

MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING
of the
NATIONAL INSULATION MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Seaview Country Club Absecon, N. J.
April 13, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by E. H. Luchs, President of the Association, with the following in attendance:

Baldwin-Hill Company Trenton, N. J.	M. M. Wilson T. J. Callans K. M. Ritchie
The Eagle-Picher Company Cincinnati, Ohio	G. J. Christner
Ehret Magnesia Manufacturing Co. Valley Forge, Pa.	A. M. Ehret, Jr. U. W. Smith
Fibreboard Paper Products Corp. San Francisco, Calif.	J. W. Cordrey
Forty-Eight Insulations, Inc. Aurora, Ill.	Ike Keith
Gustin-Bacon Manufacturing Company Kansas City, Mo.	F. W. Muller K. L. Sodergren
Johns-Manville Sales Corp. New York, N. Y.	J. B. Jobe M. W. Burleson W. D. Gaches D. L. Hinmon L. R. Hoff R. C. Parlett G. W. Walker
Keasbey & Mattison Company Ambler, Pa.	D. W. Widmayer Norman Barr W. M. Deckman
N. L. Morell Bethlehem, Pa.	N. L. Morell

Mundet Cork Corp. North Bergen, N. J.	E. H. Luchs L. T. Choate
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. Toledo, Ohio	H. T. Williams
Pittsburgh Corning Corp. Pittsburgh, Pa.	R. E. Buckley
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Pittsburgh, Pa.	R. A. McLaughlin P. D. Kaley M. W. Keyes O. Miller
Refractory & Insulation Corp. New York, N. Y.	F. T. Christenson
The Ruberoid Company New York, N. Y.	H. B. Hutten
Union Asbestos & Rubber Company Bloomington, Ill.	E. T. Johnson E. T. Plummer
Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, Legal Counsel New York, N. Y.	M. I. Ruddock
National Insulation Manufacturers Assn. New York, N. Y.	J. M. Barnhart

Mr. H. E. Lewis had expressed regrets at being unable to attend.

Mr. Luchs announced that the Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for 10:00 A. M. on April 14, 1959, would be limited in attendance to members of the Board, officers, legal counsel and invited guests.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. E. H. Luchs, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that letters of application for Associate Membership in the Association had been received from Punj Sons, New Delhi, India, Bradford Insulations Ltd., Johannesburg, South Africa and Netherlands Rockwool Factory, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

A motion was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Jobe and unanimously passed

> That Punj Sons, Bradford Insulations Ltd., and Netherlands Rockwool Factory be elected to Associate Membership.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd.)

It was also reported that two letters had been received from insulation manufacturers inquiring about membership requirements and that information would be sent to them in the near future.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman A. M. Ehret, Jr., outlined the activities of the Committee in accordance with the Committee Meeting that was held on March 5, 1959. These Minutes have been circulated to the Board of Directors.

It was further reported that written proposals had been received from three publicity counsels outlining a publicity program for the Association and that several other counsels will be interviewed as soon as possible.

It was the consensus of these present that a publicity counsel be selected as soon as possible and that the publicity program be started in the near future.

A motion was made by Mr. F. W. Muller, seconded by Mr. P. D. Kaley and unanimously passed

> That the Executive Committee be authorized to act upon the recommendation of the Publicity Committee as to the selection of the NIMA publicity counse, and further
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> That the counsel be present at the Fall Meeting with a definite plan of operations worked out.

The appropriation for the publicity program is to be discussed at the Board of Directors Meeting on the following day.

TECHNICAL & RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman R. C. Parlett outlined the activities of the Committee as follows:

The first meeting of the Chairmen of the Technical & Research Committee met February 19 at the office of the Association. Attending were:

M. W. Keyes — U. W. Smith
K. M. Ritchie — R. C. Parlett
J. M. Barnhart

TECHNICAL & RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd.)

The meeting as planned decided upon an over all objective and suggested activities for the committee as follows:

1. Keep abreast of new process developments, i.e., atomic energy, etc., and new products of users of insulation.

2. Maintain laison with major engineering and technical societies in reference to papers and assist in preparation of discussions involving insulation and its uses - societies such as ASHR&ACE, BRI, NFPA, ASME & AICE (Heat Transfer Section).

3. Coordinate Association members' activities concerning methods of tests and ASTM material specifications - Committee C-16 on insulation.

4. Check NIMA publicity for technical accuracy.

5. Advise Association on research projects on insulation, encouragement or participation therein. (Such projects as those contemplated or engaged in by ASTM, ASHR&ACEm Navy Yard, Aviation, Government agencies, etc.).

6. Assist Secretary in answering technical inquiries from insulation users and members.

7. Assist members in preparation of insulation specifications for Government Agencies such as Military, Army, Navy, Air Force, Corps of Engineers, Department of Commerce, General Services Administration, Coast Guard, Federal Housing Authority, etc.

8. Study and report any data on general safety problems connected with insulation uses such as toxicity, fire safety, etc. Review Underwriters', American Gas Associations' (and others) Approval on Insulating Materials.

9. Assist in preparing technical articles on insulation for trade publications such as Materials of Engineering, Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning, Power and for handbooks such as ASHR&ACE GUIDE, Kent, Marks, etc.

10. Study trade and technical literature for information on effective use of insulating materials and translate for distribution to members.

11. Work with other groups developing improved methods of application of insulating materials and assurance of proper insulation workmanship, etc.

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12. Contact government agencies regarding insulation problems, specifications, etc., such as Navy, Corps of Engineers, BRAB, etc.

13. Determine the availability of reliable testing laboratories and their facilities for the use of the members.

After considerable discussion of the names assigned to the Sub-Section Committee it was agreed to recommend these be changed from:

"Mineral Wool" to "Rock & Slag"
"Glass" to remain as is
"Magnesia" to "Asbestos"

Mr. Smith will report further on recommendations made in his committee for further change for the Magnesia section designation.

It was agreed that the Sub-Section of the Committee could function best with full representation of the manufacturers of each product group rather than limiting the number of members to five and other members were subsequently appointed to these Sub-Committees.

As agreed upon at the meeting the Secretary has started the preparation of a glossary of trade names pertaining to all types of industrial insulation products.

As agreed upon in Committee the Secretary has obtained from the members lists of their products and the various ASTM, Federal and Military specifications which these products meet. This information is being assembled and distributed to the members. As agreed upon in Committee the Secretary has circularized a number of testing laboratories and obtained information of the availability of their equipment for conductivity testing. This information including type of apparatus, cost of testing, etc., is being summarized and circulated to the members. There is no information available as to the reliability of these laboratories for conductivity testing, but Task Group #10 of the ASHR&ACE are looking into this and have set up a joint committee with members of commercial laboratories to work on the problem of standardization.

The Chairmen decided upon dates and locations for Sub-Section meetings of the Committee which have now been held and will be reported upon by the individual Sub-Section Chairman.

Other routine matters which the Secretary and Chairman have conferred upon and decided are:

1. Referred a firm of consulting engineers to request information they desired on data for insulating storage tanks, to contact the various

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member companies direct since the Association had no published data.

2. Advised the "Ceramic Data Book", a reference publication and catalog of the ceramic industry, to use the table of conductivity of all types of insulating materials as given in the ASHR&ACE GUIDE in place of the table now published which was obselete.

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3. Agreed that Mr. Barnhart accept reappointment on the Technical Advisory Committee on Insulation of the ASHR&ACE. Mr. Barnhart's Task Group #2 of this Committee expects to have final drafts on a chapter on "Good Practive Recommendations for Industrial Insulations" ready for the ASHR&ACE GUIDE's next issue.

4. Mr. Barnhart has been contacting the ASTM Committee C-16 in reference to various specifications for test methods and insulations involving the Association members' products.

5. Mr. Barnhart has been contacting the Navy regarding their proposed specification for glass fiber pipe insulation and has referred this to the Glass Sub-Committee who will report on the status.

It was agreed that the minutes of the Committee Meetings and the Sub-Section Committee Meetings would be distributed to all members of the Committee as well as the Board of Directors. It was the opinion of the various Chairmen that there was not enought time between their meeting and this meeting to hold full Technical Committee meetings including all members of the Sub-Sections but these would be held after the Spring Association Meeting in the future.

MINERAL WOOL SECTION REPORT

Chairman K. M. Ritchie reported on the activities of the Committee in accordance with the Committee Meeting that was held on March 17, 1959. These Minutes have been circulated to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Ritchie requested that the Sub-section name be changed from "Mineral Wool" to "Rock & Slag.

It was reported that Mr. E. D. Cox of Johns-Manville Sales Corp. had been added as a member of the Committee.

GLASS SECTION REPORT

Chairman M. W. Keyes reported on the activities of the Committee in accordance with the Committee Meeting that was held on March 24, 1959. These Minutes of the Meeting are attached hereto and made a part thereof.

MAGNESIA SECTION REPORT

Chairman U. W. Smith reported on the activities of the Committee in accordance with the Committee meeting that was held on March 31, 1959. These Minutes of the Meeting are attached hereto and made a part thereof.

Mr. Smith requested that the Sub-section name be changed from "Magnesia" to "Molded".

It was reported that Mr. M. E. DeReus, Union Asbestos & Rubber Company and Mr. E. C. Shuman, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. had been added as members of the Committee.

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A motion was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Jobe and passed

> That the name of the "Mineral Wool" Section be changed to the "Rock & Slag" Section, and further
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> That the name of the "Magnesia" Section be changed to the "Molded" Section.

In response to a questions from the members as to whether these Sub-committee names would be used to designate product categories outside the Association, it was ascertained that any work done on recommended standards by the Sub-committees would be for internal use only, and that any correspondence, data, etc., that is released in any way will be in the name of the Technical & Research Committee of NIMA, and not in the name of the various Sub-sections of the T & R Committee.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman K. L. Sodergren reported on the various activities of the Committee in accordance with the report attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman R. E. Buckley reported that the Committee had held no meeting up to this date inasmuch as it was thought it was desirable that the member companies have an oportunity to use the statistical reporting form at least once and comment on it.

It was reported that consideration will be given at the Board of Directors Meeting to the subject of the release of 1959 industry statistics in composite form to the reporting members.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

It was announced that the frequency of meetings; designations of Annual Meeting, and the appointment of a Nominating Committee would be discussed at the Board of Directors.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that consideration be given to the activation of a Safety Committee.

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Mr. L. R. Hoff said that it was a pleasure to note the progress of the Association in such a short time, and further that through the Association's efforts the public can be made to recognize the value of insulation in relation to engineering accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

J. M. Barnhart