

Minutes

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
Sales Promotion Committee
February 8, 1968
Hotel Roosevelt - New York City

Attending this meeting were Messrs. J.L. Rainey and J.W. Christenbury of American Asbestos Textile Corporation, N.L.A. Martucci and Alexander Kuzmuk of Garlock, Inc., E.A. Schuman of Johns-Manville Corp., J.L. Mitchell of Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company, R.P. Clark of Uniroyal, Inc., P. Jay Flocken, (Legal counsel), H.E. Sunbury, (Secretary), and M.Q. Scowcroft of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

Efforts to place the display cabinet owned by the Institute have now been exhausted. Raybestos-Manhattan offered to store the cabinets pending completion of their new office building in Manheim, Pennsylvania where it will eventually be placed in their lobby. The committee voted to accept the offer and the matter was turned over to the Board of Governors for further action.

At the meeting held in Hilton Head, S.C. last October the committee discussed a proposal presented to it by the Edward W. Robotham Company for an advertising program aimed at promoting the use of asbestos textiles in a general rather than a specific end product usage as an effort to combat the intrusion of alternate materials in many of our traditional fields. Between that meeting and the meeting held February 8th, generally discouraging reports came back from most member companies. Because of the lukewarm reception at top management level it was voted to shelve the program temporarily. However, it was recorded that most of the members of the committee felt that there was genuine merit in the program and that it should not be permanently set aside.

The purchasing policies of the Government procurement program was discussed in detail. Rather than have legal counsel pursue the matter in an attempt to influence them to adjust this policy, it was agreed that the committee assign two members to visit the D.S.A. in Columbus, Ohio in an attempt to educate ourselves as to the reasons for these purchasing policies and to attempt to obtain relief from them. R.P. Clark of Uniroyal, Inc. and M.Q. Scowcroft of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. were assigned this task. A full report will be submitted to the committee following the call at Columbus and prior to the next meeting.

A detailed discussion was held concerning the hazards involved in the processing and use of asbestos textiles and the affect of adverse publicity concerning asbestos in the market place. While the subject of Health Hazards is of proper concern to the Sales Promotion Committee it was felt that anything we might do at this time in the form of attempting to set industry standards on what might be called "Dust Free" or "Lint Free" fabrics would introduce far more problems than benefits for the Industry.

Information had reached members of the Institute that the U.S. Navy had eliminated the use of asbestos cloth as insulation aboard Naval

ships. This was thoroughly investigated and found to be entirely false. But it has been learned that one private shipyard has eliminated asbestos and replaced it with glass cloth in at least one popular style of cloth. Members agreed that a stepped up and continuing program of contacting the Navy Department in Washington is worth our efforts.

Competition from Japanese cloth in the United States was also discussed in detail. It was suggested that Japanese cloth does not approach the quality of fabrics manufactured by member companies particularly in relation to their flame resistant characteristics and we are working up data to use as ammunition in this area.

A specific application of rubber coated asbestos sleeving accused of being the culprit in a corrosion problem with air-frame manufacturers was discussed. No specific action was taken since it was understood that a member company was fighting this substitution with its own active task force.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Q. Scowcroft,
Chairman

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BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
Asbestos Textile Institute
June 6, 1968 - 3:00 P.M.
The Regency Hyatt House, Atlanta, Ga.

In attendance:

J.L. Rainey - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corp.
J.A. Brown, Jr. - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J.L. Mitchell - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company
L.E. Moody - H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
P. Jay Flocken, Legal Counsel - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
H.E. Sunbury - Secretary, A.T.I.

Absent: R.P. Clark - Uniroyal, Inc. (Due to illness)
G.P. Wiess - Garlock Inc. (Due to company business)

Guests: Dr. L.J. Cralley - U.S. Public Health Service

***** Minutes *****

1. President Rainey called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M., and stated that R.P. Clark of Uniroyal, Inc., was unable to attend due to being in the hospital suffering from what appeared to be a sudden attack of kidney stone. Also, that Garlock Inc., did not have either Mr. G.P. Wiess or Mr. Alex Kuzmuk present as both were tied up with a company wide meeting during the current week.

2. The regular order of business was changed for the convenience of Dr. Cralley, U.S.P.H. Service, who had been specially invited to attend this meeting by President Rainey., for the purpose of reporting on the present status of the Environmental Health Study and associated matters of great importance to our industry.

Dr. Cralley exhibited a copy of a paper entitled "Characterization and Solubility of Metals Associated with Asbestos Fibers". This paper was presented May 13-18, 1968 at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference. Discussed procedures followed in obtaining data for the above paper. Found that solubility of various metals varied greatly, and oxides were not soluble in serum.

Stated that talcum powders contain "fibrous" materials and metals, and it is believed that these can cause formation of ferruginous bodies in the lungs.

Discussed tests to determine asbestos particles in air due to disintegration of brake linings (in England) and said that little evidence was found to support some statements that had been made to the effect that abraded particles from brakelinings were a considerable source of such "asbestos particles".

Said advance orders for the new publication "Industrial Hygiene Highlights" Volume I, are excellent. Five thousand copies will be printed, but only two or three thousand will be bound to begin with, balance being held unbound. Availability - late July.

Environmental Study: Work is proceeding with the collecting of background data on individuals employed in the industry. This will be broken down into years of service, where they worked (plant area) health record, etc. They micro-film the employee records. Now working in the Beryllium industry, and will go thru the asbestos textile industry soon, then other asbestos industries. In a year he expects that they will have more to talk about from data that has been accumulated by that time. Amount of money available is somewhat uncertain at the present time. The introduction of the Federal Health & Safety Bill, H.R. 14816, should have a favorable effect, if it becomes law, on the operations of the Health, Education and Welfare Dept.

In response to a question concerning the establishment of standards, Dr. Cralley said that his group would furnish data on which safety standards would be based as set up by a special board under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1968.

Mr. Rainey asked if any conclusions as to "safe limits" of dust counts had been reached as yet. Dr. Cralley said "No", not enough data was yet available, but said they did hope that in time they would have enough. Said that if, for example, the standard was set as low as 2.5 MPPCF, a lot of "outside air" would have to be cleaned up, as frequently outside air is 3.0 MPPCF or greater in dust content. Also, he pointed out that in the area of even 5.0 MPPCF it is difficult to measure accurately and say definitely that data is correct.

Dr. Cralley said that the Bausch & Lomb Dust Counting Equipment purchased recently by the Institute for use of it's members will prove to be very valuable to our industry.

President Rainey thanked Dr. Cralley for attending this meeting, expressing appreciation on behalf of the Institute and Board.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Schuman, it was voted to omit the reading.

4. The Financial Report was presented by the Secretary. On motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moody, it was voted unanimously to accept the report, and same is made a part of these minutes.

5. President Rainey advised the Board that Mr. N.L.A. Martucci, Treasurer of A.T.I., had written the Secretary under date of May 15, 1968 requesting that his resignation be presented to the Board of Governors at this meeting, stating that his new duties with Garlock Inc. made his presence at future meetings unpredictable.

Mr. Schuman moved that the resignation be accepted with sincere regret. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and so voted. The Secretary is to advise Mr. Martucci of this action. After some discussion it was decided not to elect a new Treasurer until the annual meeting next October. Meanwhile the Vice President is authorized to sign checks, where two signatures are required, should any emergency develop.

6. President Rainey appointed Mr. J.A. Brown, Jr., as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present a slate of officers at the next meeting of the Board of Governors to be held October 3, 1968. The normal two-year terms for all officers expire at that time.

7. Mr. Rainey reported that the subject of imports of Japanese asbestos textiles into the U.S.A. had been discussed extensively at the Sales Committee meeting earlier that day, and any further discussion at this meeting would be omitted. (*)

8. Mr. Brown stated that Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., would attempt to supply a speaker for our October 4th, 1968 General Meeting (on Friday morning) at Hotel Hershey, Hershey, Pa.

9. The Secretary exhibited copy of two different pamphlets sent him from the "Asbestos Information Committee", 10 Wardour St., London, England. These are entitled: "Asbestos - Safety and Control" and the other: "Problems Arising From the Use of Asbestos". It was suggested that the Secretary start these two pamphlets on a round of Board members.

10. Suggestions were asked as to location for the A.T.I. meeting in June 1969. Mr. Schuman suggested Seaview Country Club in Absecon, N.J. Mr. Moody suggested Bretton Woods, N.H.

11. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter, dated May 28, 1968, from Mr. J.A. Bettes, Jr., a former president of the Institute, suggesting that the Institute pay honor to Miss Edith M. Cox, who retired on March 31, 1968 as Editor of Asbestos Magazine, after completing more than 50 years of service in the asbestos industry. Mr. Bettes suggested that an excellent idea would be to invite Miss Cox to the A.T.I. meeting at Hotel Hershey next October, and present her with a plaque or watch, and pay her expenses. After considerable discussion Mr. Mitchell moved that Miss Cox be invited to attend the General Meeting to be held on Friday morning, October 4th, at Hotel Hershey, that we pay her expenses in connection with her attendance, and that we give her a "verbal tribute" at that time. This motion was seconded by Mr. J.A. Brown, and so voted. An invitation is to be sent Miss Cox.

12. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury
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Secretary

(*) Following the meeting Mr. Rainey instructed the Secretary to ask the Technical Committee to arrange for "Round Robin" tests on Japanese Cloth to compare its quality with that made in USA. Our Sales Promotion Committee had made the request this be done, in the hope that it could be proven that the imported cloth was of inferior quality. The Chairman of the Technical Committee has agreed to proceed with the round robin tests.