

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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SAFETY WEARING APPAREL GROUP MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 1976
William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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M I N U T E S
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A meeting of the Safety Wearing Apparel Group, Industrial Safety Equipment Association, was held today at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The following were in attendance:

C. Grossman	A-Best Products Company
J. Gauerke	Edmont-Wilson
B. Shepard	The Gentex Corporation
J. A. Casey	Granet Div. ESB, Inc.
D. K. Schleicher	Keller Glove Manufacturing
G. C. Davis	Mine Safety Appliances Company
R. M. Ladick	Mine Safety Appliances Company
L. Hatch	Norton Co.
G. W. Herzberger, Jr.	Safety Clothing & Equipment Co.
D. Houston	Safety Clothing & Equipment Co.
J. Moore	Sager Glove Corp.
R. Sager	Sager Glove Corp.
G. G. Dickson	Standard Safety Equipment Company
H. L. Wheeler	Wheeler Protective Apparel, Inc.
F. E. Wilcher, Jr.	ISEA Executive Director

Chairman Wheeler presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. On motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried, the Minutes of the May 22, 1975 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

George Dickson, who is serving as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Chemical Test Standards, reported on the activities of his group. He pointed out 2 meetings have been held on the matter of establishing standard testing procedures for chemically resistant apparel. He urged the members of SWAG to carefully review the Minutes of the Committee meetings and feel free to submit comments on this project. Mr. Dickson also indicated that the Committee will probably be meeting again in April.

Chairman Wheeler, reporting for the Safety Clothing Standard Subcommittee, indicated that he was directing an effort to develop a suggested standard for a 30-inch firefighters' coat, and that Bob Thomas is heading a special committee to develop a standard for a glove. Related to glove standards, Mr. Gauerke stated that Arthur D. Little has been working on a standard for firefighters' gloves for NIOSH. In connection with this, Mr. Gauerke submitted the attached criteria for liquid-proof gloves as developed by Arthur D. Little, and requested members of SWAG to submit comments on this memorandum.

Mr. Ladick pointed out that a great deal of confusion exists regarding which organizations are doing work on standards development for safety clothing. He suggested that the Association attempt to develop a list of the key people and organizations who are currently involved with standards work, so that members might be able to use this for reference purposes. The Executive Director indicated he and the Chairman of the Group would attempt to establish a list of this type.

Mr. Casey raised a question as to whether the Committee on Chemical Test Standards has been in touch with the Natick Laboratories. It was reported that the Committee does plan to contact Natick, and Mr. Casey emphasized that they might have some background information that might be helpful to the Committee.

Mr. Sager was asked to report on the status of the proposed OSHA Standard for Exposure to Asbestos. He pointed out that the OSHA proposal of October 9, 1975 would require a limitation of .5 fiber per cc (down from the 2 fiber count which is proposed for July 1, 1976). Mr. Sager indicated that, even if it were technically feasible to reduce the fiber count to .5 for clothing manufacturers, it would become prohibitive from a cost standpoint to comply. Mr. Sager also elaborated on the meeting he attended of the Asbestos Information Association on February 4, 1976. He pointed out that the AIA is developing medical data, as well as preparing a thorough study on the economic impact of the proposed standards. He also indicated that the AIA is hopeful of obtaining exceptions for smaller companies using asbestos, and that furthermore, those using asbestos for occupational safety and health purposes should be exempt from the regulations, because this would be counterproductive. On motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Dickson and carried, Mr. Sager was officially named as the SWAG representative to the Asbestos Information Association. Related to this problem, Mr. Shepard stated that some industry suppliers of asbestos are indicating the use of warning labels might be helpful in limiting liability.

In connection with membership expansion plans for SWAG, Chairman Wheeler announced that Fyrepel Products, Inc. has recently joined ISEA. He warmly welcomed this company to membership. The Executive Director reviewed the list of prospective members for the Safety Wearing Apparel Group and it was suggested that a copy of this be sent to all members for assistance in soliciting these companies.

Mr. Schleicher presented the attached report on behalf of Foreign Competition Committee Chairman Franklin. As the enclosure indicates, the International Trade Commission has rejected the appeal for relief from glove imports by the Work Glove Manufacturers Association. Mr. Schleicher emphasized that he felt it would be desirable for the Industry to develop an effective statistical program which could prove to be extremely useful at some future date, should importation problems arise within other sections of the Safety Wearing Apparel Industry. Mr. Shepard suggested the possibility of having a speaker on the matter of foreign competition at a future ISEA meeting.

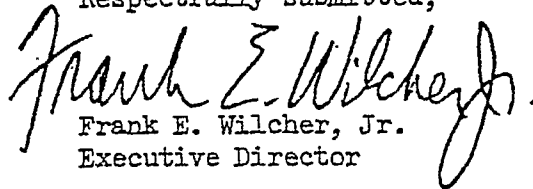
Mr. Wheeler asked Mr. Shepard, who is Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, to prepare a brief report on the SWAG meeting being held on this date in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Wheeler summarized his views on the Bendix Report, which Mr. Wheeler described as a survey of potential industry needs for safety clothing. He felt that the Bendix Report was too long and because of poor sampling techniques, it resulted in inconclusive statistical evidence, which was hard to interpret.

Mr. Wheeler also commented on the possibility of ISEA establishing an Exhibitors' Council to help improve arrangements for the National Safety Congress. The Executive Director commented on the responses which have been received to the questionnaire on this subject, and indicated a highly favorable reaction has developed so far.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Frank E. Wilcher, Jr.
Executive Director

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