

MINUTES of the General Meeting
of the Asbestos Textile Institute
held on Friday, Sept. 16, 1949,
at the Barringer Hotel, Charlotte,
North Carolina.

IN ATTENDANCE:

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

S. V. Dillon

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

W. C. Scott
D. W. Widmayer

PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.

A. J. Scanlan
E. R. Teubner

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

J. A. Bettis
C. J. Geilfuss
A. F. Heinsohn
G. W. Marshall

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

G. S. Fabel
O. C. Ferens
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer
J. A. Tennant

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

A. R. Byrnes
R. E. Cryor
T. S. Sadler

CADWALADER, WICKERSON & TAFT

C. G. Champe

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

H. C. Shaw

1. The President, Mr. G. S. Fabel, called the meeting to order and with a few brief remarks welcomed the group to Charlotte for this occasion.
2. The President directed the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last meeting. There being no additions or corrections to the Minutes as read, they were unanimously approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by W. C. Scott. (Copy attached). After a brief discussion the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved and the Secretary was directed to make this report a part of the Minutes of this meeting.
4. The Secretary's Report was read by H. C. Shaw and was unanimously

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approved by the meeting (copy attached).

5. The Air Hygiene Committee had no formal report to give and G. W. Marshall advised that no further actions had been taken in connection with the work he reported upon at the last meeting in reference to the article "Cancer and Environment", published in Scientific American.

6. Mr. G. W. Marshall reported on the activities of the Fiber Committee and a lengthy discussion covering this subject followed.

a) The group was advised that Mr. J. H. Weaver, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., is sailing for Europe within a few days with a group of Federal representatives in the interest of the asbestos fiber stockpiling efforts which have been under way for the past year.

"It was generally agreed that the reports of an alleged critical shortage of all types of asbestos which had come out in connection with the Federal Stockpiling activities are having deleterious effects upon the asbestos textile industry"

Presumed scarcities of certain asbestos fibers have prompted the Navy and other Federal agencies to place certain asbestos products on the critical list and have directed the replacement of these products with substitutes composed of other fibers. This situation is imposing a hardship on this industry since the fibers actually covered by the stockpiling efforts and those which may be considered critically short in supply do not represent the major fiber source for the industry. In an effort to clarify this situation and to advise the Federal authorities of the true picture within our industry, the President appointed the following committee to make contact with the Federal stockpiling authorities and other Federal agencies: G. W. Marshall,

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b) A discussion covering the Canadian fiber supply revealed a marked dissatisfaction with the materials coming from this source. Poorly graded fibers are presently being supplied from this location and there appears to be little that can be done to correct this situation except to seek sources of supply which will serve materials of an improved quality.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by S. V. Dillon and portions of a letter from the Chairman of this Committee, Mr. H. T. Bain, were read. (Letter attached) The meeting was advised that the six additional Visual Aid Displays are scheduled for delivery about October 1, 1949. It was suggested that the Committee give some thought to the improvement of the packing case for these cabinets so that a minimum amount of damage may be incurred. The present cabinet was considerably damaged in transit from New York to Charlotte and this experience prompted the attentions in this connection.
8. The Technical Committee Report written by Mr. J. H. Weaver was read by Mr. J. A. Bettes (copy attached). The Technical Committee in meeting on July 15, 1949, reestablished the research project program of the Fellowship and this new program was submitted to the meeting for consideration and approval. After a full discussion of the subject it was moved by R. E. Cryor, seconded by E. R. Teubner and unanimously approved that the program of research work submitted by the Technical Committee be approved. It was also suggested that some attention should be directed toward the accumulation of information covering the durability of glass cloth under conditions of high humidity or

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steam such as may be encountered in firefighting suits. It was felt that the suits recently developed at Wright Field, composed of glass cloth and metal foils, may fail under high moisture conditions due to the deterioration of the glass cloth. The likelihood of this possibility should be investigated by the Technical Committee. Following this discussion the Technical Committee Report was given unanimous approval.

9. The Fellowship Report was read by H. C. Shaw and after a discussion of the contents it was unanimously approved.
10. The President advised the meeting that he had been requested by Mr. T. L. Gatke, President, Asbestos Textile Company, to submit the resignation of that company from the Institute. After a thorough discussion of this matter the following resolution was moved by E. R. Teubner, seconded by G. V. Marshall and unanimously approved:

"Resolved that the resignation of the Asbestos Textile Company be accepted with regrets but with the hopes that they will decide to reestablish this association at some later date."

11. In recent months attention has been directed upon the procedures followed by the Institute for determining the various assessment figures for the membership. During the past quarter the members were polled in an effort to ascertain what production figures are being reported by each member in the quarterly reports submitted to West, Flint & Co. It was pointed out by counsel that Section 6 of the By-Laws called for reporting all card room production of Roving, Laps, and wicks irrespective of the end use to which such production was to be put. It was

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generally agreed that this was the intent of the membership. Thereupon, following a thorough discussion of the subject the following resolution was moved by E. R. Teubner, seconded by R. E. Cryor and unanimously approved:

WHEREAS the method of assessment heretofore in effect has not resulted in an equitable division of the expenses of the Institute between its members, and

WHEREAS it is the concensus of the membership that the assessments should continue to be based upon the same production as heretofore, but that the minimum general assessment should be increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per year, it is

RESOLVED, that Section 6 of the By-Laws be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

"6. Initiation Fees, Dues and Assessments. Each Member of the Institute shall pay an initiation fee of \$500 at the time it joins the Institute. Additional funds required for expenditures authorized by the members and by the Board of Governors of the Institute shall be collected by assessments from each member upon the following bases: general assessments, Fellowship assessments and Air Hygiene assessments shall be made in accordance with each member's proportion of production to the total production for the calendar year of all members of the Institute of such products as may from time to time be prescribed by the members for that purpose, with a minimum general assessment of \$1,000 for each member for each calendar year, the balance of the total general assessment over any minimum payments being prorated among the members whose computed general assessments are greater than \$1,000; assessments for publicity shall be made in accordance with each member's proportion of textile sales in pounds to the total textile sales in pounds for the calendar year of all members of the Institute. The said total production for a calendar year

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and the said total sales shall be determined by an outside independent accountant appointed by the Board of Governors for such purpose. Each member shall furnish to said accountant the data necessary to establish such percentages."

12. The President next introduced the subject of Institute membership and suggested that it would be desirable to add other companies in the industry as members. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the matter should receive further consideration and a committee was appointed to supply the President with further information on the subject and to submit names of eligible firms which might be considered for membership in the Institute. The committee consists of: Mr. G. W. Marshall, Mr. D. W. Widmayer, and Mr. A. R. Byrnes.

13. The next order of business to come before the meeting concerned the election of the Board of Governors and Institute officers to serve during the next year. At this point the incumbent Board of Governors met and selected the following members to serve for the coming year:

A. R. Byrnes
S. V. Dillon
A. J. Scanlan
G. W. Marshall -
D. W. Widmayer

The new Board of Governors in meeting then elected the following officers to serve during the next year:

President - G. S. Fabel
Vice-Pres. - A. R. Byrnes
Treasurer - W. C. Scott
Secretary - M. C. Shaw
Asst. Treas.

14. The President brought the meeting to a close with the announcement that the next meeting will be held in Philadelphia on

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Dec. 3, 1949, with the Board of Governors holding an informal session on the evening of Dec. 7, 1949, at the meeting hotel. There being no further business to come before the meeting it was unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw
Secretary

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