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MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Chemists' Club, New York City June 21, 1966

PRESENT

Dr. W. L. Sutton, Chairman	Eastman Kodak Company
Dr. C. U. Dernehl	Union Carbide Corporation
Dr. E. M. Dixon	Celanese Corporation
Dr. M. Gasque	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
Dr. H. H. Golz	American Cyanamid Company
Dr. L. C. Haslam	Canadian Industries Limited
Dr. G. J. Stopps	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Mr. F. G. Stephenson, Secretary	Manufacturing Chemists Association

ABSENT

Dr. M. N. Johnson	Monsanto Company
Dr. J. H. Wolfsie	United States Rubber Company

1. Minutes of the April 14, 1966 meeting were approved.

2. Threshold Limit Values

It was reported that the statement "The Significance of Threshold Limit Values to the Chemical Industry" prepared by the Committee had been approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to executive contacts of MCA member firms with General Decker's letter of April 20, 1966.

It was agreed during discussion that the circulation of the statement should be followed by preparation and publication of a guide to the industry on the collection and correlation of exposure and health data.

3. Animal Care Legislation

It was reported that a letter dated May 31, 1966, signed by General Decker, had been forwarded to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce. This presented viewpoints on

S.2322 and the amendments proposed by Senator Monroney as shown in Committee Print No. 3 of May 19, 1966. The letter urged (a) that the acquisition and transportation of dogs and cats and the establishment of animal care in research facilities be dealt with separately (b) that animal care should be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and not the Department of Agriculture (c) that right of entry to research premises for inspection purposes be limited to Federal officers.

These views were consistent with those developed by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

Dr. Stopps reported that the task group is preparing an overall statement of Association position and policy and that the draft, when available, will be distributed to all committee members for review.

4. Recommendations by the Environmental Health Advisory Committee

Committee discussion largely concerned the EHAC recommendations that priority attention be given to "Research on Threshold Limit Values" and to the possible creation of a new MCA "Committee on Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology." Members were unanimous in their agreement that more specific attention should be given by MCA to the overall matter of exposure to toxic gases, vapors and dusts and particularly to the establishment of exposure values for chemicals included in the "list of intent" of ACGIH.

It was recognized that although the services of industrial hygienists and toxicologists are essential if this work is to develop satisfactorily as an MCA activity, it was not thought appropriate at this time to recommend creation of a separate committee on industrial hygiene and toxicology. It was thought more desirable to expand the existing committee to include industrial hygienists and toxicologists.

It was therefore resolved to recommend to General Decker

- (a) That the name of the Medical Advisory Committee be changed to Committee on Industrial Health and Toxicology.
- (b) that the new committee be composed initially of the present members of the Medical Advisory Committee plus an approximately equal number of industrial hygienists and toxicologists.

- (c) that the chairman of the Committee on Industrial Health and Toxicology be a medical officer; the first chairman to be the current chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee.
- (d) that the scope of activity of the Committee on Industrial Health and Toxicology should include the current scope of the Medical Advisory Committee plus matters of industrial hygiene and toxicology and specifically matters of occupational exposures to chemicals (including Threshold Limit Values).
- (e) that the Committee on Industrial Health and Toxicology might operate most effectively by dividing into two main subcommittees on (1) Medicine and (2) Toxicology under a small steering committee. These subcommittees would hold separate but simultaneous meetings and could be brought together as desirable. By this means the overall activity could be closely controlled.

The chairman agreed to prepare a letter to General Decker, to include this recommendation, and to state in more detail what the scope of activity of the new committee might be and what immediate projects from the EHAC recommendations might be undertaken. The committee scope will include both matters of industrial exposures and medical services and the effects of the chemical industry on public health.

5. Chemical Safety Data Sheets

Dr. Haslam submitted proposed final drafts for medical sections for data sheets on (a) hydrogen peroxide and (b) carbon disulfide.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in New York City on August 18, 1966.

Minutes subject to approval

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