

MINUTES of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at the Union Club, New York City, on February 14, 1956, at 11:00 a.m. (EST).

There were present:

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| Messrs. | V. G. Bartram  | George L. Parkhurst (lunch only) |
|         | Howard S. Bunn | Ernest W. Reid                   |
|         | Joseph Fistere | Robert B. Semple                 |
|         | A. E. Forster  | Hans Stauffer                    |
|         | Ernest Hart    | Kenneth C. Towe                  |
|         | John R. Hoover | O. V. Tracy                      |
|         | John E. Hull   | William H. Ward                  |
|         | J. J. Kerrigan | J. Albert Woods (lunch only)     |
|         | R. C. McCurdy  | M. F. Crass, Jr.                 |

Alternates:

John L. Davenport (for John E. McKeen)  
 Sydney T. Ellis (for J. Albert Woods)  
 Fred J. Emmerich (for Harry S. Ferguson)  
 Carl A. Gerstacker (for Leland I. Doan)  
 R. W. KixMiller (for George Schneider)  
 Max A. Minnig (for Robert I. Wishnick)  
 Charles S. Munson (for John A. Hill)

Present by Invitation:

J. F. Corkill - Pacific Coast Borax Company  
 Richard F. Hansen - Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.  
 H. E. Martin - Metal & Thermit Corporation  
 Ralph H. Martin - Pitt-Consol Chemical Company  
 Joseph A. Martino - National Lead Company  
 Marx Leva - Fowler, Leva, Hawes & Symington

After calling the meeting to order, the Chairman welcomed the guests and invited them to participate in the discussion.

#### I. MINUTES OF MEETING.

The minutes of the January 10, 1956, meeting were duly approved as submitted to the members.

#### II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Monthly Report. The financial report for January 1956 was reviewed, and

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the report be accepted and placed on file.

- (d) Education Advisory:  
S. A. Pond, Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation.  
Julian Street, Jr., United States Steel Corporation.
- (e) General Safety:  
A. H. Christian, American Viscose Corporation.  
Dr. Carl U. Dernehl, Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation,  
replacing Dr. A. G. Cranch.  
C. S. Hannen, Canadian Industries Limited.
- (f) Hydrogen Peroxide Technical:  
N. J. Ehlers, Columbia-Southern Chemical Corporation.
- (g) Industrial Relations Advisory:  
S. C. Jones, Canadian Industries Limited.
- (h) International Trade and Tariff:  
Chandler T. White, General Aniline & Film Corporation.
- (i) Labels and Precautionary Information:  
Dr. Thomas W. Nale, Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation,  
replacing Dr. A. G. Cranch.
- (j) Mechanical Technical:  
Ralph McKay, Shell Chemical Corporation.
- (k) Medical Advisory:  
Dr. D. O. Hamblin, American Cyanamid Company, as Chairman.  
Dr. L. C. Haslam, Canadian Industries Limited.  
Dr. Thomas W. Nale, Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation,  
replacing Dr. A. G. Cranch.
- (l) Plastics:  
R. L. Hershey, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.,  
replacing E. D. Ries.  
J. D. Wright, Canadian Industries Limited.
- (m) Tank Car:  
C. K. Lockwood, Shawinigan Chemicals Limited.
- (n) Traffic:  
B. R. Love, The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company  
of Canada Limited.
- (o) Water Pollution Abatement:  
R. B. Worthy, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation.

#### V. STAFF REPORT.

(a) Public Relations. Reference was made to the annual plant expansion survey and release of the report by the MCA Atomic Energy Committee. Both items received wide national coverage; the Atomic Energy report formed the basis of an address prepared for deliverance by General Hull before the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh on February 6, which was delivered by Mr. J. R. Hoover due to the grounding of General Hull's plane in Washington.

With reference to Chemical Progress Week, CPW kits were distributed to all registered field contacts on February 3. The field organization now numbers more than 900, with 23 state chairmen already designated.

A brief report was made on the education program for fiscal 1956-57 which has been prepared in tentative form for the Education Advisory Committee.

(b) International Labor Organization. The Association has been invited by ILO to designate a qualified representative to participate in an experts' meeting in Geneva on the subject of international symbolic labeling of hazardous materials. Although there is some question as to whether or not ILO will be granted funds by its Governing Body to finance this meeting, nevertheless it was agreed that the invitation should be accepted in view of the seriousness of the matter and that the Association should have a representative present in case the meeting is held. All expenses of the representative will be paid by ILO. Following discussion, it was the consensus that Mr. M. F. Crass, Jr. should be designated as the MCA representative.

(c) Chemical Statistics Handbook. Members were presented with copies of the first supplement to the Chemical Statistics Handbook, 4th Edition. It is planned to issue these supplements, containing official statistics on chemical products, at six-month intervals as a statistical service to member firms. Copies are being made available at nominal cost to other interested parties.

(d) Carnegie Tech Research. It was announced that distribution of the first lot of data sheets will take place during the latter part of February. In addition to member distribution, it was agreed that the Association should supply individual sets, gratis, to a selected list of universities, technical institutions, and government laboratories in the United States. Distribution to a similar list of universities in countries of the free world also was approved. This distribution will follow the pattern of data sheets issued under the American Petroleum Institute's Project No. 44.

(e) Industrial Safety. A progress report was made on distribution of Certificates of Achievement to plants of member firms who operated during the 1956 calendar year without a lost-time injury.

(f) Chairman Hoover discussed General Hull's trip to Cleveland on February 7. A luncheon was arranged, with representatives of member firms in the Cleveland area participating. General Hull discussed the Association's over-all program and, according to Mr. Hoover, substantial interest was shown by those present.

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Atomic Energy Committee. The report of the Panel on the Impact of Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy of the Joint Congressional Committee was released on January 31.

Scrutiny of the report determined that practically all of the substantive items covered in the MCA report to the Panel had been included. Following issuance of the Panel report, the MCA memorandum was set up in

type and printed in attractive pamphlet form. Eleven thousand copies of the pamphlet were distributed to a selected list. Copies of this, together with summarizations of the Panel recommendations, conclusions, and reference to chemical applications were sent to member executives on February 6.

In view of the satisfactory coverage of chemical applications in the Panel report, the MCA Atomic Energy Committee has concluded that it will not be necessary for an Association witness to appear before the Joint Congressional Committee at its hearings on peaceful applications during the week of February 13. (Later: An MCA statement was filed for the Committee Record on February 16.)

(b) Chemicals in Foods. Mr. J. M. Gillet testified in behalf of MCA before a subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee on February 1. Mr. Gillet's testimony, in support of legislation already agreed to by the food industries, was well received and it is felt that an effective job has been done. Congressional leaders have expressed satisfaction that the food and chemical industries were able to agree on uniform legislation. Mr. Gillet's testimony included a request for a suitable "grandfather clause" as previously stipulated by the Board. All testimony was concluded last week with the exception of Food and Drug Administration witnesses who were scheduled to appear before the Committee on February 14.

(c) Association of Canadian Chemical Manufacturers. The Secretary visited Montreal on January 16 and 17 and met in several sessions with representatives of our Canadian member firms. A dinner meeting of the Association of Canadian Chemical Manufacturers was also held at which time the MCA program was explained by Mr. Bartram and the Secretary. As a result of the meetings, our Canadian members have nominated representatives to nine of the Association committees (see Minute IV above). Mr. Bartram expressed the feeling that the visit had accomplished considerable good and that similar visits on the part of Association officers in the future would be desirable.

(d) Organization for Trade Cooperation. The Chairman of the International Trade and Tariff Committee, Mr. R. F. Hansen, explained details of H. R. 5550, creating an Organization for Trade Cooperation and, in effect, legalizing United States membership and participation in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Hearings on the bill begin before the House Ways and Means Committee on March 1 with industry witnesses scheduled to testify beginning March 5. Following Mr. Hansen's presentation, the matter was discussed at length, and

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

- (1) That MCA should appear at the hearings in opposition to the bill;

- (2) That our opposition statement be devoid of criticism of the motives of the Administration;
- (3) That the final statement, as agreed to by the International Trade and Tariff Committee and cleared with the Executive Committee, should be presented on behalf of the Board of Directors; and
- (4) That Mr. Hansen present the Association statement.

## VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

Additional items handled by the Executive Committee and not discussed at the Board of Directors' Meeting included the following:

(a) Clearance of Published Articles. It was agreed that articles drafted for publication in trade journals, having to do with Association activities and written by members of MCA technical committees, be cleared and edited by the MCA staff prior to publication.

(b) American Standards Association. The matter of ASA membership on the part of the Association was discussed in view of the increased activity of MCA in this field through its new Mechanical Technical Committee. A decision was deferred pending study by Counsel.

(c) National Fire Protection Association. Augmented MCA representation on several technical committees of this organization was reported.

(d) Financing for Fiscal 1956-57. Mr. Joseph Fistere, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented for preliminary consideration several recommendations of the Finance Committee having to do with budget and method of financing for the fiscal year beginning June 1 next. A tentative budget and method of financing will be presented to the Board of Directors at the March 16 meeting for consideration.

(e) Industrial Defense Planning. The Association has been approached through the Director of Industrial Defense and the Director of the Chemical and Rubber Division, both of the Business and Defense Services Administration, for assistance in obtaining wider participation by chemical industry management in uniform planning relating to disaster in the event of an enemy attack. Discussion indicated that many of our member firms now have disaster plans covering such emergencies as fires and explosions -- these being on a plant basis for the most part. It was agreed that the Association should maintain close contact with BDSA, with that organization spearheading activity in connection with individual firms. However, the Association should endeavor to promote member thinking on the subject and possibly to arrange a panel discussion on the occasion of the next Semi-Annual Meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn.

M. F. Crass, Jr.  
Secretary

APPROVED: John R. Hoover  
Chairman