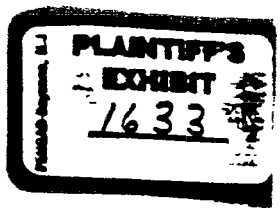
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MINUTES
SEMIANNUAL MEETING
THE HOMESTEAD
HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA

October 10-12, 1973

The meeting was called to order by President T. E. Armstrong, Sr., at 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 1973. Those in attendance were:

W. D. Herbert	The Celotex Corporation
E. R. Kiehl	The Celotex Corporation
D. W. Miller	The Celotex Corporation
C. E. Abbey	The Flintkote Company
M. C. Carpenter	The Flintkote Company
E. R. Stainback	The Flintkote Company
J. D. Friedlein	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
G. E. Wilson	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
G. I. Fischer	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
J. Maddox	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
J. H. Walton	Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Corporation
E. J. Killian	National Gypsum Company
J. D. Shull	National Gypsum Company
T. E. Armstrong, Sr.	Temple Gypsum Company
T. E. Armstrong, Jr.	Texas Gypsum Company
W. W. Holloway	United States Gypsum Company
A. J. Watt	United States Gypsum Company
R. Baker	Legal Counsel
R. B. Cartwright	Legal Counsel
D. R. Macdonald	Legal Counsel
A. V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association
D. E. Brackett	Gypsum Association
J. L. Houser	Gypsum Association
F. J. Rogers	Gypsum Association

OPENING REMARKS

President Armstrong opened the meeting with brief welcoming remarks and invited all present to introduce themselves and their company affiliation to the membership. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the last meeting of the membership were approved as distributed by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. A. V. Abnee, Jr., Secretary of the Association, welcomed the membership on behalf of the staff. He briefly reviewed some of the more recent staff activities and some of the more important duties for the near future. He reported in detail the assigned duties of members of legal counsel, Baker & McKenzie, and the major areas of responsibilities for their legal work of the Association. He then called the membership's attention to the agenda and stressed that each committee's report would

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contain items which hopefully could be thoroughly discussed in the membership meeting so that the Directors would have as much information as possible in order to take appropriate action at their meeting later in the week.

The Secretary previewed the various committee chairmen's reports and highlighted those areas which were felt to need explicit action on the part of the membership and the Board of Directors, as follows: Safety Committee - Uniformity in accident reporting, asbestos dust in plants, and need for additional assistance in legislative activities. Manufacturing and Mining Committee - Paper shortage and air emission study. Building Code Committee - Continued analysis of third party inspection, label service and Association representation on the East Coast and in Washington, D.C. in particular. Technical Committee - Industry conversion to the metric system, effect of smaller lumber sizes, more industry asbestos testing programs, continuation of the Research Associate program at the National Bureau of Standards. Promotional Committee - Support in the use of Gypsum Association code numbers from the Fire Resistance manual by member company salesmen, building officials and architects. Materials Handling Committee - Request for a reorganization and name change to better fit the activities. Traffic Committee - New AAR test program.

Mr. Abnee then reviewed the agenda scheduled for the ensuing two-day meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. G. E. Wilson, Treasurer, presented the financial position of the Association. Income during the first five months of the present budget year was approximately $213,300 from assessments, $5,600 from literature sales, $3,300 from interest on savings and $480 printing royalty.

Expenditures during this period were approximately $142,200 against an approved budget of $134,600. Our cash position as of September 30, 1973 was approximately $74,000. Mr. Wilson reported that, in his opinion, the Association was in a sound financial position. The Treasurer's report was accepted with thanks.

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Russell Baker, senior partner of Baker & McKenzie, gave the legal counsel report. He briefly reviewed his concept of the responsibilities and activities of such a firm being retained by a national trade association. He traced the history of anti-trust laws since the enactment of the Sherman Anti-trust Act and the various changes that American business has endured during the ensuing 83 years.

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Based on Mr. Benjamin's report, Mr. Houser's findings and the Technical Committee's general evaluation of the merits of our research activities within the Bureau of Standards, Mr. Shull requested that the Board consider approval of the continuation of the Research program for at least two more years.

In addition to the above request, the Technical Committee also stands in support of an Association staff man being headquartered in Washington, as recommended by the Building Code Committee.

Mr. Shull then reported on the asbestos dust test program relating to joint compounds. Mr. Shull read a written report from Mr. J. Volk, Chairman of the special committee to conduct this program (attached) and expanded on the request for an additional $2000 to move into Phase II of the program. Mr. Shull felt that this work was extremely important and that a complete and comprehensive report to the membership could be made by the end of January 1974 with the approval of the additional expenditure requested above. He further cautioned that following the completed analysis of Phase I and Phase II of this program, it might be found that additional testing would be required, and additional funds requested.

A third area of major concern is the inevitable transition from English measure to the metric system. Mr. Shull pointed out that this is an extremely complex problem and that the Technical Committee has established a basic task group to explore the ramifications which might be found in converting to metric numbers. This problem is so large that other association committees will have to be involved in any final determinations relating to converting to the metric system. He explained that converting from 5/8" thick gypsum board would leave a measurement of 15.875 mm, an extremely difficult number to work with. When the Technical Committee task force on metric conversion completes its work, Mr. Shull will recommend that an over-all task group made up of members from the Technical Committee, Building Code Committee, Promotional Committee and Manufacturing and Mining Committee, be established to work out the final recommendations.

Mr. Shull then described the recent fire test program. Two of the original tests slated to be conducted under the original program were donated to the Association by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, thus relieving the Association of the expense of these tests. A successful sound test was run on the "lot line" assembly which is constructed of two separate walls spaced 1" apart with 1/2" type X gypsum wallboard on each side of both walls and an additional face layer on the expected fire side. The fire test on this construction resulted in a two hour rating and the sound test resulted in a 57 STC without mineral fiber and a 59 STC with mineral fiber in the stud cavity.