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Minutes and Recommendations of the Air Hygiene Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 1947 at the Engineers' Club, Philadelphia, Penna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

B. W. Luttenberger, Chairman
RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

H. B. Weaver, Jr.
PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.

R. G. Barber
SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

H. D. McKinney
Institute Manager

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and a discussion of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation Report followed.

2. It is the consensus of opinion that a program to reduce dust and improve the diagnostic procedure is imperative. We also believe that the program for the first year should be moderate, yet constructive. It is recommended by the committee that the program for the first year should not exceed $5,000.00.

Mr. Hemeon of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation proposes the following program:-

A. ENGINEERING. The aim naturally is to reduce dust.

(1) The Industrial Hygiene Foundation would collect existing factual information, from Institute Members, on all systems now being used, prepare bulletins with design sketches and distribute this information to interested member companies. Some additional field observations would be made by the Foundation in certain cases.

(2) Dust Measurements - The aim is to aid each company to get adequate data on actual dust conditions which will be compa-

rable from one plant to another.

Each company will use existing agencies in making dust counts. These may be the Insurance Carriers, The State Departments of Health, or the Company's own trained men.

This information to clear through the Industrial Hygiene Foundation who will endeavor to standardize pr[illegible]. This will entail a meeting of all agencies to discuss and agree on a procedure.

This part of the program stems from the inadequate data which was available in the preliminary survey.

B. MEDICAL. Aim - to establish a Diagnostic Procedure.

Dr. Walmer of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation to visit each member company and contact the doctors for the purpose of exploring with them possiblities of collaborative effort between physicians of various companies on uniformizing diagnostic procedures. This might result constructively in a panel to consist of physicians or medical consultants of the Institute's member companies, together with Dr. Walmer and other Foundation medical men; also possibly medical authorities from other agencies.

C. In a program as flexible as this it is recommended that the Air Hygiene Committee of the Asbestos Textile Institute be empowered to act as an advisory body to the Industrial Hygiene Foundation in this work.

D. The committee feels that the inauguration of the program as suggested by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation would provide the

following advantages:

(1) It would provide clear evidence that the Institute member companies were taking definite steps to further safeguard the health of their employees.

(2) The prestige and authority of the nationally-known Industrial Hygiene Foundation and its medical staff would reflect favorably on our organization.

(3) The availability to member companies of nationally-recognized medical authority in the field of air hygiene, might be extremely valuable for purposes of testimony on specific cases, or in obtaining State or Federal approval of desired programs or uniform procedure.

3. Therefore, the Air Hygiene Committee recommends that the program, as outlined above, be considered favorably by the Institute members. The Committee Chairman has been advised by Mr. Hemeon that such a program would cost, not to exceed, $5,000 for one year.

4. There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

B. W. LUTTENBERGER
Chairman

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