his time AIHA has not responded.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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