

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

General Meeting

June 7, 1974
Twin Bridges Marriott, Arlington, Virginia

In Attendance

AMATEX CORPORATION

J. L. Rainey
M. J. Scanlan

CARLOCK INC.

P. S. Hanke
A. Kuzmuk

NICOLET INDUSTRIES, INC.

G. G. Gabrielson, Jr.

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

W. A. Guenther
M. Q. Scowcroft

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS COMPANY

E. C. Bratt

UNIROYAL, INC.

L. D. Lenihan (Arthur,
Dry & Kalish)
E. A. Morris

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.

P. E. Leclerc

CANADIAN JOHNS-MANVILLE CO. LTD.

N. W. Hendry (J-M)
R. B. Von Wald (J-M)

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.

D. B. MacDermott

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC LTD.

E. A. Farrell
C. E. Stiefken (Asarco)

NIPPON ASBESTOS CO. LTD.

K. Mori
Y. Sato

TBA INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS LTD.

H. J. Corson

HULL, TOWILL, NORMAN, BARRETT
& JOHNSON

W. B. Alcorn, Jr. (ATTI Attorney)

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

D. M. Fagan, Executive Secretary

Total attendance during the two-day 1974 Spring Meeting was 24 people including 19 members, 3 wives, 1 staff member and 1 Legal Counsel, representing 12 companies, plus 2 representatives of the ATI.

M I N U T E S

1. The Spring 1974 General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute was called to order at 9:00 a.m., June 7, 1974, by President M. Q. Scowcroft, of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

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2. President Scowcroft officially welcomed the small but select group in attendance. He stated that the reason for the lesser amount of attendees was, of course, that the subject of the meeting was the Texas Litigation and that none of the usual committee activities had been scheduled. He then requested that each in attendance rise and give his name and business affiliation. The list is as per page 1 of these Minutes.

3. Upon calling for the reading of the Minutes of the last stated meeting, it was moved by E. A. Morris, seconded by G. G. Gabrielson, Jr., and so carried, to dispense with the reading of said minutes.

4. The President called for the Financial Report. Treasurer Morris gave the report, briefly as follows and in detail as per the attached Report of Funds as of May 15, 1974. Total on Hand as of September 1, 1973 (the beginning of the current Fiscal Year) was \$16,113.56; receipts from book sales, dues, etc., were \$15,279.98; disbursements amounted to \$21,028.58 (the bulk of which were for litigation costs and attorneys' fees); and the Balance on Hand as of May 15, 1974, amounted to \$10,369.96. This figure should further be reduced by some \$2000.00 for an unanticipated litigation expense which means as of today the net worth of the organization is approximately \$8000.00. It was moved by C. E. Stiefken, seconded by A. Kuzmuk, and so carried, to accept the Financial Report as presented. The report will be filed for audit.

5. It was reported by President Scowcroft that the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Institute will be held, as scheduled, at The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia, Wednesday through Friday, September 25-27, 1974. The meeting will include regular committee meetings and report and a Fibre Producers' Report. He further advised the Executive Secretary will mail the meeting notices to the general membership earlier than usual since The Cloister has recently established the policy of requiring a \$75.00 advance deposit for each room by mid-August.

6. The following matters concerning membership were announced by the President.

Johns-Manville Corporation has changed its status in the ATI in that it has dropped its Class A/Regular Member classification, but the membership has been picked up by Canadian Johns-Manville Co. Ltd. C.J-M is now the ATI member company as a Class C/Associate, which is the category for miners of asbestos spinning fibers.

The President expressed it was his pleasure, on behalf of the Institute, to welcome Asahi Asbestos Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan, as a new Class D/Associate Member.

7. C. E. Stiefken informed the President that the Chrysotile Asbestos Test Manual, 3rd edition, should be available in about six months' time. President Scowcroft said that further information will be at hand at the 1974 Annual Meeting on Sea Island.

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3. It was announced by the President that the Board of Governors had voted to form an ad hoc committee. It will operate within the present structure of the Institute and its function and sole purpose will be to provide a forum composed of representatives of both Regular and Associate Members, including the miners, to consider litigation matters and to make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the defense of the pending litigation. This will give the Board the benefit of the thinking of the Institute's total membership. The President emphasized that such representatives who sit on the ad hoc committee will have an equal vote on that committee and that the recommendations passed by that committee will be made to the Board of Governors. It is planned that a meeting of the ad hoc committee will take place prior to each ATI Board of Governors' meeting.

President Scowcroft advised he had appointed R. B. Von Wald, of Johns-Manville Corporation, as Chairman of the ad hoc committee, with E. C. Bratt, of Southern Asbestos Company, as Vice-Chairman. He then named the following member companies as having expressed the desire to have representation on the ad hoc committee: Amatex Corporation, Asbestos Corporation Ltd., Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd., Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd., Lake Asbestos of Quebec Ltd., Nicolet Industries, Inc., Nippon Asbestos Co. Ltd., Garlock Inc., Raybestos-Manketton, Inc., Southern Asbestos Company, TBA Industrial Products Ltd. and Uniroyal, Inc. He requested that each of these companies designate its representative to sit on the ad hoc committee and that other member companies who are interested in being represented on the ad hoc committee should so advise Mr. Von Wald, himself or the ATI Executive Secretary.

As Chairman of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Von Wald said that the committee is designed as a means by which Associate Members can obtain information about the Texas Litigation and can provide input into the Board of Governors of any thoughts concerning the defense and posture of the case and actions they think may be necessary with respect to the litigation. The committee is designed strictly for the litigation and not for any other purpose. He hopes initially to make contact with everyone who is interested--or they may write him at Johns-Manville Corporation, Greenwood Plaza, Denver, Colorado 80217. He said the litigation is important to each company, even though it may not have individual exposure, and that it is a critical litigation for industry in general, as well as for the asbestos industry in particular.

Following an inquiry from the floor, Mr. Von Wald concurred that the lawyers active on the ad hoc committee would represent ATI member companies and would consider positions that ATI should take.

In answer to another question, Mr. Von Wald stated it is not the intent of the ad hoc committee to supervise the litigation. The litigation is supervised by the ATI Board of Governors. The ad hoc committee is designed as a medium through which the Associate Members can have a voice in what goes on and can get specific information about the litigation. Under the present structure of the ATI, the primary responsibility for the Institute lies with the Board of Governors only.

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9. President Scowcroft confirmed the information that previously had been sent to the general membership in that ATI has redesignated its legal counsel from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft to Hull, Towill, Norman, Barrett and Johnson, or more specifically, to Wendel B. Alcorn, Jr. This change was made with the unreserved blessing of Cadwalader, the primary reason being that Cadwalader had recommended Wendell Alcorn as Trial Counsel for the Texas Litigation and that as that litigation proceeded it became clear both to ATI and to Cadwalader that the substantial function of ATI's counsel, at least for the short term, would be to defend these cases. It became obvious that the most efficient and economical method of conducting the defense was through the retention of one law firm to act both as Trial Counsel and as General Counsel. On behalf of the ATI, President Scowcroft expressed delight in having Wendell Alcorn again working with us.

10. President Scowcroft reiterated that the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Institute will be held as scheduled. It is the intent of the Board of Governors to keep the Institute going but it must marshal its resources in order to be able to afford the cost of the litigation.

11. The President then turned the meeting over to Trial Counsel for a briefing on the progress of the cases pending in Tyler, Texas. His remarks are recorded in a "Memorandum of Attorney-Client Conference, June 7, 1974" and which is available for inspection by members of ATI at the Office of the Executive Secretary.

12. There being no further business to be brought before the membership, a move for adjournment was made by A. Kuzmuk, seconded by C. E. Stiefken, and so carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris M. Fagan
Executive Secretary

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ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

Fiscal Year ending August 31, 1974

Report of Funds

Period: September 1, 1973, thru May 15, 1974

Balance on Hand September 1, 1973 --

General Fund	\$ 2,683.68
Reserve Fund	13,346.91
Petty Cash Fund	87.97

Total on Hand at 9/1/73 \$ 16,118.56

Receipts

General Fund - Dues for Year 1973	\$ 125.00
Book Sales	86.71
Magnetite Samples	25.00

Reserve Fund - Dues for Year 1974	14,250.00
Interest to 12/31/73	793.27

Total Receipts + 15,279.99

\$ 31,398.54

Disbursements

Legal Retainer & Expenses (to 3/31/74)	\$ 4,805.98
Secretary's Gross Wages	1,448.00
Taxes on Wages Paid by ATI	123.16
ATI Meeting Expense (10/73 & 2/74)	1,444.85
Secretary's Meeting/Travel Expense	469.05
Telephone (8/73-4/74)	471.76
Printing Supplies/Services	406.81
Postage	394.84
Office Supplies & Miscellaneous	138.09
Revision of Test Manual (J.L.Tucker)	96.99
Rental of Office Space	405.00
Accountant (Caruso - F/Y 72-73)	300.00
ASTM Dues for Year 1974	25.00
Gifts/Flowers/Plaques, etc.	63.34
Insurance	125.00
Litigation: Office Expenses	189.05
Sec'y Travel Expenses (4/74)	149.39
ATI Meeting Expenses (4/74)	7.18
Legal Services (1st Qtr 74)	9,965.09

Total Disbursements - 21,028.58

BALANCE ON HAND MAY 15, 1974 \$ 10,369.96

Funds as of May 15, 1974 --

General Fund	\$ 1,473.55
Reserve Fund	8,890.18
Petty Cash Fund	6.23

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS MAY 15, 1974 . \$ 10,369.96

Assets as of May 15, 1974 --

Total Funds, as listed above	\$ 10,369.96
Accounts Receivable - Book Sales	6.46
Magnetite Samples	5.00
1974 Dues	375.00
Furniture & Equipment (Nominal Value)	1.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 10,757.42

TOTAL LIABILITIES

TOTAL NET WORTH MAY 15, 1974 . . \$ 10,757.42

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