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### MINUTES

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee

February 13, 1975

Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. in the AIA/NA office. Present were:

F. J. Solon, Jr., Johns-Manville Corporation  
George Barge, Atlas Asbestos Company  
A. H. Fay, National Gypsum Company  
John H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.  
William C. Thurber, Union Carbide Corporation  
R. H. Mereness, AIA/NA Executive Director

#### I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, December 11, 1974, were approved as presented.

#### II. Remarks of the Executive Director

1. Financial Report - Statement of assets for January 1975 showed a cash balance of \$73,892 plus prepaid expenses and accounts receivable of \$1,697 for a total of \$75,589. Total liabilities were \$43,619 for a month end balance of \$31,970. The Association's expenditures for the first month of the current year are consistent with its budget.

The Association's contract with Government Research Corporation was renewed effective January 1, 1975 at a cost of \$1,500 per month, as approved by the Executive Committee in meeting December 11, 1974.

Questionnaires for dues assessment were forwarded from the accounting firm the first week of January. Thirteen of eighteen "asbestos consuming" members have responded. On a cost basis consumption for 1974, as indicated by the 13 respondents, is up 33.2% - an indication of price increases.

The annual fiscal report of the Association was mailed to members on February 3. A separate line by line report of expenditures for 1974 was distributed to the Executive Committee. The Committee agreed that the Association should take advantage of short range higher yield opportunities with funds not immediately required for operating expenses.

## 2. Federal Regulations

A. Amendments to OSHA Standard. Publication date of the amended OSHA asbestos standard continues to be uncertain. It is reasonable not to expect public hearings on the amended standard before May. It was noted that the format for the amended standard will probably be similar to that of the arsenic standard published in the Federal Register, January 21. A report, "Federal Policy Regulating Asbestos as an Occupational Hazard", prepared by Government Research Corporation for AIA/NA was distributed.

✓ B. OSHA Construction Safety and Health Advisory Committee. Committee has considered recommendations to make OSHA standard, Part 1926 (Construction Standards) a vertical standard by incorporating applicable sections of Part 1910 (Occupational Safety and Health Standards). A special subcommittee to study asbestos was appointed. Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled to meet in April.

C. EPA National Emission Standard. The Association submitted comments to EPA on December 13. Copy of comments was distributed to members by Memorandum dated December 18. As written, the proposed amendments present problems as concerns waste disposal, difficulties for the small asbestos user, and in other areas. Representatives from Johns-Manville and Union Carbide have visited EPA officials in Durham, N. C., to discuss these matters. Mr. Thurber stated that their comments were sympathetically received. Issuance of the final standard is expected in April.

D. EPA Final Effluent Rules for Asbestos Textiles, Friction Materials and Sealing Devices. On January 9, EPA published final effluent limitations guidelines for existing sources and standards of performance and pretreatment standards for new sources within the subcategories of: coating or finishing of asbestos textiles, solvent recovery, vapor absorption and wet dust collection. Dates for achieving BPCTCA (best practicable control technology) and BATEA (best available technology economically available) are July 1, 1977 and July 1, 1983 respectively. The final standard eliminates the proposed requirement for carbon absorption in the solvent recovery subcategory, thereby making the definition of BATEA the same as for BPCTCA, i.e. no additional requirement for 1983. This change was the principal recommendation of AIA/NA based on the limited benefits to be attained and extremely high cost per unit of waste reduction for the added waste treatment step. The Committee recommended that this kind of Association accomplishment be brought to the attention of all members.

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E. EPA Proposed Amendment for Pretreatment Standards for Pollutants Introduced into Publicly-owned Treatment Works for Asbestos Textiles, Friction Materials and Sealing Devices. EPA, on January 9, proposed pretreatment standards for pollutants introduced into publicly owned treatment works for the subcategories of: coating or finishing of asbestos textiles, solvent recovery, vapor absorption and wet dust collection. Since most facilities in the textiles, friction materials and sealing devices segment of the asbestos industry are dry operations or discharge to publicly owned systems with no problems reported, EPA proposed that unrestricted discharge of these pollutants to publicly owned treatment works be allowed. Following review of comments, the Association advised EPA that the proposed amendment appeared reasonable. AIA/NA letter dated February 10 distributed.

F. EPA Draft Development Document for Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards of Performance - Mineral Mining and Processing Industry; Minerals for the Construction Industry. Asbestos is one of 29 production subcategories discussed in the document. Effluent reduction attainable through best practicable control technology currently available (BPCTCA) and best available technology economically achievable (BATEA) must be achieved by July 1, 1977 and July 1, 1983 respectively. No control technology is necessary for the mining and processing of asbestos by the dry process since no water is used. Comments are due EPA February 28 and appropriate members have been requested to submit their comments on the document.

G. FDA - Asbestos Particles in Food and Drugs Standard (Filter Regulation). Proposed standard was published September 28, 1973. No other information is available other than the final standard is expected to be published in "near future."

H. Stevedoring of Asbestos. Concern of private stevedoring companies with the handling of asbestos continues as a problem seeking a solution. The OSHA asbestos standard with provisions for medical examinations, etc. pertains to the maritime industries including stevedoring. Because of transient crews, sporadic work with asbestos, etc. stevedoring companies (after being cited in one West Coast incident) have petitioned Department of Labor for relief from OSHA provisions. No decision has been made. Double wrapped, palletized and strapped shipments may be required. Containerized shipments are acceptable and becoming more commonplace.

I. EPA Toxic Effluent Pollutants List. List does not include asbestos but Environmental Defense Fund has sued EPA to have asbestos added to list. Nothing new to report.

J. Federal Trade Commission Consumer Products. A letter from FTC dated January 31 as to Commission's interests in investigating advertised products containing asbestos was discussed. It was agreed that the Association should appraise the membership of the status of the FTC request and seek comment on which to base a reply.

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K. NIEHS Proposed Feeding Study. The discussion of the working draft protocol for an inter-government study on ingestion of asbestos or asbestiform particles held February 11 and attended by the Executive Director was reported. The Association's requested written comments, to include informal comments by the Asbestosis Research Council of the U.K., will be forwarded to members. The future of this study is not known.

3. State Activities. Current status of legislation affecting the asbestos industry among the states is subject of a report distributed to members. Report will be updated as new information is received. Members are urged to assist the Association by advising of state actions that might come to their attention and to communicate with state officials through their company organization where lobbying activities are desirable. Union Carbide, J-M and Flintkote are currently working with California Manufacturers Association toward a reasonable asbestos safety and health standard in California.

4. Workmen's Compensation. Williams-Javetts bill with some modifications will be reintroduced and could be passed. A report on Workmen's Compensation is being prepared by Government Research Corporation for AIA/NA.

5. Work Practices. Recommended Work Practices for member customers, developed by the Standards and Technical Committee, have been distributed to members with request for final review and an indication of quantities desired in each category before printing. AIA/NA Memorandum of January 24 refers. The Committee recommended an additional memorandum be sent to members to clarify any misunderstanding that might exist as to purpose of the work practices and procedure for obtaining copies.

6. Meeting of Board of Directors. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held March 13 at Stouffer's National Center Inn, Arlington, Virginia. Notice forthcoming.

7. Annual Meeting/Industry-Government Conference. The Committee agreed plans should proceed for the Annual Meeting and an Industry-Government Conference with similar format to that in 1974. Planning dates are September 9-10.

### III. Report of International Asbestos Associations Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Marsh reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the establishment of a standing group among international asbestos associations to "coordinate the endeavors of members to minimize risks to health, occupational and environmental, arising from the use of asbestos, so that the most effective progress can be made in the elimination of such risks and to facilitate collaboration and exchange of information in medical, scientific and technical research and the development and promotion of methods of effective control of asbestos

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dust." Meeting was held in London the last week of January. The ad hoc meeting resulted from resolution at the meeting of associations in Paris November 28-29, 1974.

Mr. Marsh spoke of the high interest of the ad hoc committee for a viable organization, explained formula for membership costs (approximately \$10,000 for AIA/NA) and stated Cape Asbestos has agreed to provide an office and secretarial assistance for standing group during the first 18 months in London. Mr. Marsh said that a final meeting of the ad hoc committee will be held in March from which a report will be issued to interested international associations for approval and acceptance of membership by end of June 1975.

Mr. Marsh said his report would be ready for submission to Association membership in April or May to be voted on at the June meeting of directors. Mr. Marsh asked for comments on the draft structure of the International Asbestos Association which was distributed to Committee members.

#### IV. Activity Reports

1. Standards and Technical Committee. Mr. Marsh stated he had nothing to add to remarks given by Executive Director.

2. Financial and Membership. In the absence of Mr. Dougherty, the Executive Director read from a letter from Mr. Dougherty to other members assigned to his area of responsibility requesting suggestions for broadening membership in the Association and considering an "associate category" of membership. A copy of Mr. Dougherty's letter and a response from Mr. Workman are attached as directed. Mr. Dougherty will have a full report on financial and membership matters at the next meeting.

3. Public Relations and Communications. Mr. Thurber stated the "Asbestos and Health" booklet is awaiting review by Dr. Kotin of J-M. A fact sheet on "Asbestos and Air Pollution" has been prepared and comments have been received. Upon review and final editing the booklet will be published. Mr. Matthew M. Swetonic of Hill and Knowlton, Inc. has been instructed to prepare a fact sheet on the water pollution question as relates to asbestos. Themes for six posters have been developed. Art work for two have been prepared dealing with smoking and respirators. A memorandum on posters will be distributed to members in the near future. The Executive Director mentioned J-M has revised its employee booklet on asbestos and made it available to the Association. The booklet will be distributed to members for an indication of interest in obtaining quantity amounts.

4. Legal and Legislative Affairs. The Executive Director reported for Mr. Hall noting the summary of state legislative activities prepared by the Association.

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5. Inter-Intra Association Relations. Mr. Barge said relationship of AIA/NA and Asbestos Cement Pipe Producers Association remains "under fire." Five members of AIA/NA are members of the Pipe Association with duplicate costs for some duplicate services. Mr. Solon said pressure of his company is currently off for a merger-type arrangement. Mr. Marsh said he did not feel there was much of a "community of interests between the two associations." He said he had prepared a statement on this issue and would forward it to the Executive Committee. Mr. Barge said we need to be constructive about this matter and discuss company positions for an Executive Committee position.

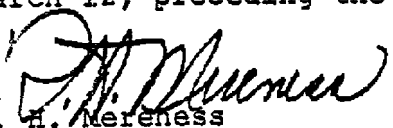
6. Medical Research. Mr. Solon spoke of a total industrial research group, not restricted to asbestos - a total medical surveillance program. Mr. Fay mentioned that Jacqueline Messite, M.D., New York State Occupational Health Administrator, New York Department of Labor, an outstanding person in the occupational and health field with background in asbestos and talc may be available for consultation work. Dr. Messite has co-authored several papers with Dr. Kleinfeld.

V. British TV Film - "Killer Dust"

A film prepared by Granada Television, "Killer Dust", was shown. A text of the film was distributed. Mr. Marsh noted another 50-minute film of even more concern to the asbestos industry was recently shown in the U.K. Mr. Marsh obtained the film "Killer Dust." The Committee agreed the Association should reimburse him for his expense. As regards the film, Mr. Marsh said there was much editing and cutting to present the asbestos industry in an unfavorable light. The Lewinsohn-Selikoff controversy is aired. The film may be obtained from AIA/NA for viewing.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M. Next meeting of the Committee will be held at Stouffer's National Center Inn, Arlington, Virginia, commencing at 2:30 P.M. March 12, preceding the meeting of the Board of Directors March 13.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

19 February 1975

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### MINUTES

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee

March 12, 1975

Stouffer's National Center Inn

Arlington, Virginia

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M., Stouffer's National Center Inn, Arlington, Virginia. Present were:

F. J. Solon, Jr., Johns-Manville Corporation, President  
George Barge, Atlas Asbestos Company  
Thomas A. Dougherty, Certain-teed Products Corporation  
A. H. Fay, National Gypsum Company  
Joseph G. Hall, GAF Corporation  
John H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated  
William C. Thurber, Union Carbide Corporation  
R. H. Mereness, AIA/NA Executive Director

#### I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, February 13, 1975, were approved as presented. It was observed that future minutes should list absentees when applicable.

#### II. Remarks of the Executive Director

1. Financial Report - As of the end of February, the Association had a cash balance of \$54,046 plus prepaid expenses and insurance, accounts receivable and short-term investments of \$12,896 for a total of \$66,942. Total liabilities were \$28,094 for a month end balance of \$38,848. The Association's expenditures for the first two months of current year are within its budget.

A 90-day Savings Certificate for \$10,000 and a 182-day U.S. Treasury Bill for \$9,733 were purchased in February with interest rates at 5.75% and 5.675% respectively. The Committee agreed that the Executive Director had authority on a continuing basis to take advantage of short-term (not exceeding 90 days) higher yield opportunities with funds not immediately required for operating expenses.

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The Committee determined that travel expenses incurred as result of the ad hoc working group's meetings concerning possible international asbestos association should be charged to contingency fund of the budget for accounting purposes.

The adjustment of Association dues during 1975 for asbestos-using members was addressed and alternatives were presented by the Accountant. It was agreed that dues income would be aligned with the budget figure (\$193,000). Notice and billings reflecting the downward adjusted millage figure on fiber consumed, from 2.5 mills per ton to 1.75 mills per dollar ton, are to be forwarded to members by the Accountant during third week of current month (March). Mr. Solon stated he would so advise the Directors at the meeting March 13.

2. Federal Regulations. The Executive Director commented on federal regulations affecting the industry as follows:

A. Amendments to OSHA Standard. Amended standard is not expected to be lower than two-fiber level. Timetable on compliance could change due Court remand in IUD case, i.e. segments of industry that can now comply should do so - other segments on July 1, 1976. Requests for variances may be entertained. Date for publication and public hearings remains unclear. Hearings could be held July-August timeframe. Format of amended asbestos standard will most likely be similar to that of recently published arsenic standard (See Federal Register of January 21, 1975).

B. Longshoring of Asbestos. Compliance of the longshoring industry with the OSHA asbestos standard has been subject of discussions by longshoring management interests with Departments of Labor and Commerce. Resolution of problems has not been made. Association has reported on the problems in various meetings.

C. Rhodesian Asbestos Fiber. Ban on Rhodesian fiber could be invoked by Congress on short notice. Subject remains an active issue. The Byrd (I-Va) amendment to military procurement law now permits certain exceptions (including asbestos) regarding U.S. participation in U.N. embargo on trade with Rhodesia.

D. NIEHS Asbestos Ingestion Study. Planning on this major inter-governmental study continues. Reconsideration of use of U.I.C.C. standard asbestos fibers now underway. Both rats and hamsters will be used as test species. Feeding tests to include administration of chrysotile, crocidolite and amosite asbestos, plus a known tumor-producing agent. Contract proposals (RFP) are expected to be solicited in Commerce Business Daily within two weeks. Study is expected to last about three years and cost an estimated \$4 million. Association may be asked for comments on material to be used for tests.

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E. Federal Trade Commission Study. Committee advised that Mark A. Heller, Esq., Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC, had been invited and would be present at Board of Directors Meeting March 13 to informally discuss Commission's letter of January 31 concerning asbestos-containing products advertised to the consuming public.

F. Hill and Knowlton, Inc. Reviewed history of and current arrangement for consulting services with public relations firm of Hill and Knowlton, Inc. Nature of need for Hill and Knowlton services has changed mainly as result of staff competency, therefore, it was recommended that agreement with this firm be terminated. The Association's possible need for professional public relations services for testimony at the upcoming hearings on amended asbestos standard was discussed. On motion, it was agreed that consulting services of Hill and Knowlton, Inc. would be terminated as of April 30, 1975. The Executive Director would provide appropriate notification.

G. Profile of Industry. Need for full descriptive and economic profile of asbestos industry was presented. Decision was deferred pending further consideration at next Executive Committee meeting.

H. Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting, March 13. Reviewed proposed agenda items. Agenda approved as submitted with minor change in sequence of items.

### III. Activity Area Reports

1. Standards and Technical Committee. Mr. Marsh reviewed status of recommended work practices. Considerable refinement remains to be accomplished prior to reproduction and distribution to members. He reported that the Executive Director, Edmund M. Fenner, J-M, Chairman, Standards and Technical Committee, Dr. Harry B. Rhodes, Union Carbide Corp., and Isaac H. Weaver, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. will meet in all-day work session March 25 in New York City. Mr. Mereness presented cover layout proposals for the six work practices which were approved.

2. Financial and Membership. Mr. Dougherty introduced the subject of associate membership status in AIA/NA. It was agreed to not establish an associate status at this time since recruitment could include member's customers and minimum cost would have to exceed \$500 annually. Membership committee will concentrate its efforts on recruiting as regular members those companies who use asbestos fiber in their products. Mr. Marsh advised that the Friction Materials Standard Institute had expressed interest in AIA/NA membership. A discussion of membership of associations in AIA/NA followed. It was stated that companies who use asbestos fiber in their products should be criteria for membership. Mr. Solon reviewed the history of membership of National Association of Filter Manufacturers in AIA/NA and said, upon question from Mr. Barge, that he would contact the Executive Director of that association, George Vogel, with regard to membership of individual firms of NAFM in AIA/NA.

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3. Public Relations and Communications. Mr. Thurber reviewed need to pursue ongoing projects in this area to completion in a more expeditious manner. In view of decision to terminate the consulting services of Hill and Knowlton, Inc. in New York City on April 30, it is anticipated that the Executive Director will now be in a position to move more rapidly with the utilization of Washington-based graphic and printing facilities. He gave following status of AIA/NA publications:

a. Two fact sheets on general air and water pollution are being worked on and should be completed in near future. Some delay has been experienced in obtaining medical review.

b. The revised "Asbestos and Health" pamphlet is awaiting medical review. Mr. Solon stated he would pursue this item.

c. Six plant information-education posters are planned. Drafts of the first two which deal with smoking and use of respirators have been completed. The Executive Director presented an alternate poster approach using "live" as opposed to cartoon characters. After discussion, it was agreed to complete the six posters in the format originally approved. The Executive Director was requested to complete reproduction and distribution of the posters at the earliest possible date.

d. The J-M pamphlet, "What You Should Know About Asbestos and Health," which supersedes "What Every Employee Should Know About ... Asbestos" was discussed. The majority of the Committee agreed the revised pamphlet should be reproduced, with one minor change, by the Association and made available to members.

4. Legal and Legislative. Mr. Hall stated he had nothing to add to remarks given by Executive Director.

5. Inter-Intra Association Relations. Mr. Barge referred to the status report on the proposed international asbestos association which would be given by Mr. Marsh at Board of Directors meeting March 13. Mr. Marsh made reference to his memorandum of February 28, 1975 distributed to Executive Committee addressing this subject.

6. Medical Research. Mr. Solon referred to a letter from C. Fred Workman (Nicolet Industries, Inc.) of March 7, 1975 which was addressed to AIA/NA directors. The letter recommended the Association obtain access to medical expertise through arrangements for a medical consultant. After discussion of many facets of this problem area, and since all directors had not received or read the above, letter, it was agreed Mr. Workman should be invited to present his company's proposal at Board of Directors meeting March 13. It was also agreed Mr. Solon would investigate the possibility of an Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health (Canada) representative to present the current status of medical research on asbestos related disease at a forthcoming Executive Committee meeting.

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IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M. Next meeting of the Committee is scheduled in the Association office, April 10, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 13, 1975

Stouffer's National Center Inn

Arlington, Virginia

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 13, 1975 at Stouffer's National Center Inn, Arlington, Virginia.

The following Directors were present:

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| George Barge         | Atlas Asbestos Company            |
| E. C. Bratt          | Southern Asbestos Company         |
| C. Nelson Coddling   | Jim Walter Research Corporation   |
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| Thomas A. Dougherty  | Certain-teed Products Corporation |
| A. H. Fay            | National Gypsum Company           |
| Joseph G. Hall       | GAF Corporation                   |
| A. R. Hooker         | The Flintkote Company             |
| John H. Marsh        | Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated |
| Martin J. Sendeki    | Congoleum Industries, Inc.        |
| F. J. Solon, Jr.     | Johns-Manville Corporation        |
| William C. Thurber   | Union Carbide Corporation         |
| William R. Whitener  | Atlas Asbestos Co. (California)   |
| C. Fred Workman      | Nicolet Industries, Incorporated  |

Also present: R. H. Mereness, Executive Director, AIA/NA; B. J. Pigg, AIA/NA; Joseph A. Artabane, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, Legal Counsel; Richard T. Davis, Frank C. Frantz & Co., Accountant; and Mark A. Heller, Esquire, Federal Trade Commission.

### Minutes

Mr. Solon, President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.. On motion, the Minutes of the preceding meeting, December 12, 1974, were approved as submitted.

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Financial Report

A report of the Association's finances was distributed and reviewed. The Association is operating within its budget. A 90-day Savings Certificate for \$10,000 and a 182-day U. S. Treasury Bill for \$9,733 were purchased during the current quarter in keeping with procedure to realize interest on Association operating funds.

Mr. Solon reported the Executive Committee had approved adjustment of dues for asbestos-using members to align dues income with the Association budget figure (\$193,000). Notice and billings reflecting the downward adjusted millage figure on fiber consumed, from 2.5 mills per ton to 1.75 mills per dollar ton, will be forwarded to members by the Association's accounting firm during third week of current month (March).

Mr. Mereness invited attention to material of interest contained in folders provided attendees. He referred to the Government Research Corporation report on Federal activities on asbestos. Reference was made to a request for GRC to prepare a detailed study on Workmen's Compensation at the Federal and State levels. The study will be distributed to members when completed.

Attention was invited to a list of upcoming meetings of interest. Specific emphasis was given to the Conference on Occupational Carcinogenesis, Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, March 24-27 and American Industrial Hygiene Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 1-6. Members were urged to attend, if possible, and to encourage attendance by their medical and hygiene personnel. The Executive Director plans to attend both meetings.

The current status of amended asbestos standard within OSHA was reviewed. Exact timetable for publication in the Federal Register and public hearings remains unclear.

A meeting of February 11, 1975 conducted by Dr. David Rall, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, concerning the Federal Government's Long-Term Study on the Biological Effects of Ingested Asbestos in Experimental Animals was reported on. The working draft asbestos protocol was specific topic of discussion at the meeting of about 40 interested parties. Study is expected to last about three years and cost an estimated \$4 million. Feeding tests to include administration of chrysotile, crocidolite, and amosite fibers, plus a known tumor-producing agent in combination with fiber. Contract proposals are expected to be solicited in Commerce Business Daily within two weeks.

Concern of private stevedoring companies with handling of asbestos continues. Because of transient crews, sporadic work with asbestos, etc. stevedoring companies have sought relief from OSHA

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regulation. Double-wrapped, palletized, and strapped asbestos shipments may be required. Department of Labor officials have discussed subject with Coast Guard which is cognizant enforcement agent. Shipments of asbestos in railway cars was also discussed. Subject continues under discussion by Federal agencies.

#### Federal Trade Commission Study

Mr. Mereness reported that, by letter dated January 31, 1975, the Federal Trade Commission had requested AIA/NA to provide FTC with information concerning asbestos-containing products advertised to the consuming public. In order to further explore the specifics of this subject prior to preparation of the Association's response, Mark A. Heller, Esquire, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC, had been invited and was present to discuss informally the matter with members. It was understood that his statements were his own and reflected only his opinion and not necessarily those of the FTC, any individual Commissioner, or any employee thereof.

Mr. Heller reviewed the contents of the FTC request and advised that it reflected the Commission's decision to conduct a preliminary investigation into possible problems in terms of non-occupational exposure to asbestos through use of asbestos-containing consumer products. A general discussion and question and answer period followed.

It was the consensus of members present that the FTC request exceeded the Association's capability since it is not a trade-oriented association nor is it industry-wide in its representation. Mr. Solon emphasized that AIA/NA's primary function was to serve as an information disseminating organization in the occupational and environmental areas of the health problems related to asbestos. He also stressed that member companies were in many instances several times removed from end use of asbestos-containing products and, therefore, possessed minimal or no information about specific products.

Mr. Heller suggested the Association might provide him with a representative list of customers that retail asbestos-containing products and FTC would collect the desired information from such customers. He stated that FTC was not interested in any particular company's customer list and would treat any such list with confidentiality.

Appreciation for Mr. Heller's attendance was expressed by Mr. Solon and Mr. Heller was assured that FTC would get a response as to what AIA/NA can or cannot do, based on its charter. Mr. Heller departed about 10:15 A.M..

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Mr. Solon interjected reference to proposed "Toxic Substances Control Act" and discussed some of its ramifications. The Executive Director was requested to obtain and forward a copy to members.

A general discussion followed concerning the Association's response to FTC. On motion, it was agreed that counsel would draft a proposed reply along the lines that AIA/NA, while desiring to be cooperative and responsive, does not possess nor can it compile the information in the detail and specifics requested. Reasons for this position to be appropriately set forth. Mr. Solon's clearance to be obtained prior to mailing of letter.

#### Asbestos Problems in Canada

Mr. Barge reviewed the extensive and dramatic press coverage that had been given to the asbestos-health relationship during past few weeks in Canada. He stated that a good deal of the bad press was politically motivated and was highly emotional. Labor negotiations, now ongoing in several areas, were cited as one reason for current level of media coverage. One government official was quoted as saying that the use of blue fiber may have to be banned in Canada.

A recent industry-government meeting held in Ottawa was also reported on. Primary concern expressed at meeting pertained to exposure in mines and plants. Press coverage of the meeting was generally objective, and it was reported that blue fiber is used by only one company in the manufacture of asbestos-cement pipe, is "locked-in", and poses no health problem to the public. Mr. Barge said he expects some kind of labelling regulation to be forthcoming.

Another recent news item which has received considerable attention in Canada is report of a study conducted by Dr. Selikoff and associates. The study was conducted at invitation of Canadian trade unions in Thetford Mine area. The press release reported that out of 1,200 asbestos workers examined, 75% of those with 40 years experience and 61% of those with 20 years experience had noticeable lung damage. The press also reported that counts as high as 50 fibers per centimeter of air had been taken by employees in the mills and mines involved. It is expected that government inspectors will visit these mills and mines to determine validity of conditions reported. Mr. Mereness said that the study has not yet been made available, but has been requested for review by the Association.

Mr. Barge said that Johns-Manville Corporation recently closed the Reeves Mine in Timmins, Ontario. The press has reported that the government intends to inspect the mill at the Clinton Creek

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Mine in the Yukon.

British TV Film - "Killer Dust - A Standard Mistake?"

A 30-minute 16 mm. film prepared by Granada Television, "Killer Dust - A Standard Mistake?", was introduced by Mr. Marsh and shown. A text of the film was distributed. The Lewinsohn-Selikoff controversy is aired. The film may be obtained from AIA/NA for viewing. Mr. Marsh referred to another 50-minute film of even more concern to the industry, which was recently shown in the U.K.; the text of this film was also distributed.

Reports of Activity Areas

A. Standards & Technical Committee (Mr. Marsh)

Gave status report of recommended Work Practices. Considerable refinement remains to be accomplished prior to their publication. Three members of the Committee and the Executive Director will meet for a working session in New York City on March 25. The Work Practices have been provided members, and response has been limited. Comments of members were encouraged.

B. Financial and Membership (Mr. Dougherty)

No further remarks to report discussed.

Subject of associate membership status in the Association (which had been considered by Executive Committee in meeting on March 12) was presented. Mr. Dougherty said that establishment of this status had been decided against since it could involve recruitment of member customers and minimum cost would have to exceed \$500 annually. Mr. Dougherty stated it was consensus of Executive Committee that the membership committee should concentrate its efforts on recruiting companies as regular members who use asbestos fiber in their products rather than users of asbestos-containing products as associate status members.

C. Public Relations and Communications (Mr. Thurber)

Reported that Executive Committee had agreed in meeting on March 12 to terminate public relations consulting services provided the Association by Hill and Knowlton, Inc., effective April 30, 1975. He explained that capabilities of AIA/NA had evolved to the degree that nature of present needs dictate a change in keeping with efficient management. The funds previously budgeted for this service will be used for similar-type work and activities relevant to current objectives and requirements of the Association.

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The following status of AIA/NA publications was given:

1. Two fact sheets on general air and water pollution are being worked on and should be completed in near future.
2. The revised "Asbestos and Health" pamphlet is awaiting medical review. Mr. Solon stated he would pursue this item.
3. The Johns-Manville Corporation has revised "What Every Employee Should Know about ... Asbestos" pamphlet and re-titled it "What You Should Know About Asbestos And Health" and made it available for use by AIA/NA. Copies will be available in 2-3 weeks for distribution, and members are encouraged to forward their requirements now to the Association office.
4. A series of six posters is planned and will be available for distribution to the industry. The drafts of the first two which deal with smoking and use of respirators have been completed. Distribution of samples is expected within 2-3 weeks in order to obtain requirements of members.

D. Legal and Legislative (Mr. Hall)

Spoke of importance of understanding of Workmens Compensation legislation on both Federal and State levels, stating planned report would be very useful.

E. Medical Research (Mr. Solon)

Mr. Solon invited Mr. Workman to review the letter which his company (Nicolet Industries, Inc.) had recently forwarded to members recommending that AIA/NA obtain access to medical expertise on a consulting basis in order that the industry might have a competent spokesman in this area. Mr. Workman expressed concern that in the Association's area of greatest weakness our problems are left for others to solve. Further justification for engaging medical capability for AIA/NA was presented after which a general discussion of pros and cons of the proposal followed.

Mr. Marsh, in support of the recommendation, cited three specific areas wherein industry could make a positive contribution in the field of medical research: (1) human susceptibility; (2) best method for determining earliest signs of the onset of disease; and (3) effects of exposure peaks.

Mr. Hall recommended that further consideration be given the subject and that it be addressed at next meeting of Executive Committee. Mr. Solon then requested members reflect on the matter in light of needs of their respective companies and submit comments to him by letter.

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Mr. Solon stated that the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health (Canada) was a source of information in the field of asbestos medical information and research. He said he would investigate the possibility of an IOEH representative to present the current status of medical research on asbestos-related disease at a forthcoming Executive Committee meeting, following which the Executive Committee might make a specific recommendation to the Board of Directors concerning medical capability for the Association.

#### International Asbestos Association

Mr. Marsh reported on current status of an ad hoc working group, of which he is the AIA/NA representative, now considering the establishment of a "standing committee" for the cooperation and collaboration of 14 national asbestos associations. The final charter is expected to be distributed in May. Members of the Association will be asked to consider formal AIA/NA participation in the international association at June meeting of Directors.

#### 3-M Film - "Living With Dust"

A 15-minute film prepared by the 3-M Company was introduced by Mr. Mereness and shown. The film deals with environmental nuisance and industrial dust. The dangers to health are analyzed, and emphasis is given to personal protective equipment available for dust-exposed workers. The film may be obtained from AIA/NA for viewing by members. A descriptive brochure of the film is attached.

#### Luncheon Speaker

Mr. Gershon W. Fishbein, Washington-based publisher of "Occupational Health and Safety Letter" and "Environmental Health Letter", was guest speaker following luncheon. Mr. Fishbein commented on reasons why industry is viewed by many in a negative way as part of the "establishment". He foresees increased activity by OSHA, especially in view of '76 elections. More emphasis is expected to be given to self-inspection by industry. The character of The 94th Congress indicates no "let up" on environmental issues. He suggested that in the field of public relations, industry should de-emphasize stressing number of dollars spent on complying with health and safety regulations. He said that industry should show representatives of media improved conditions in the workplace.

#### New Business

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in Washington, D. C., June 12, 1975, at 9:00 A.M. at a place to be designated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M..

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director  
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### MINUTES

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee

May 8, 1975

Johns-Manville Corporation

Denver, Colorado

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 A.M., Manor House, Johns-Manville Corporation, Denver, Colorado. Present were:

F. J. Solon, Jr., Johns-Manville Corporation, President AIA/NA  
George Barge, Atlas Asbestos Company  
Thomas A. Dougherty, Certain-teed Products Corporation  
A. H. Fay, National Gypsum Company  
John H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated  
William C. Thurber, Union Carbide Corporation  
R. H. Mereness, AIA/NA Executive Director

Absentees: Joseph G. Hall, GAF Corporation

#### I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, March 12, 1975, were approved as presented.

#### II. Remarks of the Executive Director

1. Financial Report - As of April 25, 1975, the Association had a cash balance of \$58,907, plus prepaid expenses and insurance, accounts receivable, and short-term investments of \$26,404 for a total of \$85,311. Total liabilities were \$42,505 for a net worth of \$42,806. The Association's expenditures for the first four months of current year are within its budget.

2. Federal/State Activities - In view of the time reserved for discussions on access to medical expertise, it was necessary to make only a brief report on Federal and State activities.

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- A. Amendments to OSHA Standard. Date for publication of amended standard in Federal Register remains unfirm. Best estimate is late summer. Publication date could be delayed by noise standard hearings scheduled to commence in June. Among other factors which affect delay, include possible changes in OSHA administrative personnel. It is not expected that major changes will be made in amended standard. Current information indicates primary effort is to clarify language and practices. Procedures for the cargo handling of asbestos in modes of transportation and in terminals considered.
- B. EPA National Drinking Water Standards. Proposed national drinking water standard was published in Federal Register on March 14 and becomes effective December 1976. Interim standard sets maximum permissible levels for variety of contaminants, but does not include asbestos. It has been announced that EPA will contract with National Academy of Sciences to conduct an in-depth study of maximum contaminant levels for protection of public health. Study is to be submitted to EPA by December 1976 and will identify contaminants for which no maximum levels can be determined, but which may have adverse health effects. It is expected that this study will speak to asbestos.
- C. HEW/FDA/NIEHS.
- (1) Asbestos-Form Particles in Drugs for Parenteral Injection (Filter Regulation) was published in Federal Register March 14 and distributed to members same date. Basically, regulation (a) prohibits use of asbestos-containing filters in manufacture, processing or packaging of components of drug products for parenteral injection in humans unless it is not possible to manufacture a product without the use of such a filter. (A

Non-fiber-releasing filter is required to be used in order to reduce content of asbestos-form particles in the drug or component), and (b) directs substitution for fiber-releasing filters on or before September 14, 1976.

- (2) Planning for conduct of asbestos feeding protocol as a major inter-governmental study under HEW continues. Contractor responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) for conduct of study are due May 16. No decision has been reached as to source of feeding material which best represents the "real world". Bureau of Mines has offered to provide specifications for the asbestos feed and storage facilities. \$1 million has been budgeted as a line item in NIEHS funds for the study. Contract will be let before end of FY-75. Altogether, funding for test, which is expected to last at least three years, could well exceed \$3 million.
- D. Federal Trade Commission. No acknowledgment has been made nor further information received concerning FTC's interests in asbestos-containing products advertised to the general public since the Association's response on this matter was delivered to Mark Heller, Esquire on April 11, 1975.
- E. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Chemical Bureau (Dept. of Treasury). Hearings by the ATF & CB concerning filtration of distilled spirits were held in April. The consumer advocate group, MaryPIRG, urged that containers of distilled spirits reflect that the liquids have been filtered through asbestos filters when such is the case, setting forth a "risk to health" warning. The Association has provided the Bureau with background information and referred officials to the National Association of Filter Manufacturers, Inc. for additional information.

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- F. GSA Asbestos Stockpile. A bill, H.R. 5683, introduced on April 8 by Congresswoman Fenwick (R-NJ) would authorize the General Services Administration to dispose by sealed bidding of about 9,900 s.t. of chrysotile asbestos from the national strategic stockpile. Bill has been referred to House Armed Services Committee where it must be first considered by subcommittee on Sea Power and Critical Material chaired by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D-Fla). Date for consideration has not been set. Discussion followed regarding grade composition of the stockpile inventory. Mr. Marsh pointed to group need for national stockpile to contain grades more representative of current needs. The Executive Director was requested to inform members of this matter and with the thought of encouraging Congressmen representing those districts in which members have plants to co-sponsor the Bill.
- G. Rhodesian Asbestos Fiber. H.R. 1287, introduced Jan. 14, 1975, would repeal Byrd amendment to Armed Forces Appropriations Act to conform to United Nations Participation Act of 1945 with the effect of halting importation of certain Rhodesian raw materials, including asbestos. Chrome, important to steel production, is principal interest of U. S. in Rhodesian raw materials. Administration supports Bill, and passage is seen likely.
- H. State Legislation. Mr. Thurber reported on actions in California where industry is seeking relief from State Senator Mark's restrictive Bill which became law in Sept. 1974. Bill prohibits spraying of any substance containing more than .5% asbestos in or upon a building -- the allowable level drops to zero on July 1, 1976. The Executive Director addressed briefly status of asbestos-related legislation in other states. A summary report of State information will be distributed to members in near future.
3. American Industrial Hygiene Association - The

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Executive Director recommended "sustaining" membership at cost of \$100 per year in the American Industrial Hygiene Association in order to benefit from the information pertinent to the Association's interests, available from this highly respected source. Recommendation was approved with annual review for continuing membership.

4. Hill and Knowlton, Inc. - A letter from Mr. Carl Thompson, following the Association's notification of discontinuance of consultative arrangements, was noted (previously distributed). Mr. Thompson stated " ...as a matter of record, we make this an indefinite suspension of our agreement, rather than a complete termination ...", involving no further financial obligation on the part of AIA/NA after April 30 "but would leave the door open for your coming to us either with a renewal of our present arrangement or for special assistance on major projects should the need develop". A courteous, non-committal reply was directed. H & K has completed work assigned to them with the exception of preparation of a fact sheet on asbestos and water which is expected immediately for review prior to publication.
5. Relationship with Asbestos-Interest Associations - A letter from the Friction Materials Standards Institute of April 1, previously distributed, requested that AIA/NA explore with FMSI possibilities for the Institute or its individual members to give support to the Association. The matter of policy of AIA/NA's relationship with asbestos-related associations was reviewed. It was the consensus that formal membership by other associations in AIA/NA with attendant financial and policy-decision responsibilities should not take place. However, a close working relationship with similar oriented associations should be continued and fostered. The Executive Director will prepare an appropriate letter to FMSI and other trade or technical associations, as appropriate to advise of this policy, outlining the objectives and services of AIA/NA and the Association's relationships and cooperation in matters of mutual interest. Reference to inter-association relationships in future revisions of the AIA/NA organization pamphlet will be cleared with counsel to ensure terminology reflects AIA/NA's relationship with other asbestos-related associations is of an informal and cooperative nature only. Membership of

5. Continued -  
all individual asbestos-interest companies in AIA/NA  
is to be encouraged.

The Executive Director was instructed to prepare a letter to Mr. George P. Vogel, explaining the above policy regarding membership of Associations in AIA/NA and advising that membership of the National Association of Filter Manufacturers, Inc. may continue through current year, at which time it would be terminated. It is to be emphasized to Mr. Vogel that individual companies of NAFM are encouraged to become members of AIA/NA and to attend the Association's Industry-Government Conference.

Mr. Barge made reference to a meeting of the Asbestos-Cement Pipe Producers Association which he attended May 5-6. He stated officers of that Association expressed their desire to maintain close liaison and cooperation with AIA/NA in view of certain common interests, avoidance of effort duplication, and recent affirmation that the two associations would continue to function as separate entities.

The Executive Director noted the interests of the Gypsum Dry-Wall Contractors International and other associations in the work of AIA/NA.

6. Board of Directors Meeting, Minneapolis, 5-6 June -  
The program for the Board of Directors meeting June 5-6 in Minneapolis was reviewed.

Board member attendance is expected to be 15, fulfilling requirements for a quorum. Drs. Kotin and Wright, plus Alex Cross of the Asbestosis Research Council, U.K., are expected to be present to participate in the meeting. Attendance at Board meetings was discussed. It was agreed that Board members might bring one of their company officials to the extraordinary meeting in Minneapolis, but, as a matter of policy, only Board members, that is, no alternates, should attend regular Board meetings, except when declared "open meetings". The Executive Committee would consider exceptions to this rule.

7. Dates for Executive Committee Meetings in July and August - It was agreed that the Executive Committee

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7. Continued-meeting scheduled for July 10 should be cancelled and the August 14 meeting date changed to fit convenience of Committee members.
8. Industry-Government Conference - Mr. Solon discussed basic outline and plans for the Conference, Sept. 10-11. He stated that Mr. Dougherty would serve as Chairman of this year's Conference. Mr. Dougherty and the Executive Director will meet at the closest date practicable to formulate plans. The Executive Director was requested to distribute a brief announcement of the Conference as soon as possible for the planning of interested parties. The Executive Director stated a Conference Room and sleeping accommodations had been reserved at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C..

### III. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Mr. Solon reported that Mr. C. Fred Workman (Nicolet Industries, Inc.) had been appointed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for next year's Association officers. Two additional Committee members are to be selected from the Board of Directors.

### IV. Activity Area Reports

1. Standards & Technical Committee - Mr. Marsh requested the Executive Director to give a brief report on ASTM E-34 activities and status of workplace practices. It was reported that Mr. Edmund M. Fenner (Chairman, Standards & Technical Committee) is working with ASTM on development of an asbestos definition and standard for OSHA. It was stated initial review of draft workplace practices has been completed. Follow-up action needs to be pursued with ACPPA and Gypsum Dry-Wall Contractors International to complete work practices for asbestos cement pipe and joint treatment compound paper respectively. It was agreed that workplace practices would be provided members for final review by marketing and legal personnel prior to final publication and distribution. The Executive Director reported that Messrs. Stanford K. Christian and G. J. Hildebrandt had relieved Charles C. Clarke and C. Nelson Coddington respectively as Bendix and Jim Walter members on AIA/NA Standards & Technical Committee.
2. Public Relations and Communications - Mr. Thurber

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gave following status of AIA/NA educational/  
informational materials:
  - a. The pamphlet, "What You Should Know About Asbestos and Health," and first two in a series of six plant posters have been printed and made available to the industry. Rough art work for remaining four posters has been received from Hill and Knowlton, Inc., and they are in process of being printed to be available for distribution within three weeks.
  - b. Water pollution fact sheet is being completed. Hill and Knowlton, Inc. air pollution fact sheet has been approved and will go to printer next week.
  - c. The revised "Asbestos and Health" pamphlet is awaiting medical review.

The development of a "profile of industry" booklet utilizing Association "in-house" capabilities was discussed and approved in principle. The Executive Committee members expressed their willingness to assist the Executive Director in the preparation of such a booklet. The Executive Director reviewed a proposal for a pamphlet which would include all governmental regulations on asbestos and be in an easy-to-read format. The Government Research Corporation would assist on this project. Publication of the pamphlet to occur after amended standard is published. The Committee endorsed this project requesting that a draft be submitted for approval prior to publication.

#### V. Other Business

Mr. Fay reported that his company (National Gypsum) sells asbestos cement flat sheets to Armstrong Cork and that Armstrong has requested the caution label be modified to state that breathing asbestos dust may cause asbestosis and cancer. A general discussion of the legal and other ramifications involved with this matter followed.

#### VI. Medical Affairs

Following regular business session, Paul Kotin, M. D., Senior Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment,

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Johns-Manville Corporation; and George Wright, M. D., Chairman, Scientific Committee, Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health joined members of the Committee for comments and a discussion of Association's interests in access to medical expertise.

Dr. Kotin spoke to the problem of how best to develop an industry mechanism to address safety and health issues associated with asbestos. He said he did not see why there should be a fragmented industry approach rather "some form of cooperative, collaborative way" through individual companies, associations, and a combination of the two to meet tasks of cataloging and evaluating research needs, identifying new areas of research, collecting data for information resource, granting capability, providing for an industry spokesman, performance as a reporting body, both internal and external and a versatile capability for response to external inquiries. He spoke of what he considered the over-all industry's need to review pertinent scientific comment and provide internal industry education. He mentioned the work of the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health and noted other international organizations concerned with the asbestos health issue. He said there are those who view AIA/NA efforts as public relations rather than scientifically oriented. This was not, he said, to suggest a lack of Association integrity, rather a matter of identity for credibility in the scientific and, perhaps, other communities. He said he shared the AIA/NA's concern to get on with the work and that "we must start doing something on an action rather than a reaction basis in a responsible, scientific way to put problems in perspective".

In discussion, Mr. Marsh stated the Association's mission is to protect the asbestos worker and the users of asbestos products. He spoke of the educational problems within the industry. He said the Association is a "transmission belt" for internal information throughout the industry.

Mr. Fay stated that the Association has not had an aggressive public relations program counter to the ends the Association seeks to accomplish, that is, to educate the industry on the problems of asbestos and health and the measures which must be taken to solve problems in these areas. He said the things the Association has done with effectiveness and integrity as an "across-the-board group" provide a sound base on which to build the other things that need to be done for the industry. He said the idea of perhaps changing the name of the Association to "Asbestos Industry Association" to take the "barb" of "information" from the

name might be considered. He also suggested that, perhaps, an advisory group with its own integrity might be developed which would have the benefit and use of the Association's framework. In this manner, he suggested the Association could continue to do the work internally that needs to be done. "I do not see anything incompatible with this," he said, adding that the industry must conduct its business in such a way as to not jeopardize the health of workers or the public and, at the same time, provide the public with the products it needs.

Mr. Barge emphasized the fact that the Association represents the total industry and is not product-oriented, as are trade associations with interests in the promotion of particular product lines, such as the ACCP and FMSI. Mr. Solon spoke of conversations of the Committee at dinner the previous evening at which it was stated that if the word "information" in the Association's name was a problem to working with medical/scientific personnel and similar oriented organizations such as the Institute for Occupational and Environmental Health, name could be appropriately changed to "Asbestos Industry Association", implying over-all industry trade orientation. He said the Association since its founding, has come to J-M for access to medical expertise and now feels the need for its own capability and competency in this area to serve its members and objectives.

Dr. Wright spoke of the work of the ACCP and its highly competent addressal to its particular problem area. He discussed the history and organization of the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association and the I. O. E. H. wherein, he suggested, the AIA/NA might find parallels of interest in its deliberations on organization. He spoke of the founding days of AIA/NA when the concern was with the initial hearings on the OSHA Act with all of its attendant pressures. The Association must now look to its present and future needs, he said.

#### VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at Noon. Next meeting of the Committee is scheduled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 4, 1975 at the Curtis Hotel (as close to 1:30 PM as transportation schedules permit).

  
R. H. Mefeness  
Executive Director

16 May 1975

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### MINUTES

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee

June 4, 1975

Curtis Hotel

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 P.M., Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Present were:

F. J. Solon, Johns-Manville Corporation, President AIA/NA  
George Barge, Atlas Asbestos Company  
Thomas A. Dougherty, Certain-teed Products Corporation  
A. H. Fay, National Gypsum Company  
Joseph G. Hall, GAF Corporation  
John H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated  
William C. Thurber, Union Carbide Corporation  
R. H. Mereness, AIA/NA Executive Director

#### I. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, May 8, 1975, were approved as presented.

#### II. Remarks of the Executive Director

1. Financial Report - As of May 27, 1975, the Association had a cash balance of \$57,039, plus prepaid expenses, insurance, accounts receivable, and short-term investments of \$13,948 for a total of \$70,987. Total liabilities were \$24,676 for a net worth of \$46,311. The Association's expenditures for the first five months of current year were noted as within its budget. Mid-year changes in line items of the Association's budget were considered not in order. Appropriate footnotes should be used on financial reports to reflect any major changes as against budget, such as termination of contractual arrangements with Hill and Knowlton on April 30, 1975. A salary increase for Mr. Pigg, assistant to the executive director of \$1500 per annum,

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effective on the first anniversary date of his employment, 1 July, was approved. Salary of the new secretary was noted as \$10,500 per annum. It was also approved that an additional \$10,000 life insurance should be acquired for Mr. Pigg and that a pension program for staff should be investigated and brought to the attention of the Executive Committee. A staff pension program does not currently exist.

2. Association Activities - The Executive Director reported:

a) From the first of the year through May 31, the Association originated 325 individual pieces of correspondence (average 64 per month). Inquiries/requests for materials, etc. were received from members and non-members of U.S. and foreign asbestos companies, other firms, associations and individuals.

b) During the above period, 3,634 employee information pamphlets were distributed. The "Asbestos in the Atmosphere - A hazard to health?" pamphlet has been completed and readied for distribution. "Asbestos in Water - A hazard to health?" a companion pamphlet, is in final editorial stage. Action is ongoing to complete the series of recommended workplace practices which will be forwarded to members for review as appropriate, by marketing and legal personnel prior to publication. As a related matter, OSHA has advised that recommended workplace practices submitted by AIA/NA in July 1974 for the amended asbestos standard have been incorporated. Other underway projects include additional fact sheets and an asbestos and health pamphlet. The Association's "News and Notes" continues to be published regularly to an ever-increasing distribution list.

c) Planning is progressing for the Industry-Government Conference in September.

d) Continuing effort is being expended to keep abreast of what is happening at federal and state level affecting the asbestos industry.

e) Planning is progressing toward publication of a pamphlet which would include all governmental regulations concerning asbestos.

f) Looking to the future, as an information/education body for the overall asbestos industry addressing the Assoc's objectives, a need is visualized for: (1) defining membership goals and relationships; and (2) obtaining better defined access to medical expertise.

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3. Hill and Knowlton, Inc. - The Association's non-committal reply to Hill and Knowlton, Inc. concerning the firm's proposal that discontinuance of consultative arrangements be "an indefinite suspension" rather than a "complete termination" was noted. Consultative arrangements were concluded as of April 30, 1975.

### III. Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting

The proposed agenda for the June 5 Board of Directors Meeting was approved. Discussion follows:

1. International Asbestos Association - Mr. Marsh reviewed background and current status of the proposed establishment of a Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asbestos Associations. A decision in regard to participation is required by June 30, 1975. Mr. Thurber commented on the increased attention being given to the asbestos-health issue by the governments of several European countries. Following discussion, Mr. Barge made the following motion:

"Resolved -- that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Association participate as a member of the proposed Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asbestos Associations during its initial period of 18 months commencing July 1, 1975 with the proviso that legal counsel clears such participation as concerns the Association's liability and that of the Association's members. Further, it is understood that the estimated cost of participation by the Association for the 18 month "trial" period leading to the third meeting of the Conference at the end of year 1976 will be \$6,000.00 ( to include travel expenses attendant), an amount which can be defrayed within the existing budget of the Association."

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The Executive Director was instructed to obtain legal counsel and prepare appropriate correspondence in order that a vote of directors may be obtained and decision of the Association conveyed to the Ad Hoc Working Group by June 30, 1975.

2. Industry-Government Conference - Mr. Dougherty, chairman for the 1975 Conference reported on the proposed program. The AIA/NA annual meeting following a meeting of Directors would be held morning of September 10. The Industry-Government Conference would commence with a speaker at luncheon

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The panel/speaker concept would follow through noon September 11 with a reception planned for 5:15 P.M. on September 10. Program participants were discussed and would come from government, medical/scientific community, industry, International Conference of Asbestos Associations, and possibly the Congress. Approval was given to proposed format of the Conference. Mr. Dougherty and the Executive Director were requested to proceed with finalizing details and extending invitations to prospective participants.

3. Asbestos Problems in Canada - Mr. Barge reviewed the strike in Canadian asbestos mines noting extensive news coverage of the complex problems. He spoke of the effect on the industry and reported on some province proposals for regulating asbestos mining and product usage.

#### 4. Activity Area Reports

a) Standards and Technical - Mr. Marsh commented on progress of recommended workplace practices and the dedicated work of the Standards and Technical Committee.

b) Financial and Membership - Mr. Dougherty stated he had nothing to add on finances further to the Executive Director's report. The pending letter from the Friction Materials Standard Institute, offering financial support to the Association through organization or individual members, by the Executive Director. After discussion, the decision of the Executive Committee was reaffirmed not to pursue formal membership by other associations in AIA/NA but individual company membership was encouraged.

c) Public Relations and Communications - Mr. Thurber called attention to completion of the asbestos health hints series of plant posters and other materials now being developed by the Association.

d) Legal and Legislative - Mr. Hall stated he had nothing to add to remarks given by Executive Director.

e) Inter-Intra Association Relations - Mr. Barge referred to his attendance at May meeting of the Asbestos Cement Pipe Producers Association. He stated that he would give a brief report to the directors in a review of AIA/NA's activity with other asbestos interest associations.

f) Medical - Mr. Solon stated he was removing himself as director of the medical activity area of the Association. He called attention to an exchange of correspondence by Mr. Marsh and the Executive Director with Dr. Kotin concerning a medical capability for the Association. Mr. Marsh reviewed the history of the asbestos-health issue within the industry since 1929. Mr. Solon said that in his judgment

the Association should seek the services of a single medical advisor as opposed to an advisory committee. He reported the efforts he had made in this direction. Mr. Barge reported on Dr. Kotin's remarks at the recent ACPPA meeting in which an offer of medical assistance to that group was made. Mr. Barge stated that he felt top level medical expertise on the asbestos-health relationship should be available to the entire industry and therefore should be available through AIA/NA which serves all areas of endeavor within the industry. Mr. Solon responded that it was his opinion that Dr. Kotin's offer to the ACPPA was to fulfill uncompleted medical research connected with a previous study done for ACPPA. A general discussion followed after which Messrs. Dougherty and Thurber recommended that Mr. Solon pursue his efforts to obtain a medical advisor for AIA/NA and inform the Committee of his progress at the next meeting. The Committee was in agreement.

#### IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M. Next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 30, 1975 at 9:00 A.M. in the Association's office.



R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
3M Center  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 5, 1975

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I - Federal and State Regulatory Activities

A. OSHA

1. Amendments to OSHA Standard

Date for publication of amended standard in Federal Register remains unfirm. Best estimate is late summer with hearings to follow in 60 days. Publication date could be delayed by noise standard hearings scheduled to begin June 23. Among other factors which affect delay, include possible changes in OSHA administrative personnel.

Major changes in amended standard are not expected. Current information indicates primary effort is to clarify language and practices. Inclusion of procedures for the cargo handling of asbestos in modes of transportation and in terminals is being considered.

Related item: OSHA announced in Federal Register of May 28 recodification of air contaminant standards contained in Part 1910, Subpart G, Occupational Safety and Health Standards. Reference number for asbestos standard is now 1910.1001 vice 1910.93a.

2. Rules for On-Site Consultations Issued

In Federal Register of May 20, OSHA published final regulations for free on-site consultations for businesses in states without approved job safety and health plans. Congress approved such consultations earlier this year when \$5 million was appropriated for the program. At present, 28 states do not have OSHA-approved state plans and are eligible for grants. OSHA will reimburse states for 50% of cost of program.

Consultation and enforcement activities will be kept separate. However, if a consultant finds conditions which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm, he is required to advise the employer to immediately eliminate the hazard or prohibit presence of workers from endangered area. Consultant shall make a follow-up visit if immediate elimination of hazard could not be made. If hazard is still present, he must

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inform both affected employees and OSHA assistant regional director. In all other cases, consultants cannot take action on violations and will not report their existence to OSHA for enforcement inspections. Written reports to employers will be made following all consultations. Employee participation in program is at discretion of employer; consultants will ask employers prior to the "walk-through" if such participation is desired.

Rep. Dominick V. Daniels (D-NJ), Chairman of the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Manpower, Compensation and Health and Safety, has praised new regulations as an example of positive results brought about through cooperation between Congress and Labor Department to ensure fair rules covering consultative services to industry.

### 3. OSHA Moves to New Location

Effective May 16, OSHA vacated its offices at 1726 M St., N.W., and moved to new Labor Department building located at 3rd and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20210

## B. EPA

### 1. Amendments to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (Asbestos)

Amendments which were to have been published in April delayed because of questions raised concerning amount of resources (money and personnel) that would be needed to enforce proposed standards.

An inter-agency group is now reviewing standards prior to their publication which is not expected before late June.

### 2. National Drinking Water Standards

Proposed national drinking water standard was published in Federal Register on March 14 and becomes effective December 1976. Interim standard sets maximum permissible levels for variety of contaminants, but does not include asbestos. EPA will contract with National Academy of Sciences to conduct an in-depth study of maximum contaminant levels for protection of public health. Study is to be submitted to EPA by December 1976 and will identify contaminants for which no maximum levels can be determined, but which may have adverse health effects. It is expected that this study will speak to asbestos.

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III - Congressional Activities

A. House OSHA Oversight Hearings

Oversight hearings on Occupational Safety and Health Act were begun April 17 by House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Manpower, Compensation and Health and Safety. Most significant aspect of hearings was Chairman Dominick V. Daniels' (D-NJ) release of findings of pilot study on development of occupational disease surveillance methods. Study, funded by NIOSH and conducted by University of Washington, found that one out of every four workers in small business had an occupationally-related disease, and that about 89% of these diseases are unreported (see enclosed clip).

Among illnesses reported were: chronic respiratory disease due to asbestos and other fibrogenic or noxious inhalants which may eventually cause death.

Subcommittee is expected to hold hearings throughout year but substantive action to amend OSHA Act is doubtful in view public statement by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-NJ), chairman of Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, that his committee will not take any action on amending Act. Exception would be Senator Williams' bill which proposes transfer of Mine Enforcement and Safety Administration from Department of Interior to Labor Department.

B. Pending Legislation for Sale of Chrysotile Asbestos  
From the National Stockpile (GSA)

Details of this proposed legislation introduced by Congresswoman Fenwick (R-NJ) were provided members by Memorandum of 12 May. Amount involved is 9,900 s.t. Bill has been referred to House subcommittee on Sea Power and Critical Material chaired by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D-Fla).

Congresswoman has advised AIA/NA that Chairman Bennett prefers to not consider bill until a new stockpiling policy for all minerals can be developed (see letter enclosed). Interim report of this study is due this month with final report due December '75. Bennett's subcommittee on March 5 rejected the Administration's request to reduce stockpile contingency from three years to one.

Nation's present stockpile objective for chrysotile asbestos is 1,100 s.t.; total chrysotile inventory in custody General Services Administration is 10,956 s.t.

C. Rhodesian Asbestos Fiber

Bill (H.R. 1287), introduced on January 14, 1975, would repeal Byrd (I-Va) amendment to Armed Forces Appropriations Act to conform to United Nations Participation Act of 1945 with effect of halting importation of certain Rhodesian raw materials, including asbestos. Chrome, important to steel production, is principal interest of U.S. in Rhodesian raw materials. USSR is only other chrome exporter.

Bill reported out by House subcommittee on International Organizations last month and will next be considered by committee on International Relations chaired by Thomas E. Morgan (D-Pa). Administration supports this legislation and passage is seen likely.

ANNEX A

UP-DATE OF STATE LEGISLATION:

REF: AIA/NA Memo. 2/10/75

CALIFORNIA

Bill A. 2991 (Assemblyman Burton), Jan. 31, 1974; prohibits, after January 1, 1975, asbestos-containing materials from being used within any air duct system which is installed in any building in State. On Mar. 21, 1974, Bill was passed by Committee and sent to Senate Apr. 3. Hearings ended May 22. Legislature adjourned Sept. 1, and both the Senate and Assembly were recalled from joint recess to reconvene in regular session on Sept. 30, 1974, however, this Bill was not discussed.

CALIFORNIA

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CALIFORNIA

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(Chapter 1432) Sept. 26, 1974. Four proposed amendments to LAW have been presented by the California Manufacturers' Association to Senator Marks.

CONNECTICUT

Bill S. 1549, introduced 3/26/75 and referred to Public Health and Safety Committee; bans use of asbestos for fireproofing purposes on or after Nov. 1, 1975. No schedule set up for hearings from Committee, but may be scheduled at any time (Legislature scheduled to run until 6/4/75).

MICHIGAN

Bill H. 4103 (no date); requiring reports of suspected occupational diseases to be submitted by industrial plants and insurance companies - still pending. Bill can be carried over into next year's session, if no action taken until that time (Michigan legislature is on 2-year session basis).

INDIANA

Bill S. 358; prohibiting use of asbestos in any filter used to produce consumable fluids or foods, was defeated on Senate floor 3/12/75 by Vote of 32-17. Filter Mfgs.

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Bill S. 296; prohibiting spraying of asbestos on construction projects, did not get out of Committee. Legislature adjourned 4/30/75.

NEW YORK STATE

Bill S. 2465, introduced 2/11/75 (See Chapter 577, May 29, 1974, eff. 7/1/74), amends Workmen's Compensation law to read: "... Silicosis or other dust diseases resulting in total disability or death or partial disability as defined in ...". (Pending---)

VERMONT

Bill H. 375, introduced 3/3/75; to amend provisions relating to occupational disease to provide full compensation for asbestosis and silicosis.

VIRGINIA

Bill S. 547, prefiled 12/16/74, LAW, Chapter 27, Feb. 21, 1975; amends Virginia Code relating to limitations on claims for Workmen's Compensation. House Bill No. 1256 approved Mar. 20, 1975. No time limitation remains in effect for mesothelioma due to secondary exposure to asbestos.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATES:

CONNECTICUT

-- Conn. Business and Industry Association has recommended tax credits to reduce the financial burden of OSHA compliance. Association has estimated industry will spend \$3 billion this year for compliance with OSHA safety requirements. Tax credits were recommended for companies which install required equipment, including cost of engineering.

WYOMING

Wyoming Occupational Health and Safety Dept. has included asbestos as target health hazard in its Target Health Hazard Program which has been designed to put emphasis on 4 physical agents found in State which present health hazards to employees who are exposed to dangerous concentrations.

NEW JERSEY

State has consented to withdraw its plan as of Mar. 31, 1975, if no enabling legislation is passed and enacted by that time (OSHA). Assembly adjourned until April 7, but no time for legislation to be passed by Mar. 31.

NEW YORK STATE

Governor of New York announced that the State would not attempt to develop its own plan (OSHA), but will have the Fed. Government assume broader responsibility --request for take-over is for June 30, 1975. He states that State plans to monitor Fed. effort closely and assume a position of leadership in strengthening Fed. program (transferral of authority to Fed. Government is estimated to save State approx. \$2.6 million in 1975-76 and \$3.5 million annually thereafter).





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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 5, 1975

3M Center

St. Paul, Minnesota

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 5, 1975, at the 3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The following Directors were present:

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| George Barge         | Atlas Asbestos Company              |
| W. H. Beasley        | Cement Asbestos Products Company    |
| C. Nelson Coddling   | Jim Walter Research Corporation     |
| Sudhakar Dixit       | Garlock Incorporated                |
| (for G. Parry Wiess) |                                     |
| Thomas A. Dougherty  | Certain-teed Products Corporation   |
| A. H. Fay            | National Gypsum Company             |
| Joseph G. Hall       | GAF Corporation                     |
| John H. Marsh        | Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated   |
| C. G. Morgan         | North American Asbestos Corporation |
| J. L. Rainey         | Amatex Corporation                  |
| Martin J. Senddecki  | Congoleum Industries, Incorporated  |
| F. J. Solon, Jr.     | Johns-Manville Corporation          |
| William R. Thurber   | Union Carbide Corporation           |

Also present: R. H. Mereness, Executive Director, AIA/NA and B. J. Pigg, AIA/NA.

### Minutes

Mr. Solon, President of the Association, called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.. On motion, minutes of the preceding meeting, March 13, 1975, were approved as submitted.

### Financial Report

A report of the Association's finances was distributed. As of May 27, 1975, the Association had a cash balance of \$57,039, plus prepaid expenses, insurance, accounts receivable, and short-term investments of \$13,948 for a total of \$70,987. Total liabilities were \$24,676 for a net worth of \$46,311. Expenditures for the first five months of current year were within budget.

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Mr. Dougherty noted that the budget is prepared as an annual document and should not be altered to reflect major changes such as termination of contractual arrangements with Hill and Knowlton, Inc. that might take place within the 12 month period. Rather, such matters should be footnoted in quarterly financial reports.

Mr. Beasley commented on fee paid the Association's accounting firm and suggest that costs be reviewed to ensure minimum expenditure. Mr. Barge stated that the Asbestos Cement Pipe Producers Association used their legal counsel for billing and staff capability for accounting thus eliminating expense of retaining an accounting firm. The Executive Director inquired of charges by the ACPPA legal firm for this service and pointed out AIA/NA has over four-times the number of members as the ACPPA thus a much greater work load for billing and accountability by comparison. Mr. Solon suggested that the Executive inquire into ACCPA procedures.

#### Report of the Executive Director

A report on Federal/State activities affecting the industry was distributed. It was stated that the amended OSHA asbestos standard was not likely to be published in the Federal Register before late summer.

In comments on HEW inter-agency asbestos feeding study it was advised that response to RFPs had resulted in four proposals using rats and six using hamsters; and that contracts must be let by end of fiscal year, June 30, 1975.

The proposed Workman's Compensation Bill, co-sponsored by Senators Williams (D-NJ) and Javits (R-NY), has yet to be introduced. Attention was invited to article on subject included in folders provided attendees.

On Association office activities it was reported:

. Miss Virginia Detgen is new executive secretary on Association staff. Mrs. Carol Grant is no longer on staff.

. From first of year through May 31, 325 pieces of correspondence (average 64 per month) had been originated as result of inquiries, requests for materials, and routine business.

. During first five months of year, 3,634 employee information pamphlets were distributed. The "Asbestos in the Atmosphere - A hazard to health?" pamphlet has been completed and readied for

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distribution. "Asbestos in Water - A hazard to health?", a companion pamphlet, is in final editorial stage. Action is ongoing to complete series of recommended workplace practices which will be forwarded to members for review as appropriate by marketing and legal personnel prior to publication. An related matter, OSHA has advised that recommended workplace practices submitted by AIA/NA in July 1974 for amended asbestos standard have been accepted. Other projects underway include additional fact sheets and an asbestos and health pamphlet. The Association's "News and Notes" continues to be published regularly to an ever-increasing distribution list. Mr. Solon requested comments from directors as to the usefulness and content of "News and Notes." A favorable response to usefulness and content was voiced. After discussion on distribution of "News and Notes" it was agreed that members should receive two copies of each edition to aid in internal routing.

. Planning is progressing toward publication of all federal governmental regulations concerning asbestos. A discussion followed after which it was decided that publication should not be delayed for amendment to OSHA standard and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants now in progress. Preference was expressed for publication to be in loose-leaf format to facilitate change making. Mr. Thurber suggested that consideration be given to inclusion of state laws affecting the industry. Mr. Coddington suggested that Bureau of National Affairs be contacted with the view of preparing publication in light of extra demand on staff. The Executive Director noted he was working with Government Research Corporation in this connection but would explore suggestion.

#### International Asbestos Association

Mr. Marsh reviewed background and current status of the proposed establishment of a Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asbestos Associations. A decision in regard to participation is required by June 30, 1975. Mr. Solon advised that Mr. Alex Cross, who has served as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the International Conference of Asbestos Associations, would elaborate on this subject during the afternoon session of meeting. The Executive Director read the following motion made by Mr. Barge at the Executive Committee meeting on June 4:

"Resolved -- that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Association participate as a member of the proposed Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asbestos Associations during its initial period of 18 months commencing July 1, 1975 with the proviso that legal counsel clears such participation as concerns the Association's liability and that of the Association's members.

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"Further, it is understood that the estimated cost of participation by the Association for the 18 month "trial" period leading to the third meeting of the Conference at the end of year 1976 will be \$6,000 ( to include travel expenses attendant), an amount which can be defrayed within the existing budget of the Association."

It was reported that the motion had been seconded and unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Director has been instructed to obtain legal counsel and prepare appropriate correspondence in order that vote of directors might be obtained and decision of the Association conveyed to the Ad Hoc Working Group by June 30.

#### Industry-Government Conference

Mr. Solon stated that he had requested Mr. Dougherty to serve as chairman for the 1975 Conference. Mr. Dougherty reported on proposed plans. The AIA/NA annual meeting, following a meeting of directors, would be held morning of September 10. The Industry-Government Conference would commence with a speaker at luncheon. A speaker/panel program was proposed in major areas: occupational safety and health, environmental protection and medical, through noon September 11 with a reception planned for 5:15 P.M. on September 10. Program participants from government, medical/scientific community, industry, labor, International Conference of Asbestos Associations, and possibly the Congress were discussed.

Mr. Coddington suggested that consideration might be given to exhibit space for display of industry products as a possible source of revenue to defray Conference expenses. After discussion, it was agreed that various considerations mitigated against this activity.

The Executive Director stated that a proposed "outsider" invitation list would be developed and distributed to members for review and additions. Mr. Solon stated that associations having interests in the asbestos industry would be contacted with the thought of inviting their members to the Conference. This would serve as an avenue for increasing individual company membership in the Association. He also suggested that members who have specific recommendations for an industry spokesman to be concluding speaker on the program at luncheon September 11 should communicate their thoughts by memorandum to Mr. Dougherty with copy to Mr. Mereness.

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Asbestos Problems in Canada

Mr. Barge reviewed the strike situation in Canadian asbestos mines noting extensive news coverage of the complex problems. He spoke of the effect on the industry and reported on some province proposals for regulating asbestos mining and product usage. Mr. Barge offered his services to any members who may wish more detail on matters covered in his remarks.

Activity Area Reports

a. Standards and Technical - Mr. Marsh commented on progress of recommended workplace practices and the extensive and dedicated work of the Standards and Technical Committee.

b. Financial and Membership - Mr. Dougherty stated he had nothing to add on finances further to the Executive Director's report. He emphasized that the upcoming Industry-Government Conference would be a good opportunity for promoting membership in the Association.

c. Public Relations and Communications - Mr. Thurber referred to completion of the asbestos health hints series of plant posters and other materials now being developed by the Association. Mr. Solon stated that it would be helpful if those members who have not distributed the pamphlet would advise if there are objections to the pamphlet. He said that publication and distribution of informational materials for use by AIA/NA members is a basic function of the Association. He encouraged extensive use of Association materials.

d. Legal and Legislative - Mr. Hall stated he had nothing to add to the remarks of the Executive Director and the report included in folders.

e. Inter-Intra Association Relations - Mr. Barge voiced his appreciation of the report on the International Asbestos Association previously given by Mr. Marsh and commented on his favorable disposition for the Association to thoroughly consider the advantages of participation in the international group. He mentioned his attendance at the annual meeting of the Asbestos Cement Pipe Producers Association and the importance of close relations between the associations.

f. Medical - Mr. Solon referred to the interest of directors to hear in detail of the work of the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health as regards medical research on asbestos-related disease. He stated he was pleased to advise that Dr. George Wright, Chairman, Scientific Committee, IOEH, had accepted his invitation and would speak following the business session of the meeting.

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Mr. Solon called attention to discussion of the need for Association access to medical expertise as addressed by Mr. C. Fred Workman (Nicolet Industries, Inc.) in a letter to directors of March 7. Mr. Solon said that this matter has been reviewed in detail by the Executive Committee during its June 4 meeting and that it had been agreed a medical advisor for AIA/NA would appear more practicable than a medical advisory committee. He said he would pursue this concern of the Association.

The Executive Director called attention to a listing of recently received medical papers in folders of attendees and stated that the papers would be provided on request.

Following the business session, Mr. Alex A. Cross, Chairman, Environmental Control Committee, Asbestosis Research Council, U.K. addressed the meeting:

Mr. Cross reviewed the background which culminated in establishment of the medical science oriented Asbestosis Research Council in 1957. He emphasized the distinction of ARC's work with that of the Asbestos Information Committee, a group primarily concerned with public relations problems. He said ARC enjoys high respect with government bodies in the United Kingdom and has significantly contributed to the development of U.K. asbestos regulations. The Environmental Control Committee of the ARC makes a major effort to develop practical working procedures to eliminate asbestos risks to health. Education of workers is one of the committee's principal activities. A series of slides were shown which depicted the ARC materials in this area, e.g. control and safety guides, occupational practices and worker leaflets. He stated that planning was underway to produce a film on asbestos construction materials. He underscored the need for an aggressive communications program through utilization of printed materials.

Turning his attention to the proposed Standing Committee of the Interantional Conference of Asbestos Associations, Mr. Cross declared his support of this international effort. He said that problems facing the asbestos industry are world-wide and that no way should be overlooked to maximize efforts which might be made toward eventual elimination of possible risk to the health of asbestos workers or users. He pointed out the advantage of knowing what other national associations are doing and stated that a focal point for exchange of information would be beneficial to all concerned. Mr. Cross referred to activities of the International Labor Organization and stated that response to these actions could have been better handled by an international body representative of the industry.

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Directors expressed appreciation to Mr. Cross for an "excellent and most informative presentation" and for his kindness in appearing before the group.

Following Mr. Cross, Dr. George Wright, Chairman, Scientific Committee, Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, spoke at the meeting.

Dr. Wright stated that medical research into the asbestos-health relationship was not new. He traced the history of research efforts beginning early in this century and recounted how initial health concerns for asbestos workers had developed, in the last 20 years, to health concerns for people in communities where manufacturing operations are conducted and for the users of asbestos products.

Dr. Wright related that the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association in recognition of the increasing concerns with regard to the asbestos-health issue, organized the IOEH in 1966 as a separate and distinct group from the association though, he pointed out, QAMA had supported medical research prior to this time. Dr. Wright said the Scientific Committee charged itself as follows:

"In light of what we know about the problem, let us assume that we have an unlimited supply of money and an unlimited access to research sources and see if we, as a group, could set out in a systematic way how best to proceed in providing the kind of information that was needed for various purposes."

This task was finished in 1968 and the completed work put together in a bound volume in 1969 entitled: Towards the Safe Use of Asbestos Fibre. Dr. Wright proceeded to quote extensively from this publication and, among other things, cited two objectives sought in the Committee's work: (1) learn safe level of asbestos exposure and how to achieve that level, and (2) learn how to manage future of persons who have already sustained a substantial exposure to inhalation of asbestos fibers. A series of transparencies were used to illustrate points highlighted.

Dr. Wright emphasized that it was not enough for industry to be concerned for the health of new workers. He reviewed problems that might be associated with workers that have been exposed to sufficient fibers to the extent it may be reasonably certain that some will show adverse effects with passing of time. He raised the question whether or not such persons who have had a known category of fiber exposure, but have not yet developed evidences of disease, should be removed entirely and permanently from further exposure. He observed that this is the procedure followed in the case of miners of uranium.

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Dr. Wright stated that the scarcity of knowledge has been and continues to be the major deterrent for development of reliable and adequate safeguards. He said that this fact is basis for controversy over a Threshold Limit Value for asbestos exposure. The Scientific Committee has to date accepted 23 research projects at a total cost of approximately \$2,324,000. He estimated that during the past eight years a grant total of \$10-12 million has been expended throughout the world in efforts to increase knowledge as to the safe use of asbestos.

A lengthy question and answer period followed Dr. Wright's remarks. Attendees expressed their gratitude for a thorough and enlightening presentation.

Dr. Wright's presentation was followed by remarks by Dr. Paul Kotin, Senior Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment, Johns-Manville Corporation.

Dr. Kotin, formerly member of the IOEH Scientific Committee, commented on IOEH's pioneering effort as an enlightened industry approach to a scientific problem. He spoke of the credibility enjoyed by IOEH in all interested communities and on international levels. He stated that research supported by IOEH can be identified as being responsive to the industry's concern for the health of employees and that the research is used by government officials. In support of the latter statement, he referred to a recent visit by Dr. John F. Finklea, recently appointed Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, to J-M's headquarters in Denver where he had stressed the usefulness and indispensability of industry data in judgment making.

As pertains to the 2-fiber per cc issue, Dr. Kotin said it would be well to recognize that it is going to survive or be threatened as much on the basis of philosophical implications as on data input implications. Because of many considerations, he does not anticipate that a "number" answer will be found regarding lung cancer. He said there are statistical and scientific data to suggest that 2-fibers per cc is a non-fibrogenic dose. He spoke of his consultations with Dr. Selikoff on the cause and incidence of mesotheliomas.

Dr. Kotin reported that a member of IOEH had recently accepted the responsibility of writing a chronological history of asbestos, a task which has never before been done. He expressed hope that the results will reveal what industry should have known about the asbestos-health issue at any given point in time. Reference was made to a working conference scheduled for October 1975 to be sponsored by the Thermal Manufacturers Association on

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man-made mineral fibers. The purpose is to develop experimental protocols for answering questions about these fibers. Dr. Kotin also stated that full industry cooperation is recognized as necessary by government in regard to the planned asbestos feeding protocol study.

Dr. Kotin closed his remarks by stating that indications point to support of the view that the various "constituencies" are satisfied with the 2-fiber asbestos standard which is scheduled to become effective July 1, 1976.

A question and answer period followed. Directors expressed appreciation to Dr. Kotin for his presence at the meeting and for his helpful and informative remarks.

#### New Business

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in Washington, D. C. , September 10, 1975 in the Presidential Room, Mayflower Hotel at a time to be advised.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

14 June 1975

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
3M Center  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 5, 1975

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Federal and State Regulatory Activities

A. OSHA

1. Amendments to OSHA Standard

Date for publication of amended standard in Federal Register remains unfirm. Best estimate is late summer with hearings to follow in 60 days. Publication date could be delayed by noise standard hearings scheduled to begin June 23. Among other factors which affect delay, include possible changes in OSHA administrative personnel.

Major changes in amended standard are not expected. Current information indicates primary effort is to clarify language and practices. Inclusion of procedures for the cargo handling of asbestos in modes of transportation and in terminals is being considered.

Related item: OSHA announced in Federal Register of May 28 recodification of air contaminant standards contained in Part 1910, Subpart G, Occupational Safety and Health Standards. Reference number for asbestos standard is now 1910.1001 vice 1910.93a.

2. Rules for On-Site Consultations Issued

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Consultation and enforcement activities will be kept separate. However, if a consultant finds conditions which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm, he is required to advise the employer to immediately eliminate the hazard or prohibit presence of workers from endangered area. Consultant shall make a follow-up visit if immediate elimination of hazard could not be made. If hazard is still present, he must

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### 3. OSHA Moves to New Location

Effective May 16, OSHA vacated its offices at 1726 M St., N.W., and moved to new Labor Department building located at 3rd and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20210

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[1] - Congressional Activities

A. House OSHA Oversight Hearings

Oversight hearings on Occupational Safety and Health Act were begun April 17 by House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Manpower, Compensation and Health and Safety. Most significant aspect of hearings was Chairman Dominick V. Daniels' (D-NJ) release of findings of pilot study on development of occupational disease surveillance methods. Study, funded by NIOSH and conducted by University of Washington, found that one out of every four workers in small business had an occupationally-related disease, and that about 80% of these diseases are unreported (see enclosed clip).

Among illnesses reported were: chronic respiratory disease due to asbestos and other fibrogenic or noxious inhalants which may eventually cause death.

Subcommittee is expected to hold hearings throughout year but substantive action to amend OSHA Act is doubtful in view public statement by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-NJ), chairman of Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, that his committee will not take any action on amending Act. Exception would be Senator Williams' bill which proposes transfer of Mine Enforcement and Safety Administration from Department of Interior to Labor Department.

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B. Pending Legislation for Sale of Chrysotile Asbestos  
From the National Stockpile (GSA)

Details of this proposed legislation introduced by Congresswoman Fenwick (R-NJ) were provided members by Memorandum of 12 May. Amount involved is 9,900 s.t. Bill has been referred to House subcommittee on Sea Power and Critical Material chaired by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D-Fla).

Congresswoman has advised AIA/NA that Chairman Bennett prefers to not consider bill until a new stockpiling policy for all minerals can be developed (see letter enclosed). Interim report of this study is due this month with final report due December '75. Bennett's subcommittee on March 5 rejected the Administration's request to reduce stockpile contingency from three years to one.

Nation's present stockpile objective for chrysotile asbestos is 1,100 s.t.; total chrysotile inventory in custody General Services Administration is 10,956 s.t.

C. Rhodesian Asbestos Fiber

Bill (H.R. 1287), introduced on January 14, 1975, would repeal Byrd (I-Va) amendment to Armed Forces Appropriations Act to conform to United Nations Participation Act of 1945 with effect of halting importation of certain Rhodesian raw materials, including asbestos. Chrome, important to steel production, is principal interest of U.S. in Rhodesian raw materials. USSR is only other chrome exporter.

Bill reported out by House subcommittee on International Organizations last month and will next be considered by committee on International Relations chaired by Thomas E. Morgan (D-Pa). Administration supports this legislation and passage is seen likely.

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UP-DATE OF STATE LEGISLATION:

REF: AIA/NA Memo. 2/10/75

CALIFORNIA

Bill A. 2991 (Assemblyman Burton), Jan. 31, 1974; prohibits, after January 1, 1975, asbestos-containing materials from being used within any air duct system which is installed in any building in State. On Mar. 21, 1974, Bill was passed by Committee and sent to Senate Apr. 3. Hearings ended May 22. Legislature adjourned Sept. 1, and both the Senate and Assembly were recalled from joint recess to reconvene in regular session on Sept. 30, 1974, however, this Bill was not discussed.

CALIFORNIA

Bill S. 2419 (Senator Marks), May 9, 1974; prohibits any person, on or after July 1, 1975, from causing or permitting the spraying of any substance containing more than 0.5% asbestos in or upon a building or other structure during its construction, alteration, or repair. (The allowable level drops to zero on July 1, 1976). Bill passed by Assembly Aug. 27, 1974 (Vote 57-0). Senate concurred in Assembly amendments Aug. 28 and Bill was signed into LAW

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(Chapter 1132) Sept. 26, 1974. Four proposed amendments to LAW have been presented by the California Manufacturers' Association to Senator Marks.

CONNECTICUT

Bill S. 1549, introduced 3/26/75 and referred to Public Health and Safety Committee; bans use of asbestos for fireproofing purposes on or after Nov. 1, 1975. No schedule set up for hearings from Committee, but may be scheduled at any time (Legislature scheduled to run until 6/4/75).

MICHIGAN

Bill H. 4103 (no date); requiring reports of suspected occupational diseases to be submitted by industrial plants and insurance companies - still pending. Bill can be carried over into next year's session, if no action taken until that time (Michigan legislature is on 2-year session basis).

INDIANA

Bill S. 358; prohibiting use of asbestos in any filter used to produce consumable fluids or foods, was defeated on Senate floor 3/12/75 by Vote of 32-17. Filter Mfgs.

INDIANA

Bill S. 296; prohibiting spraying of asbestos on construction projects, did not get out of Committee. Legislature adjourned 4/30/75.

NEW YORK STATE

Bill S. 2465, introduced 2/11/75 (See Chapter 577, May 29, 1974, eff. 7/1/74), amends Workmen's Compensation law to read: "... Silicosis or other dust diseases resulting in total disability or death or partial disability as defined in ...". (Pending---)

VERMONT

Bill H. 375, introduced 3/3/75; to amend provisions relating to occupational disease to provide full compensation for asbestosis and silicosis.

VIRGINIA

Bill S. 547, prefiled 12/16/74, LAW, Chapter 27, Feb. 21, 1975; amends Virginia Code relating to limitations on claims for Workmen's Compensation. House Bill No. 1256 approved Mar. 20, 1975. No time limitation remains in effect for mesothelioma due to secondary exposure to asbestos.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATES:

CONNECTICUT

- Conn. Business and Industry Association has recommended tax credits to reduce the financial burden of OSHA compliance. Association has estimated industry will spend \$3 billion this year for compliance with OSHA safety requirements. Tax credits were recommended for companies which install required equipment, including cost of engineering.

WYOMING

Wyoming Occupational Health and Safety Dept. has included asbestos as target health hazard in its Target Health Hazard Program which has been designed to put emphasis on 4 physical agents found in State which present health hazards to employees who are exposed to dangerous concentrations.

NEW JERSEY

State has consented to withdraw its plan as of Mar. 31, 1975, if no enabling legislation is passed and enacted by that time (OSHA). Assembly adjourned until April 7, but no time for legislation to be passed by Mar. 31.

NEW YORK STATE

Governor of New York announced that the State would not attempt to develop its own plan (OSHA), but will have the Fed. Government assume broader responsibility --request for take-over is for June 30, 1975. He states that State plans to monitor Fed. effort closely and assume a position of leadership in strengthening Fed. program (transferral of authority to Fed. Government is estimated to save State approx. \$2.6 million in 1975-76 and \$3.5 million annually thereafter).





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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 29, 1975

Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., AIA/NA office, Washington, D. C. Present were:

|                    |                                              |
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| F. J. Solon, Jr.   | Johns-Manville Corporation, President AIA/NA |
| George Barge       | Atlas Asbestos Company                       |
| A. H. Fay          | National Gypsum Company                      |
| Joseph G. Hall     | GAF Corporation                              |
| John H. Marsh      | Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated            |
| William C. Thurber | Union Carbide Corporation                    |
| R. H. Mereness     | AIA/NA Executive Director                    |

**Absent:**

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| Thomas A. Dougherty | Certain-teed Products Corporation |
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**Others:**

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| Richard Davis   | Partner, Frank C. Frantz & Co.           |
| C. Fred Workman | Vice President, Nicolet Industries, Inc. |

### Minutes

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, June 4, 1975, were approved as presented.

### Financial Report

Mr. Davis of the Association's accounting firm, Frank C. Franz & Co., was present for the financial report. As of June 30, 1975 the Association had a cash balance of \$59,633 plus prepaid expenses, insurance, accounts receivable and short term investments of \$12,518 for a total of \$72,151. Total liabilities were \$29,637 for a net worth of \$42,514. It was noted that the Association's expenditures for the half year were within budget. An office theft on July 8 resulted in a loss of \$340.60 of which \$213.44 was reclaimed from insurance resulting in a net loss of \$127.16. It was agreed to continue the service of the Federal-State Reports, Inc. at an annual fee of \$500 less 10% for early payment. It was

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moved, seconded and approved that a formal audit of the Association's financial affairs would not be necessary at the end of year 1975. This action was taken in consideration of costs involved in obtaining an independent audit as the Association's accounting firm performs dues billings and therefore can not be considered independent. Further, it was advised that it is not customary practice for an Association of the size of AIA/NA to conduct annual audits if good accounting procedures are maintained.

The Committee agreed that the accounting firm would provide full financial statements only at the end of each quarter. Monthly print-out of receipts and expenditures will be provided. This action was considered prudent in order to permit a minimum accounting fee.

Mr. Davis advised that excess costs for accounting services at the half year amounted to \$700 over annual fee of \$5,000, due to extra work involved in changing the dues structure. He stated that reporting procedures (above) should permit a balancing out of costs so that the average could be absorbed within the \$5,000 annual fee.

Mr. Davis made a preliminary report on pension plans for AIA/NA staff and stated he would develop a paper on subject for distribution to the Executive Committee.

#### Report of the Executive Director

##### Federal-State Regulatory Activities -

OSHA - Amendments to standard are not expected to be published in Federal Register before mid-September earliest. No petitions have been received by OSHA to change 2 fiber standard effective July 1, 1976. A meeting with Harry Gilbert, project officer for asbestos standard, revealed an inter-government agency meeting was held mid-June on asbestos regulations to assure common approach to problems, to discuss research programs and to avoid duplication of government efforts. A report of the meeting will not be published but Gilbert said there was continuing concern about health implications of asbestos fiber. He said medical community simply does not have enough data on shape, length, diameter of "injurious" fibers, that sub-microscopic fibers may be causative agents of cancer. He spoke of controversy over talc. Gilbert announced he will retire from OSHA after 29 years of government service.

EPA - Promulgation of asbestos air emission standard is expected momentarily. Standard, now in inter-agency review, is expected to eliminate requirement for fencing and signs, unless disposal sites are active, and provide practical guidance for the disposal of small amounts of asbestos waste, among other considerations aimed at reasonable and practicable procedure.

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Department of Agriculture - The Animal and Plant Inspection Service has issued a field memorandum stating asbestos is not considered an acceptable material for product contact. Filters used in connection with hot oil for cooking products commonly contain an asbestos medium. Memorandum states meat and poultry plants may use asbestos containing filters until present supply is exhausted or until arrangements can be made to replace existing asbestos filtering systems. Association of Filter Manufacturers was informed of this action and is in consultation with Department.

States - Majority of state legislatures have adjourned for summer. Most recent states to cancel their plans are New York, Illinois, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

. Congressional Activities - Repeal of Byrd amendment to Armed Forces Appropriation Act which would halt importation of Rhodesian fiber is not likely to reach House floor. Fenwick bill calling for release of government stockpiled asbestos will probably not come to vote. OSHA oversight hearings and Workmen's Compensation legislation (Williams- Javitts bill S.2018) were briefly reviewed.

. Conference of International Asbestos Associations - Mr. Marsh distributed a report on the first meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Asbestos Information Conference held week of July 7 in London. A discussion followed. The Executive Director stated he had received an invoice from Mr. Alex Cross for payment of second half calendar year 1975 contribution, £ 788. Payment was directed.

. Meetings of Interest - Upcoming meetings of interest to members on asbestos and health were noted. Attendance of Association members at meetings of interest to the asbestos industry was urged. Mr. Solon emphasized need for early notification of meetings.

A letter from Robert Join in connection with U.S. representation at forthcoming medical conferences in Europe was read.

. Federal Regulations Booklet - It was reported that the Association is moving forward with Government Research Corporation to produce a booklet containing federal regulations governing asbestos, hopefully to be ready for distribution at the annual meeting in September.

. Industry-Government Conference - In the absence of Mr. Dougherty, the Executive Director reported on the Association's Industry-Government Conference scheduled Sept. 10-11. He said the program is reasonably complete with one or two speakers or panel members

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yet to be confirmed. Letters of invitation to members and guests will be forwarded the first week of August. The Committee was asked to comment on the prospective guest list and make recommendations. It was agreed that a charge for meals (estimated \$35.00) will be made for non-members attending the full Conference and reception as was done last year.

### Activity Area Reports

. Standards and Technical - Mr. Marsh reported that preparation of first five work practice booklets are proceeding to final draft and review before publication. It was stated that the booklets should proceed though amendments to the OSHA standard can not be expected in final form before the new year. Mr. Mereness said he would request OSHA to review the pamphlets before publication, and that he was considering incorporating illustrations such as used by the British ARC in their work place literature. In discussing the need for practical up-to-date information on equipment in the work place to assist in compliance with the OSHA standard, such as vacuum systems, monitoring and measuring devices, bag openers, etc. Mr. Fay stated the Association might inquire as to availability of federal funds for studies into equipment, techniques and procedures, much as the government is investigating asbestos-health effects, to lead to simplifications, uniformity and reduction of costs to industry for research and development in these areas. Mr. Solon said that J-M's Research and Development Center is prepared for this kind of government contract work.

. Public Relations and Communications - Mr. Thurber commented on corrections to the Association's employee information booklet originally prepared by J-M noting that minor corrections to text would provide for accuracy in the areas of signs and caution labels on products. He said the pamphlet, "Asbestos in Water - A hazard to health?" should be published as soon as possible. Mr. Thurber commented that consideration might be given to publishing the recommended work practices submitted to OSHA in pamphlet form.

. Legal and Legislative - Mr. Hall stated he had no particular remarks on Legal and Legislative affairs but would like to call attention to the need for constant consideration of the small asbestos manufacturers' interests and concerns. He said the importance of simple, direct communications to members for full appreciation of the problems associated with asbestos and health for top management understanding of the problems and the work of the Association is needed. In discussion, it was recommended that periodic brief reports to member chief executives should be prepared by the staff noting problem areas, actions and accomplishments of the Association.

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. Inter-Intra Association Relations - Mr. Barge said he had nothing new to report over and above that presented by Mr. Marsh concerning the Conference of International Asbestos Associations.

Mr. Barge noted that there was no change in the Quebec strike situation, that many workers had found summer employment but efforts continue to resolve the issues.

. Financial and Membership - In the absence of Mr. Dougherty, no report, other than that of the Executive Director was made.

. Medical Program - Plant Physicians Seminar - Mr. Solon reviewed correspondence and discussions concerning a medical consultant or advisor for the Association. He said that Dr. George Wright, consultant to J-M and National Gypsum, had advised he could not take on the assignment due to pressures on his time. Mr. Solon said Dr. Wright has stated he thought the description of the work as presented by Mssrs. Marsh and Mereness would require a full-time man which could be expensive and hard to find.

Mr. C. Fred Workman of Nicolet Industries was invited to sit-in on the discussion. Mr. Workman reviewed the interests of his company in the need for the Association to have a staff medical consultant. He said the need is now. He outlined his thoughts on the "job description". A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Hall said the Association needs a medical director or consultant that could provide guidance to plant physicians. He spoke of the "kind of information a plant physician should keep", frequency of health examinations, circumstances for removing a man from a given job, a health questionnaire for workers, guidance in reading x-rays, etc., as areas where the medical consultant would be of immeasurable value. Mr. Marsh, in answer to questions raised by Mr. Solon as to how long the need for medical consulting would be needed, said the problems will continue indefinitely, that organized labor is becoming deeply involved in the asbestos issue and that much has yet to be learned from medical science and for implementation of procedures in the work place. Mr. Fay spoke of defining the consultant-advisors role in terms of his assistance to individual companies and the industry at large. He said in over-all considerations for medical expertise we must recognize law suits and compensation and the medical problems therein involved. He spoke on his agreement with the remarks of Mr. Hall, and the comments of Mssrs. Marsh and Mereness on the functions of the consultant-advisor. Names of possible physicians for the position and remuneration were discussed. Mr. Solon summed up the commentary and requested Mssrs. Marsh and Workman to serve with him to meet with Dr. Hans Weil and perhaps others as soon as possible to find a solution to this order of business. He said the Committee would be kept fully informed of progress and that he hoped for completed arrangements for a report at the annual meeting. It was noted that it would be most beneficial to all concerned if the prospective consultant could be present to participate in the Industry-Government Conference.

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Mr. Solon said that Dr. Paul Kotin of J-M had indicated he might be able to assist the Association in a plant physician seminar the week of November 3. Mr. Solon asked the Committee to consider the agenda for such a meeting and indicate to him how many physicians might attend at their company's expense.

. Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Committee was set for 4:00 P.M. September 9 in Washington prior to the meeting of directors, annual meeting and Industry-Government Conference at a location to be advised.

. Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 P.M.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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This has been, I believe, a rather unusual year. A year of working on Association activities with, I'd say, respectable accomplishment.

And it's been a year of waiting as well - a year of anticipation might be a better word - or expectation.

I speak, of course, of the area of government regulations - our anticipation and expectation of the issuance of a revised OSHA standard for our asbestos industry - as well as an EPA standard on emissions and solid waste disposal regulations.

Those of us who were involved, like Ed Fenner and his Committee of fine technical people who are all with us here today, were probably the most expectant "fathers" of all, as we waited - and continue to wait - to see what effect our input has had with the various government agency people whose responsibility it is to draft and issue those regulations.

I thank all of you people who have given long hours of your time to providing input to the government. And I congratulate you as well - because I understand that the greater part of your input will be included in these new regulations which, as we have been since the first of the year, we continue to expect any day now.

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Well, enough about the year of waiting - let's talk for a few minutes about the year of working - and what has been accomplished.

At the beginning of my term as President, I sent each of you what we called "An Overview of the Year Ahead." Let's see what we set out to do and let's see what we did do.

Work with government agencies was the very first topic. That certainly we have done - with OSHA, with EPA, the Food & Drug Administration, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Mines, MESA - really, everyone in government who asked for our help, got our help. And many who didn't ask, got it anyway - and they did appreciate it. This working and cooperating with government agencies is a never-ending, but assuredly important and necessary job - and I'm sure we'll continue to do our part.

The dissemination of information was another key topic. Bill Thurber, who directed this Public Relations and Communications Activity Area, Ed Fenner's Standards & Technical Committee and John Marsh who directed that activity area, Bob Mereness and his staff did turn out a good measure of material - a booklet on air, one on water which is issued today, a compendium of all regulations on asbestos also issued today - and a splendid set of posters on asbestos and health topics.

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And shortly we'll have a series of work practice booklets which should prove of great value to you and your customers.

And, of course, a revised employee booklet which we at J-M were more than glad to prepare and give to the Association.

And, as you know, through Bob Mereness' good efforts, we ran our first ad in Doris Fagan's Asbestos magazine, offering all of these materials to the industry. And Doris helped us editorially as well - and for that we thank her.

Education was another topic of my overview and I talked about the fine idea John Marsh had for an educational meeting of our plant physicians. You'll be glad to know that such a meeting will be held later this year, probably in November. Dr. Paul Kotin of Johns-Manville has enthusiastically agreed to organize the faculty and to chair the two-day session. And I thank all of you for the response you've given to this important project.

Though it wasn't a subject of my overview, there was another very worthwhile accomplishment this year - the formation of an International Asbestos Information group. AIA, through representation by John Marsh, played an important role in its formation. We are now

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meshed with the Canadians and Europeans in an asbestos information network that should produce great results.

Now, that's, as they say, all the good news. There are things I talked about in the overview that we did not accomplish - or things that did not happen.

I expect the thing I should talk about first is Medical Research, since I was personally responsible for this area of activity. It's hard for me to put my finger on just why we didn't get rolling on research this year. I have no excuses. Perhaps it was because we needed guidance we were not getting. Perhaps we were waiting for a medical consultant to join with us - a man highly qualified in the asbestos environmental area.

If that is what it takes - a highly qualified medical consultant - you'll be glad to know, as many of you heard at the Board Meeting, that we have him now.

Dr. Hans Weill, Director of the Environmental Research Department of the Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans - a man whose life's work has been dedicated to respiratory disease with a special emphasis on asbestos, is joining us as Medical Consultant

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on October 1. When you see this man's Curriculum Vitae, and the bibliography of his published articles on important medical works, you'll realize how fortunate we are. My thanks go to John Marsh and Fred Workman who joined me to form a Committee of three to bring about the fulfillment of this important need.

Cooperation with organized labor - I must say that our accomplishments here were less than zero. Friendly on the surface, of course - but nothing of any depth was accomplished. I am personally sad about this because it seemed to me to be so fertile a field for accomplishment, particularly when all of us - industry, labor and government as well - are dedicated to protecting the worker in his workplace.

Though complete cooperation may never come about, I would hope that we would never give up trying to bring about a closer liaison with labor, leading to the accomplishment of important projects.

I would be less than fair with you if I did not speak of one more thing that did not come about - and that is the formation of one asbestos association in the

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U.S. - a project which I sincerely and quite energetically advocated for what I believed to be the good of the industry.

It did not happen for many reasons - and I hold no ill feeling about it. I'm old enough now to realize that the Good Lord moves in strange and beautiful but sometimes mysterious ways.

Perhaps the time was not right - only the history books will tell, if indeed a history is ever written.

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Let me speak now about my hopes for you for the future - for each one of you as individuals.

My hope for you is centered in two words - Be Militant - yes; be militant about environmental health.

If you are now militant, my hope is that you will continue to be. If for some reason, you are not yet militant, my hope is that you will be touched by the spirit of militancy.

Let me take this from the high and lofty sounding of the word and be practical about it.

We all know the job we have to do. It's a two-fold job.

First, in my mind, we must protect the worker in his workplace. We must make sure that we cause nothing to happen to this worker that will affect the full life span which the Good Lord has chosen to give to him.

Second, we must do this while still maintaining viable, profitable businesses.

I am convinced, in almost every instance, that these two goals can live together - that each goal can be achieved without sacrificing the other.

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This conviction comes from experience in our own company - what our knowledgeable, sincere, understanding, thoughtful people in J-M have been able to do.

You may now be saying to yourself - "But Johns-Manville is big - it has resources to fall back on - it can afford it." True, we are bigger than most in the asbestos product manufacturing business - and yes, perhaps we can afford more.

But the solution to environmental problems isn't necessarily tied to large sums of money. Not at all. We've found in a great majority of cases that the money needed came from our normal plant operating budgets.

Were there exceptions to this matter of meeting environmental standards and still remaining viable and profitable? Of course there were - businesses that were marginal to begin with, that could not afford to have one cent spent on them to correct an environmental condition and still remain profitable.

We chose to give up those businesses - but I can count the cases on very few fingers of one hand, believe me.

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We chose to go out of those businesses because of the policy our Company President, Dick Goodwin and his Executive Vice President, Francis May, established - a policy we all adhere to firmly because we believe in it - that "we will not knowingly affect the health or life expectancy of one single employee."

How did we find solutions to our plant environmental problems? We did it by being militant - by making up our minds, from the topside executive at headquarters to the line manager in the plant, that we would find solutions.

What did most of the solutions come down to?

Spending some money? Of course. You don't move a hand in a plant today without spending some money. But in so many cases, solutions came from educating the employee - convincing him of the dangers of breathing dust, showing him the wisdom of following safe work practices on the job, for his own protection and that of his family.

Once you have proper equipment for the worker, safe work practices make up nearly 100% of the rest of the problem's solution. You can have two men, as you know, working side-by-side at asbestos bag opening stations. The one using safe work practices will con-

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sistently give you dust counts well below two fibers.  
The other man, sloppy about following safe work practices, will consistently give you dust counts well over two, sometimes higher than five.

But the second man can be convinced - by his supervisor, his shop steward, his local union president working together in Plant Safety and Environmental Committee Meetings. It is, believe me, a matter of education.

But, it will only be done if you are militant about it.

If you are the man who is responsible for, or has a great deal to say about the environmental aspects of your plant operations - and I must assume that you are or you wouldn't be representing your company at this meeting - then I say to you, you must be militant - you must be dedicated to making every workplace in your plant a safe workplace. You must go into your plants. You must know what conditions are. You must fight for what you know in your own heart and conscience is the right thing to do.

From time-to-time, my colleagues in the industry tell me that "So-and-So in my company just isn't convinced of this whole thing - he just doesn't believe."

Well, let's take a look and see what can be done.

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Let's assume that one person you have to convince is an executive in your company who has something to say about spending the money you need to make an equipment improvement or to make a change needed to bring a work station down to acceptable dust levels.

Very simple way to convince him. Ask him to go with you to your plant clinic or to the neighborhood hospital or to the doctor's office you use - and to watch a worker stricken with asbestosis - watch him take a pulmonary function test. Then let your Mr. Executive compare that worker's test chart with a chart scribed by a worker with normal, unaffected lungs. Better yet, have your executive take the test himself and then compare his chart with the asbestotic worker.

And if that isn't enough, let him stand and watch an advanced asbestosis victim, seated at a table in front of a lighted candle - blowing as hard as he can - and not even able to cause the flame to flicker. And tell him that this same man, when he gets to his home, has to go up stairs one step at a time. Also that he falls asleep on even the slightest bit of exertion.

I can tell you - your Mr. Executive will be convinced. It never fails - because it's the honest, truthful way to look at it.

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I'll give you another convincer. You know that I visit a lot of our plants - "inspect" would be a better word. My friend, Ed Fenner of J-M, has been with me on a lot of these inspection trips. He's been my teacher.

We're with plant managers, line managers, shop supervisors, stewards, union presidents as we go through the plants.

When we come to a work station that visibly is not up to our standards, either Ed or I will grab the highest management man who's with us on the inspection, point to the area, and put this simple question to him:

"Would you want your nineteen-year-old son working in that place?"

The answer is always the same - "No, I don't believe I would."

I know you're ahead of me - you know what we say to him next.

"Well Charlie my friend - if it isn't good enough for your nineteen-year-old son, it isn't good enough for the guy you've got working there!"

That, believe me, is a clincher - a convincer. That message gets through. Right to where it hurts. As well it should. But, sometimes that's what you've got to do. It takes courage to do these things. You have the courage. Be militant with that courage.

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Well now - all along here we've been talking about our workers, in our plants.

Our customers have workers, too - and they need help, they need educating.

Again - be militant! Carry this message to your customers. Convince them - get them to protect their workers.

You know that we at J-M held ten customer seminars around the country back a year or so ago.

Our offer made many times since then, still goes - we at J-M will provide anyone of you a set of our slides and scripts so that you can put on your own seminars. Just let any one of us know that you want them.

And we at J-M stand ready to help you in any other way that we can. And that goes not only for members of the Association but for anyone else in the industry.

We have this common goal - that "we will never knowingly affect the health or life expectancy of one single worker."

As I take my formal leave of you now - you know that I wish you all well. And I will always follow with great interest the work that you do together to reach our common goal.

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CLOSING REMARKS

F. J. Solon, Jr.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Asbestos Information Association/North America

Hotel Mayflower - Washington DC

September 10, 1975

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As we near the close of this last Board Meeting at which I shall officiate, I should like to give my thanks and offer my gratitude to all of you - and particularly to those of you who have given so unselfishly of your time in helping to make my work this past year easy, pleasant and, to me, rewarding.

First - the Executive Committee who faithfully attended ten meetings this past year - who energetically studied and deliberated and reached sometimes difficult decisions on matters important to the Association.

Specifically - and I shall take them each alphabetically -

George Barge of Atlas of Canada - who kept us up-to-date on the Canadian situation, was our Board liaison with the Pipe Association - and most important and helpful to me, was always enthusiastic about every idea that I had and gave me mature guidance in many asbestos matters. He was even enthusiastic about coming to meetings which I called on days that, unbeknown to me, were holidays in Canada.

Tom Dougherty of Certain-Teed - who directed the Financial and Membership Activity Area. You've heard how nicely our finances are doing. Working with Bob Mereness and

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with advice from our good accountant, Rick Davis of the Frantz Company, Tom has seen to it that our funds not presently in use, are earning high interest every day. Tom, I thank you for all the helpful phone talks we had when I had a problem to solve. You are a good counselor.

Al Fay of National Gypsum - Past President, longtime member of the Executive Committee - who this year served as Advisor to the Committee. My friend Al never failed to respond to my calls for advice and he always had a helpful point of view.

Joe Hall of GAF - Senior statesman in the industry - and a man close to many of my colleagues in Johns-Manville. Joe, the help that came to me from your mature point of view I'll always remember.

John Marsh of Raybestos-Manhattan - I would be less than fair to John and to myself if I didn't say that we locked horns a few times in the last year. But I believe in the long run our horn-locking will prove to be of benefit to those who follow us. I want to thank John for his effective effort on behalf of AIA/NA in helping to establish the International Information group which is now a reality - and for his work with the Standards & Technical Committee.

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And Bill Thurber, the man from Union Carbide. He directed the Public Relations and Communications activity area for us this year. The booklets, leaflets, posters - all these things developed for your use are the result of Bill's working with Bob Mereness, Ed Fenner and Walt Cooper of J-M and, for the time he was with us, Matt Swetonic of Hill & Knowlton.

You all have been a great Executive Committee and I thank each of you personally for your help.

And there are others -

Within all our activity areas, we really had only one committee - Standards & Technical. The guy who headed it up again this year at my request, is my J-M colleague and one of my best friends - and because this is a formal thank you, I shall use his full name - Edmund Morton Fenner - sports car buff, raconteur, and topnotch technical man.

The biggest expense item I had in my budget at J-M when Ed was working in my group earlier in the year, was for the oil for his lamp. I tell you this - there was more midnight oil burned in Ed Fenner's lamp than anywhere else in J-M when he was poring over those seemingly endless revisions of work practices and the other technical documents he had to produce and supervise.

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Ed, I thank you and your colleagues on the Committee -  
Ike Weaver, Harry Rhodes, Bill, Frank - all the others -  
for your attention to this key activity of the Association.

New Board Members

We have three new members on our Board - and in welcoming  
them, I ask them to take back to their predecessors,  
our thanks for their past service.

First, Joseph M. Ciskowski of Jim Walter. Joe succeeds  
our good friend, Nels Coddington, who has been promoted to  
a new position with a Jim Walters' subsidiary, U.S. Pipe  
& Foundry.

Nels has been a faithful fellow. In addition to his  
Board membership, he served on Ed Fenner's Standards &  
Technical Committee. He was always firm in his stands  
and provided real input to many of our decisions.

And, Robert B. Pilmer of Garlock who's taking over Board  
membership from Parry Weiss. We welcome him to the  
Board.

Our newest Board member is my personal friend and my  
business colleague, Noel Hendry who, following the  
Annual Meeting today, will take my place as the Johns-  
Manville representative on the Board.

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As I believe most of you know, Noel is Vice President and General Sales Manager of our Asbestos Fiber Division. We've known each other during most of my 14 years with J-M - and in these recent years when I've been delving more deeply into the world of asbestos and so badly needed educating, Noel and his colleagues have been real towers of strength to me.

Those of you who were at the Government-Industry Conference last year and heard Noel's presentation on the industry, know well the depth of this man's knowledge. And we're fortunate that he's agreed to speak to us again at this year's Conference.

I know of no better man to represent Johns-Manville on the AIA Board than Noel Hendry.

And speaking further of the Board - we were sorry to lose Southern Asbestos as a member this past year - and personally, I was particularly sorry about losing the personal advice and help of Ernie Bratt.

I talked earlier about Ed Fenner burning the oil - well, there was another good-sized bill for midnight oil that was burned in the AIA offices at 1660 "L".

Bob Mereness and his staff, Bob Pigg and most recently, Ginny Detgen, are far from being nine-to-five people. Many a time, forgetting the two-hour time spread between Denver and Washington, I'd pick up the phone

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at 4:30 Denver time - and the darned thing would be answered at the AIA end at 6:30 their time - and it wasn't the cleaning lady!

I thank Bob Mereness as I'm sure do the members of our Executive Committee and as do all of you - for his sincerity of purpose, his dedication to keeping us informed on developments important to our industry.

And thanks to Bob Pigg for his attention to administrative duties, arranging meeting facilities and providing the many little niceties we all appreciated.

And to Carol Grant who is no longer with us as Staff Secretary - our thanks for all that she did.

And Ginny Detgen, new Staff Secretary, we welcome you and wish you well. Ginnie came to us strictly on her own - and it was only after Bob had hired her and I heard her name for the first time that I realized she was the same Ginny Detgen who is the daughter of old friends of ours, Ed and his wife, Dickie Detgen. And I know that her Dad, Ed, who is Vice President of Owens-Corning Fiberglas in charge of the entire O-C Washington operation; is a good friend of many of you in this room. So - this efficient young lady, born and raised in a busy business climate, will, I'm sure, be a real addition to our staff.

Again, I thank you all for that you have done for me and for the Association this past year.

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29 September 1975

Memorandum For: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Subject: Minutes of Meeting, September 9, 1975

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Please advise by phone if you will not be present for the meeting.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 1975

Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., AIA/NA office  
Washington, D. C. Present were:

|                     |                                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| F. J. Solon, Jr.    | Johns-Manville Corporation, President<br>AIA/NA |
| George Barge        | Atlas Asbestos Company                          |
| A. H. Fay           | National Gypsum Company                         |
| Joseph G. Hall      | GAF Corporation                                 |
| John H. Marsh       | Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated               |
| William C. Thurber  | Union Carbide Corporation                       |
| Thomas A. Dougherty | Certain-teed Products Corporation               |
| R. H. Mereness      | AIA/NA Executive Director                       |

Also present:

Richard T. Davis

Frank C. Frantz & Co., Association  
Accountant

### Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting July 29, 1975 were approved  
noting amendment submitted by Mr. Solon in writing dated August  
12. Underscored portion of Minutes concerned with "Medical  
Program" contains amendment.

### Staff Pension Program

Mr. Davis of Frank C. Frantz & Co., Association Accounting firm,  
commented in detail on his letter of Aug. 12 to the Executive Director  
(distributed to members) concerning a staff pension program. A  
discussion followed in which Mr. Davis reviewed the status of the  
Association's financial affairs, noting that the Association's finan-  
cial status was sound and within budget.

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### Financial Report

Statements of Association Assets and Liabilities and Income and Expenses as of Aug. 31 were reviewed. Mr. Dougherty stated that enough money is available under current budget to cover the costs of the Industry Government Conference and that there is sufficient money in contingency fund and balance of public relations fund to cover expenditure for the medical consultant being considered. He said it looks now that the Association should end the year with a surplus on the order of \$10,000 plus. Mr. Marsh stated we should keep in mind that problems in supply of asbestos from Canada could lead to decreased revenue to support the Association though price increases might offset. Mr. Barge stated that in looking to new year he felt a tentative billing for the first quarter 1976 based on '74 consumption could be made followed by an adjustment after review of next year budget and consumption figures for 1975.

### Executive Director's Report

Amendments to the OSHA Asbestos Standard and the final revision to the EPA Emission Standard now in inter-agency review, are forecast to be ready for publication in the Federal Register on or shortly after September 30. A discussion followed regarding changes in personnel in the OSHA organization.

A public announcement in mid-July concerning \$2.7 million FDA-NIEHS contract for long range ingestion study, awarded to Hazeltine Research Laboratory (rats) and Illinois Institute of Technology (hamsters) was mentioned. The announcement stated NIEHS expects to spend an additional \$1.5 million over next four years related to asbestos fibers. On state regulatory level it was stated most legislatures have adjourned under next year and that little state action on asbestos regulations had taken place during the year.

Mr. Thurber commented on discussion of the Construction Industry regarding asbestos stating that the review at a meeting in San Francisco, Aug. 13-14, pointed to the items that would be included in the OSHA standard amendment. An informal report of the San Francisco meeting was obtained by AIA/NA and distributed to members involved in the construction industry. It was noted a further meeting on asbestos in the construction industry would be held in Washington Sept. 17-18 and would be reported to members.

H.R. 1287, to repeal Byrd amendment to Armed Forces Appropriations Act permitting import of certain strategic materials (chrome, asbestos, etc.) is in Rules Committee with little chance of passing. Fenwick bill to release stockpiled asbestos is also stymied in the legislative process pending a full study by House subcommittee on Sea Power and Critical Materials (Armed Services Committee) expected at end of year.

On meetings of interest, a brief report was made on attendance at Conference on Environmental Disease and National Health Policy at Warrenton, VA., Aug. 6. Conference was co-sponsored by Society for Occupational and Environmental Health and the Blue Cross. A visit with Dr. Selikoff revealed his concern with asbestos in the shipbuilding industry and in tape joint finishing using asbestos - containing spackling compounds. Dr. Selikoff commented on his interest in the Association's work and commended the employee pamphlet and poster series on asbestos health hints.

The Third International Conference on Physics and Chemistry of Asbestos Minerals, Laval University, Quebec City, August 17-21, was of interest for its technical discussions. Health aspects of asbestos were not on agenda. A trip to J-M Jeffrey Mine was highlight of the Executive Director's two-day visit which included discussions with Mr. Filteau and Dr. Lesage of Q.A.M.A.

The following changes to membership on board were reported: Parry Weiss of Garlock replaced by Robert Pilmer, Canadian Garlock; Joe Ciskowski, Pres., Jim Walter Research Corp. to replace Nelson Coddling.

#### Activity Area Reports

Standards and Technical - Mr. Marsh announced that the Standards and Technical Committee would meet on following day (Sept. 10) for final review of Recommended Work Practice series of pamphlets. He said Committee would also discuss activities to be undertaken in up-coming months.

Public Relations and Communications - Mr. Thurber noted that pamphlet, "Asbestos in Water- A hazard to health?" and a handbook of federal regulations governing asbestos usage had been published and were available for distribution. The employee information pamphlet, "What You Should Know About Asbestos and Health" is being re-printed with minor corrections and will be available for distribution in another week. Mr. Thurber recommended consideration be given to publishing the general work practices developed for OSHA including "unloading and storing bagged asbestos fiber", "introduction of fiber into manufacturing process", "asbestos dust and scrap removal and disposal" and "housekeeping." Mr. Marsh urged that the recommended work practice series for industry proceed to publication without waiting for rulemaking process on amended OSHA standard.

Legal and Legislative - Mr. Hall commented on assistance Government Research Corp. in the work of the Association. He mentioned class action suits against industry. A discussion followed as to need for informing senior management of legal actions. Mr. Marsh said that perhaps legal council could be used to review legal actions involving asbestos hazards. The matter of informing employees of the risks to health was emphasized by Mr. Solon as a fundamental allegation in all existing class action suits. He stated class action suits are well publicized. He questioned how far Association should go in preparing review of cases and noted extensive lawyer fees that would be involved in such review. It was pointed out that published items concerning law suits are printed in "News & Notes" without editorial comment.

Inter-Intra Association Relations - Mr. Barge stated he had nothing new to report; that Mr. Marsh would comment to Board of Directors on the activities of the Standing Committee of the Conference of International Asbestos Information.

Financial and Membership - Mr. Dougherty stated he had nothing further to add to the report previously given on Financial Affairs. He noted a number of non-members attending the Industry-Government Conference and that executive committee should make a point of speaking with these people with regard to the work of the Association as prospective members.

Medical Affairs - Mr. Solon reviewed a meeting of a special committee consisting of Messrs. Marsh, Workman and Mr. Solon with Dr. Hans Weill of Tulane University and announced that Dr. Weill had agreed to serve as medical consultant to the Association. Dr. George Wright had made the recommendation to the special committee. Mr. Solon said he had prepared a letter of agreement to be cleared with counsel and forwarded to Dr. Weill. Dr. Weill would be retained at \$4500 per quarter plus ordinary expenses. Mr. Solon stated he would complete this negotiation.

Mr. Barge said he recommended the Executive Director write to Dr. Wright in appreciation for his assistance. Mr. Solon stated that it might be appropriate for the new president of the Association to take this action; that he had already spoken to Dr. Wright in this connection.

On the Plant Physicians' Seminar, Mr. Solon advised that reception by members had been very good. He said 13 out of 22 members responded with 27 prospective attendees without extensive promotion. Dr. Kotin has agreed to serve as chairman for the meeting.

Following September meetings in Europe of Drs. Kotin, Weill and others, details can be worked out for date and place for the meeting.

Mr. Hall stated it might be wise to consider the meeting after the first of the year in view of need for lead time, holidays, etc. Mr. Marsh asked if non-members are to be invited to send representatives to the meeting. It was agreed that the Plant Physicians Conference would be sponsored by AIA/NA and that any company involved in the asbestos industry would be welcome to send representatives. Mr. Barge emphasized that the meeting should properly be for plant physicians who are actually involved with people in plants. Hygienists, safety engineers, and industrial nurses, also be considered as attendees. A third day might be considered to address specific problems of industrial hygiene and safety.

Mr. Fay requested that the minutes reflect the gratitude of the Association to Messrs. Solon, Marsh and Workman for their work in obtaining a medical consultant for the Association.

Board and Annual Meeting - Industry-Government Conference  
Agendas of the Board and Annual Meetings were reviewed. The conduct of the Industry -Government Conference was discussed.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Association's office convening at 9:30 A.M., Thursday, October 9. The Executive Director will advise if it is convenient for Dr. Weill to be present at the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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14 October 1975

Memorandum For: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Subject: Minutes of Meeting, October 9, 1975

Attached please find Minutes of the October 9, 1975 meeting of the Executive Committee.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be Friday, November 21 in AIA/NA office, Washington, D. C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bob', which is the signature of R. H. Mereness.

R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 1975

Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M., AIA/NA office Washington, D. C. Present were:

|                     |                                                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Thomas A. Dougherty | Certain-teed Products Corporation,<br>President, AIA/NA |
| George Barge        | Atlas Asbestos Company                                  |
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| Joseph G. Hall      | GAF Corporation                                         |
| Noel W. Hendry      | Johns-Manville Corporation                              |
| John H. Marsh       | Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated                       |
| William C. Thurber  | Union Carbide Corporation                               |
| C. Fred Workman     | Nicolet Industries, Incorporated                        |
| R. H. Mereness      | AIA/NA Executive Director                               |

### Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting September 9, 1975 were approved as submitted. Mr. Dougherty advised that he had written to Dr. George Wright to express appreciation for assistance in obtaining the consulting services of Dr. Hans Weill.

### Financial Report

Statements of Association Assets and Liabilities and Income and Expense as of September 30, 1975 were reviewed. The Association is operating within budget. It was noted that expenses relating to participation in the Standing Committee of the International Asbestos Information Conference are charged against "Contingency Fund/Special Projects" and retainer and expenses of medical consultant are to be charged against "public relations" line item pending preparation of 1976 budget. The report was approved.

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Executive Director's Report

Advance copies of the proposed revised OSHA occupational exposure to asbestos standard, were forwarded to members and AIA/NA special list October 1. Copies of published notice of proposed revised standard in Federal Register October 9 will be distributed (this date).

Promulgation of final amendments to EPA National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants - Asbestos expected October 14 and will be distributed. Final standard expected to clarify language and procedures of initial document without major changes.

Issue of location of Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration (MESA), now in Department of Interior with repetitive urging by organized Labor and some members of Congress to place in Department of Labor is subject of H.R. 9318 (Dominick) and S. 1302 (Williams). Early resolution not expected though Executive Branch has requested Office of Management and Budget to advise where MESA should organizationally reside.

U.S. Coast Guard expected to have Federal Register announcement in October regarding occupational safety and health standards for vessels and facilities including deepwater ports, mobile offshore drilling units and other facilities under its jurisdiction which will include proposal for handling water shipment of asbestos. Public hearing to be held prior to promulgation of final regulation.

U. S. Navy is expected to issue directive "in near future" on "Asbestos Elimination. Substitute/Personnel Protection Program." Directive may include statement to effect asbestos shall not be used in any facility or operational application where suitable alternate materials have been designated. To date designated areas for substitute materials are pipe, machinery and block insulation.

On State legislation Massachusetts bill H. 6417 was signed into law September 16 establishing special Commission to investigate public health hazard of asbestos in public buildings.

In national affairs, by vote 209 to 187 on September 25 House rejected H.R. 1287 which would repeal Byrd (I-VA) amendment to Armed Services Appropriation Act which would have effect of halting importation of Rhodesian asbestos fiber. No further consideration of this subject is expected in current Congress. No action is expected in current year on Fenwick (R-NJ) bill to release asbestos held in national stockpile.

Industry-Government Conference

Attendance at Association's Industry-Government Conference, September 10-11, was 130 compared to 76 at 1974 Conference. Estimated cost of Conference including preparation of proceedings is \$6,285 with income from cost of meals revenue from non-members at

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\$2,466 for net estimated cost of \$3,819 as opposed to \$4,290 actual costs in 1974. In discussion the Committee noted the Conference as an annual affair was "very much worthwhile." It was agreed that the 1975 program though well conceived for coverage of matters of interest was too restrictive as to time allotted for discussion. Consideration should be given to a different location in the Washington area, different badges for members and non-members, identification of speakers from floor, early planning for 1976 program.

It was advised that Mr. Whitener, member of board of directors, was no longer affiliated with Atlas Asbestos Co., Coalinga, California.

Report on XVIII International Congress on  
Occupational Health and Meeting of Standing  
Committee, International Asbestos Information  
Conference

Mr. Marsh reported the XVIII International Congress on Occupational Health and Meeting of Standing Committee, International Asbestos Information Association in Brighton, England, September 14-19. In response to request of the president, Mr. Marsh stated he would forward a copy of his report to each Committee member. The report is a part of these minutes. (To be mailed separately.)

Remarks of the President

Mr. Dougherty expressed his appreciation in being elected president at the AIA/NA Annual Meeting, September 10. He stated emphasis during the forthcoming year would be placed in the following areas: actions attending the revision of the OSHA standard, Association's medical program, membership, training and educational materials and labor relations. Chairmen for areas of responsibility were appointed (and accepted) as follows:

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Financial Affairs                | -----Mr. Barge     |
| Standards & Technical            | -----Mr. Thurber   |
| Training & Educational Materials | --Mr. Hendry       |
| Membership                       | -----Mr. Workman   |
| Medical Program                  | -----Mr. Hall      |
| Labor Relations                  | -----Mr. Dougherty |

Mr. Marsh was requested to continue to serve as the Association's representative on the Standing Committee of the International Asbestos Information Conference.

Mr. Fay was requested to continue to serve the executive committee as an advisor on industry economics and technology. Public relations functions are responsibilities of the President and the Executive Director.

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The president requested chairmen to advise at next Committee meeting as to objectives in their areas and how best they can accomplish thier proposed objectives.

Mr. Hendry gave a word of caution in addressing technological or engineering developments that might compromise the Association's interests and lawful actions in serving the over-all industry. He also noted that there are over 400 significant users of asbestos in the nation and suggested that all within the industry should be members and contribute to the Association's efforts. Mr. Fay said the Association should be direct in its approach to membership and find out why some in industry do not join. Mr. Workman stated he had prepared a list of 56 prospective members that he would contact.

The role and responsibilities of the medical consultant were discussed. Mr. Dougherty noted that he and the Executive Director had met with Dr. Weill on the previous day. A report was given. Work on tentative budget proposed for 1976 should start now with final review at Committee meeting Dec. 10 and presentation to directors on Dec. 11.

Mr. Hendry spoke of a recent meeting with Dr. Kotin, Senior Vice President, Health, Safety and Environment, Johns-Manville. He said close relations will be maintained with Dr. Kotin and his department, that communications with regard to medical matters might best be made through Dr. Weill to Dr. Kotin.

The proposed plant physicians conference for which Dr. Kotin had agreed to serve as coordinating chairman was discussed. It was felt that it was not practical to conduct the conference before the end of current year. The Executive Director was asked to communicate with Dr. Weill who in turn might discuss this matter with Dr. Kotin to formulate definite plans.

Mr. Dougherty announced the following schedule of Association meetings:

|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| November 21 | Executive Committee |
| December 10 | Executive Committee |
| December 11 | Board of Directors  |
| January 14  | Executive Committee |
| February 12 | Executive Committee |
| March 10    | Executive Committee |
| March 11    | Board of Directors  |
| April 15    | Executive Committee |
| May 20      | Executive Committee |
| June 9      | Executive Committee |
| June 10     | Board of Directors  |
| July 15     | Executive Committee |
| August 19   | Executive Committee |
| September 8 | Executive Committee |
| September 9 | Board of Directors  |
|             | Annual Meeting      |

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Unless otherwise advised Executive Committee meetings will be held in the Association office commencing at 9:00 A.M. Plans for the annual Industry-Government Conference to be held following the Annual Meeting will be announced at a later date.

#### Proposed Revision to OSHA Standard

An advance copy of the proposed revision to the OSHA asbestos standard was forwarded to members on October 1 with the notice that publication in the Federal Register was planned for October 9. The published document and a review by Government Research Corporation was distributed to the Committee. A lengthy discussion of the document and the Association's interests and concerns followed.

Mr. Hendry advised that J-M had established a task force to deal with the issues of the proposed standard revision to include medical, impact on J-M, impact on industry at large and legal considerations. He stated J-M would work toward its own analysis and presentation but would share information with the rest of industry. He said each company has its own unique problems. He said response must be positive, logical and scientific.

It was suggested that AIA/NA might be prepared to give an over-all industry presentation with individual companies speaking to their own problems. The timetable of the rule-making process was reviewed. It was noted that OSHA would conduct an economic study of the industry to prepare its inflationary statement, that the statement must be accomplished 30 days before a public hearing, the the study would take 4-6 months to accomplish, that comments on the proposal are to be received by December 8.

Mr. Marsh said that the basic issue of the proposal is scientific, that fragmented comments on scientific issues would be disastrous, the medical science experts in the field must be brought into the presentation of scientific data, must be used to critique the document.

Mr. Dougherty emphasized the interests of labor in the plants in the issues at stake.

It was discussed that the Association must be prepared to address the medical science, legal, economic impact and technological areas associated with the proposed revision. It was stressed that the new OSHA asbestos document was a proposal, that industry must look to reasonable solution through thorough evaluation of medical data and feasibility considerations for appropriate presentation in statements and in public hearing.

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Mr. Dougherty requested members of the Committee to discuss the issues with their management including lawyers for further deliberation by the Committee. He said perhaps we should have an ad hoc legal committee. He mentioned a forthcoming meeting at which the president and executive director will confer with OSHA people (Messrs. Boyd and Kwon). He said he would call members after the meeting to discuss next steps in addressal to the proposed OSHA standard. Decision for submission of letter of OSHA for extension of time for statement would be made after meeting with OSHA people and discussions with committee members.

New Business: Mr. Hendry said he would like to see dues structure changed from dollars to tons. Mr. Fay noted that historically there had been objection to that approach because of inequity effecting those who purchase large quantities of inexpensive fiber.

Mr. Dougherty said Committee should consider this matter. Mr. Barge, as chairman for financial affairs, asked members to submit their thoughts on dues structure to him prior to the next committee meeting at which time the item will be discussed.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held in the Association office commencing at 9:00 A.M., Friday November 21.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

  
R. H. Mereness  
Executive Director

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, November 21, 1975

Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M., AIA/NA office Washington, D. C. Present were:

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| Thomas A. Dougherty | Certain-teed Products Corporation,<br>President, AIA/NA |
| A. H. Fay           | National Gypsum Company                                 |
| Noel W. Hendry      | Johns-Manville Corporation                              |
| William Thurber     | Union Carbide Corporation                               |
| C. Fred Workman     | Nicolet Industries, Inc.                                |
| R. H. Mereness      | AIA/NA Executive Director                               |

#### Absent:

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| George Barge  | Atlas Asbestos Company    |
| John H. Marsh | Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. |

#### Others:

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| Adrian C. May, Esquire | Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft |
| Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr. | Nicolet Industries, Inc.      |
| Harrison B. Rhodes     | Union Carbide Corporation     |

### Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting October 9, 1975 were approved as submitted.

### Resignation of Mr. Hall

Formal recognition was made of the resignation from the Executive Committee (and Board of Directors) of Joseph G. Hall, GAF Corporation.

### Report of Harrison B. Rhodes, Co-Chairman AIA/NA Standards and Technical Committee

Dr. Rhodes reviewed a meeting with Byung K. Kwon, Senior Project Manager, Health Standards, OSHA, attended by Edmund M. Fenner, the Executive Director and himself on Nov. 19 and reported on the AIA/NA Standards and Technical Committee meeting of Nov. 20 with regard to proposed committee actions in support of the Association's response to the proposed revision to the OSHA asbestos standard.

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It was agreed that the Standards and Technical Committee should commence immediately an in-depth study of engineering-technological feasibility and economic impact of the proposed standard within their respective companies as a first step leading to sub-industry study using the outline developed at the Nov. 20 meeting. In addition, responses to the 16 major issues, other than medical, as listed in the proposed revision will be addressed. A deadline of Dec. 26 was established.

Dr. Rhodes submitted the following as possible problem areas for consideration by the Executive Committee:

- 1) Identification of S & T Committee member for liaison with the medical task group.
- 2) Potential liability in event data compiled for status of industry segments becomes public record.
- 3) Potential antitrust implications as result of requesting/obtaining information from possible competitive companies.
- 4) Possibility of estimated dates for compliance with proposed revision for segments of industry becoming requirement.
- 5) Need for guidance as to procedure for release of information to the contractor, CONSAD Research Corp., who will be preparing inflationary impact statement for OSHA.

#### General Discussion

Mr. Dougherty introduced discussion of the Association's role in responding to OSHA's proposed revision to the asbestos standard. He requested Mr. Gabrielson to speak to this subject.

Mr. Gabrielson expressed concern over the tight schedule for comments and possible adverse impact on thoroughness and detail of AIA/NA's input. He said the industry faces very difficult problems, but that he foresaw definite advantages in having a consolidated industry position. Mr. Gabrielson suggested that the Association consider advising the entire industry of AIA/NA's proposed intentions and actions and invite all companies to participate and share in the cost involved. A meeting of all concerned could be held immediately prior to submission of AIA/NA's response to OSHA to ensure a fully coordinated industry position. He described his conception of the Association's formal input as being relatively concise, which would include specific papers on medical, economic impact, technological feasibility and a summary. Mr. Gabrielson stated his belief that a full-time consultant would be necessary to ensure the best quality of the Association's response and to meet the required time schedule.

Mr. Hendry suggested that any contact by an AIA/NA consultant with companies should be preceded by a letter of introduction. He said perhaps OSHA should fund and explore the technological feasibility of 0.5 fibers as a research project.

Mr. Dougherty reported on the visit of Messrs. Gabrielson, Marenness and himself with Dr. Morton Corn, Assistant Secretary for Labor (OSHA) and other OSHA officials on November 20. He stated that Dr. Corn was intimately familiar with the asbestos-health problem and that he advised industry's case would be best served by a fully documented statement avoiding "emotionalism."

Mr. Dougherty said \$50,000 may be required to adequately fund the Association's work to prepare a response to OSHA. A qualified retired individual familiar with the industry to work full time on AIA/NA's formal input was suggested. Mr. Thurber inquired as to the possibility of duplication by AIA/NA's efforts and that of the OSHA contractor. A general discussion followed. Mr. Fay mentioned as a supplemental approach to obtaining a full-time consultant that certain member companies could make available personnel on a "loan basis" with the Association defraying their expenses. Mr. May commented on possible antitrust issues stating that as long as cost data of control technology was not directly relatable to product pricing, no problem would appear to exist.

Mr. Dougherty distributed copies of a letter from Mr. Hendry dated November 7, 1975 requesting the Association to fund \$40,000 toward estimated expenses for medical investigative work by the Johns-Manville medical task force. A lengthy discussion of the request and medical aspects of the proposed OSHA revision followed. A decision regarding the request contained in Mr. Hendry's letter was deferred pending further consideration. Mr. Hendry stated he would report on the discussion to Dr. Kotin, Senior Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment, Johns-Manville Corporation, and invite him to meet with the Committee on December 10, 1975.

Mr. Dougherty stated he would review proposed AIA/NA actions on the proposed OSHA revision in a memorandum to Directors prior to the Board of Directors meeting, December 11.

#### Proposed 1976 Budget

Mr. Dougherty recommended that the proposed 1976 budget, prepared by Mr. Barge, Financial Affairs, be approved as submitted for line items excepting that the \$20,000 for contingency fund/special projects be increased to \$50,000 to defray estimated extraordinary costs incident to work involved in the preparation of the Association's response to OSHA. The Committee concurred in the recommendation. The budget will be presented to Board of Directors in meeting December 11.

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Membership

Mr. Workman reviewed membership activities. Mr. Hendry stated that Johns-Manville was encouraging all of its customers to join the Association. The Committee expressed its appreciation to Messrs. Workman and Hendry for their assistance in membership efforts.

Financial

A bill for \$750 submitted by the Association's accounting firm, Frank C. Frantz & Co., for services exceeding those covered by the agreed retainer fee was approved for payment. The additive services were for dues restructuring and staff pension plan research. The financial statement of the Association ending October 31 was distributed.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held at Stouffer's National Center Hotel, Arlington, VA., commencing at noon, Wednesday, December 10.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

  
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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 1975

Arlington, Virginia

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M., Stouffer's National Center Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Present were:

|                        |                                                                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thomas A Dougherty     | Certain-teed Products Corp.,<br>President, AIA/NA                       |
| George Barge           | Atlas Asbestos Company                                                  |
| A. H. Fay              | National Gypsum Company                                                 |
| N. W. Hendry           | Johns-Manville Corporation                                              |
| John H. Marsh          | Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.                                               |
| C. Fred Workman        | Nicolet Industries, Inc.                                                |
| R. H. Mereness         | AIA/NA Executive Director                                               |
| Absent:                |                                                                         |
| William C. Thurber     | Union Carbide Corporation                                               |
| Others:                |                                                                         |
| Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr. | Nicolet Industries, Inc.<br>Chairman, Asbestos Regulation<br>Task Force |
| B. J. Pigg             | AIA/NA Administrative Assistant                                         |
| Harrison B. Rhodes     | Union Carbide Corporation<br>Chairman, Standards & Technical Com.       |

### Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting November 21, 1975 were approved subject to the following comment: Mr. Fay stated that he did not disagree with Mr. May's remarks on possible anti-trust issues with regard to the Association's OSHA regulation task force activities. However, in discussions with his company's attorneys, it was considered desirable for any operating and investment cost information be submitted direct to an independent agency rather than to AIA/NA Standards and Technical Committee members. It was noted this procedure is being pursued through the Association's consultant. Mr. Fay said he wished merely to make his comments a matter of record.

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Appointment to Executive Committee

Mr. Dougherty announced that John H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan Inc., will serve as a member of the Executive Committee and assume coordinating responsibility for the Association's medical program as replacement for Joseph G. Hall, who recently resigned. Mr. Marsh has been serving as advisor to the Executive Committee.

Financial Report

Statements of Association Assets and Liabilities and Income and Expenses as of November 30, 1975 were reviewed. The Association is operating within budget. The report was approved. Mr. Dougherty suggested that the committee consider the advisability of having an audit of the Association's finances conducted. Mr. Mereness stated that AIA/NA's accountant, Frank C. Frantz & Co., was prepared to make suggestions of auditing firms for this purpose. It was agreed that a recommendation for such an audit should be made to the Board of Directors. In addition, the Executive Director was requested to obtain from the Association's accounting firm a recommended procedure for approval of AIA/NA expenditures for consideration of the committee at a subsequent meeting.

AIA/NA Task Force - OSHA Standard

Mr. Dougherty suggested the agenda be altered and the Association's role in responding to OSHA's proposed revision to the asbestos standard be addressed at this juncture in the meeting due to its overriding importance. He requested Mr. Gabrielson to speak to subject.

Mr. Gabrielson referred to sensitivity of personalities in the medical-scientific community he had observed in his work regarding development of an industry presentation. He emphasized that, in his view, the Association should strive for objectivity. Mr. Gabrielson referred to the need for a fully cooperative effort within the industry and that a solid front would serve the best interests of all concerned. Mr. Hendry stated his company fully endorsed this concept. Mr. Gabrielson assured the group that all segments of the industry would receive fair representation in the AIA/NA response to OSHA.

Mr. Gabrielson said he visualized three parts to the total presentation, i.e., medical, economic/technological feasibility and summary/recommendations. He reviewed in broad terms the medical section being developed by Dr. Weill, and suggested there is strong feeling that the two references related to "new evidence" can be successfully challenged. Two other benefits from the medical presentation were seen: enhancing the overall credibility of the industry presentation and setting before regulatory authorities the fact that there is disagreement in this area. Mr. Gabrielson spoke of a possible trip to the United Kingdom in January, 1976 by Dr. Weill, accompanied by Mr. Chase, Johns-Manville Corporation biological statistician. He recommended that the Association defray the expense for this trip. Mr. Dougherty stated he had spoken with Mr. Hardie, Chairman,

Asbestos Information Committee, and a meeting date of January 9, 1976, had been tentatively agreed on. There was no objection to Drs. Kotin and Wright from J-M and other industry medical experts attending the meeting at their own expense and with proper coordination.

Mr. Gabrielson stated in regard to preparation of the economic/technological feasibility section of AIA/NA's response, he had explored the possibility of obtaining a qualified retired individual familiar with the industry with negative results. In view of the tight time schedule, and legal considerations, Mr. Gabrielson reported on subsequent contacts with three private consulting firms to accomplish this phase of the Association's response. He said he and Mr. Dougherty had reviewed proposals and both favored that submitted by Roy F. Weston, Inc., West Chester, Pennsylvania. A 60-plant visit would cost \$47,000 plus \$8,000 for a total of \$55,800. A lengthy discussion followed after which Mr. Workman moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors at meeting December 11 that the consulting firm approach as outlined by Mr. Gabrielson be adopted, that the contingency fund/special projects line of the proposed 1976 budget be increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000 to defray these extraordinary costs, and that the Association solicit funding through new companies who, for whatever reason, choose not to join the Association but would participate in the development of information for the study.

#### Proposed 1976 Budget

Mr. Barge reviewed the proposed 1976 budget. It was agreed to reduce the line item for meetings from \$7,000 to \$5,000 and to discontinue the consulting services provided by Government Research Corporation, a savings of \$18,200 per annum. The amount for contingency funds/special projects would be \$75,000 vice \$50,000 in support of AIA/NA's response to OSHA's proposed asbestos standard. Total budget for 1976 was established at \$255,000 with estimated expenditures of \$253,460. The Committee determined that the 1976 budget could be met by an anticipated increased membership and a nominal upward adjustment of dues as might be required. The budget will be presented for consideration of Board of Directors at meeting December 11.

#### Activity Areas

##### A. Education and Training ( Mr. Hendry)

Mr. Hendry reviewed an education and training program for the Association as outlined in his letter of November 26, 1975. Mr. Hendry offered his assistance in responding to inquiries that may be received by AIA/NA.

B. Standing Committee International Asbestos Conference and Berlin Meeting ( Mr. Marsh)

Mr. Marsh reported on the recent meeting of the Standing Committee and in particular his discussions with Mr. H. D. S. Hardie, Chairman, Asbestos Information Committee, regarding possible British participation in responding to the proposed OSHA asbestos standard. Mr. Marsh also reported on his attendance at the Second Congress of German, Swiss, Austrian Medical Societies on Occupational Health held in Berlin, November 21-22, 1975 with some 300 participants. He said that, from an industry viewpoint, this was the most informative and useful medical/scientific meeting he had ever attended. A written report of the Berlin meeting was provided those present.

C. Membership ( Mr. Workman )

Mr. Workman referred to the recent addition of five new members in the Association and stated that about ten inquiries regarding membership had been received in the Association office during the past few days. A general discussion concerning membership followed.

Plant Physician's Conference

It was agreed that, due to the total effort currently being expended to respond to the proposed OSHA asbestos standard, the scheduling of such conference must be deferred but reconsidered at a later date.

Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting December 11

The agenda was discussed and approved.

Other Business

Mr. Dougherty led a discussion concerning advantages of AIA/NA coordinating with organized labor in preparing the Association's response to OSHA on the proposed asbestos standard.

Mr. Marsh introduced subject of coordinating with other associations having an interest in the proposed standard. Following discussion, the Executive Director was requested to communicate with such associations, provide them with AIA/NA's planned actions, and encourage their participation and support by respective member companies.

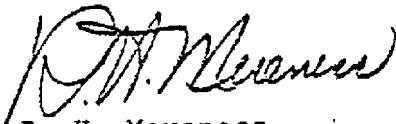
Mr. Hendry's letter of November 7, 1975 requesting the Association to fund \$40,000 toward estimated expenses for medical investigative work by the Johns-Manville Corporation medical task forces was discussed as an item of unfinished business from the November 21 Executive Committee meeting. It was the consensus that, in view of the work by the Association's medical advisor and cost of effort planned in preparing a response to OSHA, AIA/NA should not make a direct financial contribution; that AIA/NA's contribution is through the funding of Dr. Weill's activities in this connection.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held in the Association office commencing at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 14, 1976.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.



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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 11, 1975

Stouffers National Center Hotel

Arlington, Virginia

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held December 11, 1975, in Stouffers National Center Hotel, Arlington, Virginia.

The following Directors were present:

|                        |                                      |
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| George Barge           | Atlas Asbestos Company (Montreal)    |
| W. H. Beasley          | Cement Asbestos Products Co.         |
| Joseph M. Ciskowski    | Jim Walter Research Corp.            |
| William Clark          | Asten-Hill Ltd.                      |
| Sudhakar Dixit         | Garlock Inc.                         |
| (for Robert B. Pilmer) |                                      |
| Thomas A. Dougherty    | Certain-teed Products Corp.          |
| William Fassuliotis    | GAF Corporation                      |
| A. H. Fay              | National Gypsum Co.                  |
| E. H. Feierabend       | Abex Corp.                           |
| N. W. Hendry           | Johns-Manville Corp.                 |
| John H. Marsh          | Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.            |
| James J. McHugh        | National Association of Filter Mfgs. |
| (for George P. Vogel)  |                                      |
| C. G. Morgan           | North American Asbestos Corp.        |
| John Riopelle          | The Bendix Corp.                     |
| Martin J. Sendeki      | Congoleum Industries, Inc.           |
| William J. Thurber     | Union Carbide Corp.                  |
| W. H. Vochroth         | Monsey Products Co.                  |
| (for Joseph T. Mooney) |                                      |
| R. C. Wareham          | Special Asbestos Co.                 |
| C. Fred Workman        | Nicolet Industries, Inc.             |
| Edward R. Zacharias    | Molded Materials Co.                 |

Also present: Guy G. Gabrielson, Nicolet Industries, Inc., Chairman, Asbestos Regulation Task Force; Harrison B. Rhodes, Union Carbide, Chairman, Standards and Technical Committee, James Armstrong, The Bendix Corp; Richard T. Davis, Frank C. Frantz & Co.; Adian C. May, Esq., Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; R. H. Mereness, Executive Director, AIA/NA; and B. J. Pigg, Administrative Assistant, AIA/NA.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. Mr. Dougherty acknowledged representatives of new members: Abex Corp, Asten-Hill Ltd., Molded Materials Co., Monsey Products Co., and Special Asbestos Co. Mr. Dougherty also recognized Joseph M. Ciskowski, Jim Walter Research Corp., and William Fassuliotis, GAF Corp., as board members.

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Minutes

On motion, minutes of the preceding meeting, September 10, 1975 were approved as submitted.

Report of the Executive Director

A. Financial - Attention was invited to a report of the Association's finances. As of November 30, 1975, the Association had a cash balance of \$67,481 plus prepaid expenses, insurance, accounts receivable, and short-term investments of \$13,157 for a total of \$80,638. Total liabilities were \$22,389 for a net worth of \$58,249. Expenditures for eleven months were within budget.

B. Industry-Government Conference - A general report of the 2nd Annual Industry-Government Conference was given.

Mr. Mereness stated he would forego remainder of his normal report on Association activities in interest of adequate time for the presentation of the consulting firm CONSAD.

Activity Areas

A. Standards and Technical Affairs (Mr. Thurber) - Mr. Thurber deferred to Dr. Rhodes, Chairman, AIA/NA Standards and Technical Committee. Dr. Rhodes described activities of the Committee in support of the Association's response to the proposed OSHA asbestos standard.

B. Education and Training (Mr. Hendry) - Mr. Hendry reviewed an education and training program for the Association which included development and/or use of brochures, fact sheets, films, etc. He offered his assistance in responding to inquiries that may be received by AIA/NA.

C. International Affairs and Medical (Mr. Marsh) - Mr. Marsh reviewed activities of the Standing Committee International Asbestos Conference. He reported on the XVIII International Congress on Occupational Health held in Brighton, England in September and the Second Congress of German, Swiss, Austrian medical Societies on Occupational Health held in Berlin, November 21-22, 1975. Mr. Marsh stated the Berlin meeting, from an industry viewpoint, was the most informative and useful medical/scientific meeting he had attended. His report of the meeting is attached. He spoke of efforts in Sweden and Holland to ban the use of asbestos and actions of the Standing Committee, I.A.C., to make appropriate representation to government officials in these countries.

D. Labor Relations (Mr. Dougherty) - Mr. Dougherty outlined efforts to maintain an objective and working relationship with organized labor. He encouraged members to work closely with unions of their respective companies, especially in regard to preparing a response to the proposed OSHA standard. He described the approach taken by his company, Certain-teed Products Corp., in meetings with employees to assure

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awareness of ramifications associated with the OSHA proposal. He said as a result, local unions are communicating with their international representatives to express concern. Mr. Gabrielson described similar efforts within Nicolet stating a written exposition of issues had been provided employees and local unions have been encouraged to enclose industry's response to OSHA.

E. Membership (Mr. Workman) - Mr. Workman reported on current efforts to increase membership. He noted that membership would be addressed in discussion of funding for the Association's proposed response to the Department of Labor.

#### CONSAD Presentation

Dr. Donald Matzzie, CONSAD Project Director of OSHA Technological Feasibility and Economic Impact Study of Proposed Revision to Asbestos Standard, accompanied by Dr. Charles D. Laidlaw, vice president and Ronald Adinolfi, Washington representative, CONSAD, described the OSHA-CONSAD study approach and defined areas of information that will be requested from industry. He stated their work plan had been approved by OSHA and distributed a list of sub-tasks. He emphasized that, while their project would cover a wide range of asbestos users, it could not cover the entire industry in timeframe stipulated by OSHA. He pointed out that the construction industry is excluded from the proposed standard and the mining industry, under MESA, is also not included.

CONSAD envisions visits to 20-30 plants. The study will address the feasibility in three scenarios, i.e., 2 fibers/pcc to 1 fiber/pcc, 2 to 0.5 and 2 to 1 to 0.5. Staged implementation will be a consideration in the foregoing concepts. The state of the art in dust control technology and monitoring techniques will also be studied. Dr. Matzzie said OSHA was interested in identifying benefits resulting from compliance with the proposed standard; however, he acknowledged that this phase of the project would be very difficult since no health data exists based on the proposed exposures limits.

A lengthy question and answer period followed. Mr. Gabrielson was requested to explore the possibility of arranging a follow-on meeting with CONSAD at a later date. Mr. Dougherty expressed appreciation to Dr. Matzzie for his informative presentation.

#### AIA/NA OSHA Standard Task Force

Mr. Gabrielson, Chairman, Asbestos Regulation Task Force, reviewed plans and actions to date for responding to the proposed standard on behalf of the industry. He expressed his hope that the AIA/NA presentation would represent as much of the industry and organized labor as possible. He said non-members would be contacted and encouraged to participate. The AIA/NA response would be a three-part statement: medical, economic/technological feasibility, and summary/recommendation. After completion and in the first week of February, 1976, a meeting of participating companies and unions will be held to consider the statement prior to formal submission.

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to OSHA. All companies (whether or not members of AIA/NA) and unions endorsing the response will be listed for the record.

Mr. Gabrielson spoke regarding the medical section being developed by Dr. Hans Weill stating that there was a belief that the two references cited in "new evidence" can be professionally challenged. He said the medical presentation could enhance overall credibility of the industry presentation and set before regulatory authorities the fact that there is disagreement by medical experts on key issues. The difficulty in collecting the necessary information for the economic and technological feasibility section in the required timeframe was emphasized. Mr. Gabrielson said he had explored the possibility of obtaining a qualified retired individual familiar with the industry to coordinate this phase of the response with negative results. In view of the time schedule and legal considerations, Mr. Gabrielson reported on subsequent contacts with three private consulting firms and advised that both he and Mr. Dougherty favored the proposal submitted by Roy F. Weston, Inc., West Chester, PA. Employment of this firm was considered by the Executive Committee the previous day and it was agreed Weston would be retained to conduct the economic/technological feasibility study. A 60-plant visit would cost \$47,000 plus \$8,800 for a total of \$55,800. This figure combined with that estimated to support the medical phase would total \$75,000. Discussion followed.

Remarks by Hans Weill, M.D.

Dr. Weill, AIA/NA Medical Advisor, was the speaker at luncheon. A summary of his remarks are attached.

Proposed 1976 Budget

Mr. Barge reviewed the proposed 1976 budget; distributed copies and advised the Executive Committee recommended: (1) reduction in line item for meetings from \$7,000 to \$5,000; (2) discontinuance of services provided by Government Research Corporation, a savings of \$18,200 per annum; and (3) increase of contingency funds/special projects to \$75,000 to cover estimated costs in support response to the proposed OSHA asbestos standard. Total budget for 1976 would be \$255,000 with estimated expenditures of \$253,460. In order to meet this budget, receipts in membership dues should total \$245,000. This could be accomplished by increase in membership and a nominal upward adjustment of dues as required.

Mr. Dougherty stated the 1976 budget and the Association's response to OSHA provided a situation that required more than a routine approval of the budget. He said it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee that: (1) the plan for the Association's response to OSHA as presented by Mr. Gabrielson be approved; (2) Mr. Gabrielson, as chairman, AIA/NA Standard Task Force, be authorized to expend up to

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\$75,000; and (3) the Association be authorized to solicit the participation and financial support of non-members. A discussion followed. On motion, the recommendation was unanimously approved and on motion, the budget for 1976 reflecting changes as noted was approved. (1976 budget attached.)

#### Further Discussion

In further discussion of the Association's proposed response to the Department of Labor, Mr. Gabrielson spoke to details of AIA/NA-Weston activities, including formulation of an industry questionnaire. He requested members to submit names and addresses of appropriate recipients of the questionnaire to the Executive Director that as many non-members as possible might be invited to participate in AIA/NA's response. Mr. May, AIA/NA counsel, recommended that lists be on plain paper to avoid identification as customer lists. Mr. Gabrielson stated that there was now no need for the Standards and Technical Committee members to develop and distribute questionnaires as this work would be done by Weston. However, he requested that the Committee members serve as advisers to Weston as required.

Mr. Armstrong inquired if the Department of Labor would be advised of the Association's plan for responding to the proposed asbestos standard. Mr. Gabrielson said it was the intention of Mr. Dougherty to so notify Dr. Corn, Assistant Secretary of Labor (OSHA), by letter. Such notification could be in AIA/NA's best interest in event it is necessary to request a second extension of the comment period and would enhance overall credibility of industry's efforts.

#### Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will take place March 11, 1976 at a time and place to be advised.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

  
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Executive Director

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Enclosures

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