

NATIONAL INSULATION MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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TO GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

TO NIMA TECHNICAL & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Subject: Future Government - Industry NIMA Meetings and Operations

Gentlemen:

Some dissention occurred at the March 8, 1961 Government Technical & Research Committee Meeting in Washington, D. C., caused by a difference of opinion between government agencies on such subjects as underground insulation resulting in one government agency representative feeling he was put on the spot. Some government agency people thought too much time was taken in discussing "Warranties" required by only one agency. Some government people wanted more time to discuss their own agency's specifications. The Maritime Commission was not represented because they did not receive an invitation due to the head man retiring and successor not informed. Air Corp and Corp of Engineers were not present because not properly notified or for other reasons.

In view of the above, the subject of future meetings was discussed by R. C. Parlett in Washington on June 20 with Washington industry representatives Heard (O-C), Tower (J-M), Strickland (G-B), Goll (K & M), Sinclair (U-A) and Milker (P-C) and on June 22 in New York with Messrs Barnhart, Ernst (J-M) and Ritchie (B-E-H).

As a result the following was agreed upon

1. Appoint Wallace E. Miller (P-C Washington representative) to act as local (Washington, D. C.) Chairman of the Government Technical & Research Committee to see that NIMA requests from Secretary Barnhart and Chairman Parlett such as follow up of government agencies on NIMA recommendation letters, etc., were carried out; to arrange for setting up Government-Industry meetings etc., etc.

2. Send invitations for future NIMA Government-Industry meetings to Heads of Agencies inviting them to send a representative, explain the purpose of the meeting giving the Agenda, ask for subjects they want put on the Agenda, indicate on an attached form whether they will be represented and by whom, indicate the other government agencies being invited and express the NIMA aim is to hold a meeting in which the technical aspects of industrial insulation applying to government service will be presented which are helpful to the government engineers and specifications writers.

3. The next meeting would be held for all "land" agencies and a second and later one for "sea" agencies (Navy Bureau of Ships, Maritime Commission, Coast Guard & Geodetic Survey only) as these two general groups presumably have different interests in insulation. By holding two separate meetings NIMA could concentrate more on the problems of the particular group and also save time of government agency representatives.

4. Make the next meeting a "big deal" to capture interest, presenting something new. Suggestions were as follows:

   Have NIMA President Johnson open the meeting and speak about the Association.

   Make the main theme "NIMA Economic Thickness Study". Present and explain the new manual - give copies to government agencies.

   Another subject would be "Criteria for Insulation Specifications" (on which we have some ideas)

   Other subjects - Your suggestions and those from government agencies.

   Announce that NIMA T & R Committee representatives will be available to call on government agencies the day following the meeting to discuss detail insulation specifications or problems pertaining to their particular agency, if they will arrange for same with the Chairman. (In this way it is hoped to eliminate detail discussions from the main meeting which might not be of interest to all present, to prevent conflict of agencies interest, etc.)

Agreed that this next Government Technical & Research Committee Meeting should be held in July while the "Economic Thickness Manual" is "hot" and that no copies of the Manual be given to government agencies before this meeting.

We want this to be a good meeting and have each NIMA member company Technical & Research Committee represented.

So we can decide on a good date, please reply AT ONCE on the enclosed letter ballot.

Yours very truly

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Technical & Research Committee

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