

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
7:30 a. m., Tuesday, October 12, 1976
The Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.

1. Financial Report for Four Months Ended September 30, 1976.
2. MCA Safety Publications Program.
3. Proposed Allocation Under Plastics Financial Program
-- Contribution to American Society of Civil Engineers
for Design Manual for Plastics Structural Components.
4. Secretariat of ASTM Committee E-15 on Analysis and Testing of
Industrial Chemicals.
5. Current Issues Confronting the Chemical Industry.

MINUTES OF MEETING
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Following breakfast at 7:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by the chairman. There were present:

James G. Affleck, Chairman	
Earle B. Barnes	Tom K. Smith, Jr.
William J. Driver	Harvey J. Taufen
Douglas H. Freeman	Alexander B. Trowbridge
(for William S. Sneath)	(for John T. Connor)
Richard E. Heckert	Robert A. Winslow

John H. Pickering, Outside Counsel
Bruce M. Barackman, Staff Counsel
George E. Best, Secretary-Treasurer

1. Financial Report for Four Months Ended September 30, 1976
Mr. Best reported the information shown in Exhibit A and drew attention to the lowering of the reserves level to below the desired 50%-of-budget level as a consequence of recent and current budget amendments. Whereas the original projection for the 1976-77 fiscal year was for income and outgo to be essentially in balance, added appropriations (including those on today's Board agenda) will make for an operating deficit approaching \$200,000.

2. MCA Safety Publications Program Mr. Driver reviewed the attention which has been directed to the issuance of technical publications, particularly Chemical Safety Data Sheets, the upshot of which was outlined in an attachment to the tentative agenda for this meeting -- see Exhibit B.

He explained that an intercommittee group has been formed to lay out revised procedures. It has been estimated roughly that staff and consultation expenses may add as much as \$250,000 to the cost of these publications. There is confidence that they will be attractive at a price of even several dollars a copy, however, so that there should be off-setting income. Mr. Pickering further emphasized the prime necessity of commitment of technical manpower from member companies as being the only way to insure technical validity.

It was agreed to approve continuation of the safety publications program with the proviso that the legal recommendations be satisfactorily accommodated and that the program be financially self-supporting.

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3. Contribution Toward Design Manual/Structural Plastics

It was agreed to recommend approval of a contribution of \$12,000 of Plastics Financial Package funds to the American Society of Civil Engineers toward the development of a manual to aid engineers in the design of plastics structural components.

4. Secretariat of ASTM Committee E-15 on Analysis and Testing of Industrial Chemicals

It was agreed to recommend extending for two years (to December 1, 1978) MCA responsibility for the E-15 secretariat.

5. Current Issues Confronting the Chemical Industry

A summary of the latest opinion poll, based on responses from about 400 representatives of 17 member companies and MCA professional staff, was distributed in advance with the tentative agenda. Mr. Driver mentioned his use of similar earlier surveys in conjunction with MCA budget recommendations, but that its special consideration today stemmed from Mr. Winslow's letter concerning identification of MCA program priorities with particular reference to the Executive Committee's attention to them. It was suggested that a number of the topics listed in the poll were quite broad, and that the results would be more useful if the identities were narrowed.

As to areas deserving special attention under Executive Committee direction, amendments to the Clean Air Act and OSHA regulatory developments were mentioned. Additional federal control of corporations (e.g., chartering), while of importance, was referred to as an example of matters affecting industry broadly in which it would be more appropriate for other organizations to take the leading role.

In respect to OSHA, Dr. Barnes referred to a recent letter from Mr. St. Clair (Shell Chemical) encouraging activity through MCA concerning OSHA's development of an occupational exposure tolerance limit for benzene.

6. United Nations Environment Program

Mr. Driver reported having attended a meeting in Paris recently the purpose of which concerned planning for a Seminar on the Chemical Industry to be held next year. The objective of the seminar is to formulate suggestions for the developing countries regarding environmental controls.

He learned of much interest in the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology among the European chemical industry trade associations. Representatives of the European federation (CEFIC) hope to visit with the MCA Executive Committee and Board, possibly at the time of the May 1977 meeting.

7. Toxic Substances Control Legislation Mr. Heckert reported his understanding that the Toxic Substances Control Act had been signed into law, and stated that the first meeting of the MCA Senior Advisors on this continuing matter is scheduled for October 19.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Certified correct:

J. G. Affleck
James G. Affleck, Chairman
Executive Committee

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

October 12, 1976

Dollar amounts rounded from tabular details
(\$000)

INCOME & EXPENSE		Percent of
<u>June 1, 1976 - September 30, 1976 - 4 Months (33%)</u>		<u>Budget</u>
Income - Membership Fees	\$2,763	100.473%
- Other	257	52.449%
	\$3,020	93.210%
Expense - Operations	\$ 818	28.062%
- Projects	66	18.082%
	\$ 884	26.960%

ASSETS
(As of September 30, 1976)

Cash	\$ 20	
Investments	7,344	
Miscellaneous	6	
	\$7,370	

MCA Safety Publications Program

In the light of recommendations of Outside Counsel and the Legal Advisory Committee ("MCA's Safety Publications Program" memorandum dated July 29, 1976, distributed with September 14th Executive Committee agenda) on procedural strengthening to minimize legal risk, the technical committees most directly concerned agree that the program should be continued because these safety publications serve important needs of member companies and others.

Although endorsing counsel's recommendations in principle, reservations have been expressed about some of the suggestions for implementation, particularly item (2) on monitoring of literature, item (3) on citing unsupported statements of hazard, item (4) on registering recipients of the publications, and item (5) on review by outside experts. There is confidence, however, that the objectives can be satisfactorily accommodated, with the recommendations serving helpfully as guidelines.

Much emphasis was placed on the vital need of enhanced commitment on the part of member company representatives who are the principal source of information in these publications. At the same time, a substantial increase from the present modest price, e. g. 75 cents a copy for Chemical Safety Data Sheets, is anticipated to compensate for much higher production costs.

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