

Minutes

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Asbestos Textile Institute

June 7, 1967

Lucerne Hotel, Montreal, Canada

In Attendance:

J.L. Rainey, American Asbestos Textile Corporation
E.A. Schuman, Johns-Manville Corporation
S.J. Peele, Jr., UniRoyal, Inc. (U.S. Rubber Company)
R.P. Clark, UniRoyal, Inc. " "
J.L. Mitchell, Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co.
J.A. Gallagher, H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
J.A. Brown, Jr., Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. (See footnote)
P.Jay Plocken, Cadwalader,Wickersham & Taft (Legal Counsel)
H.B. Sunbury, Secretary, A.T.I.

Absent: G. Parry Wiess, Garlock Inc.

******** Minutes ********

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rainey at approximately 10:00 P.M.

2. The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting for reading. It was moved by Mr. Peele, seconded by Mr. Schuman, that the reading be omitted. So voted.

3. The Financial Report was read by the Secretary in absence of Treasurer Martucci. Mr. Schuman moved that report be accepted and this was seconded by Mr. Peele. So voted. The Report is attached to these minutes.

4. President Rainey advised the members that both the Cape Asbestos Company Ltd., and the English Asbestos Co., Ltd., whose resignation from A.T.I. were submitted to the Board of Governors at our February 1967 meeting, had now paid their respective membership dues for the entire year of 1967 as required under the By-Laws of the Institute. It was moved by Mr. Peele and seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the Secretary write each of these companies a letter of appreciation for their action in payment of their dues.

5. President Rainey read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. F.C. Shaw in regard to the special leather covered copy of the new Handbook of Asbestos Textiles - 3rd Edition, which was dedicated to the memory of her late husband, Cyril C. Shaw, and presented to her by the Board of Governors following our last meeting.

6. Also a letter of appreciation was noted from U.S. "Bill" Mount which he expressed his gratitude and pleasure for the attentions bestowed on him at the February meeting, his last as an active member of A.T.I.

7. President Rainey read a letter from Mr. S.J. Peele, Jr., dated April 14, 1967, in which Mr. Peele tendered his resignation from the Board of Governors; also terminated his other functions in the A.T.I. by reason of the fact that his duties and responsibilities at UniRoyal, Inc., had been realigned, and he was no longer associated with their asbestos products. Mr. Rainey expressed the most sincere regret on behalf of the Board of Governors, and paid tribute to the valuable assistance given to both the Institute and the asbestos textile industry during the many years that Mr. Peele has been active in A.T.I. and the asbestos textile industry. Mr. Gallagher moved that Mr. Peele's resignation be accepted with utmost regret, seconded by Mr. Schuman, and so voted.

8. Mr. Rainey advised the members that he had received a letter from Mr. F.C. Phillips, Marketing Manager, General Textiles, UniRoyal, Inc., under date of April 14, 1967, in which Mr. Phillips offered for the Board's consideration Richard P. Clark, newly appointed Product Sales Manager for their asbestos products, as UniRoyal's representative to serve on the Board of Governors of A.T.I. It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that Mr. Clark be approved as the representative of UniRoyal, Inc. So voted, unanimously.

Mr. Peele spoke in a most complimentary way on behalf of "Dick" Clark, and his belief in the principles and objectives of the Institute, and his desire to have UniRoyal, Inc., continue its full support of A.T.I. activities as in the past.

9. The Secretary presented the final cost figures on the 3rd Edition of the Handbook of Asbestos Textiles. The unit cost per copy of this edition was $0.663 compared with $0.728 on the prior (1961) edition; a reduction of 9% despite the smaller number of copies printed, and general increases in materials and labor costs since that year. The full details are attached to these minutes. The Board members expressed their satisfaction with this fine result, due in large part to the suggestion made by Mr. Peele about a year ago that A.T.I. work thru the purchasing department of his company in obtaining competitive bids on the printing of the Handbook.

10. The purchase of a Bauch & Lomb Dust Counter for use by all the Regular Members of the Institute has been proposed by the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee. After some discussion it was suggested by Mr. Gallagher that the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee make a specific recommendation based on latest developments by Bauch & Lomb. Subsequent to the meeting a further discussion with the chairman of the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee took place and the Board approved in principle the purchase of a Bauch & Lomb Dust Counter. The maximum amount to be spent is $5000.00, and the manufacturing committee is to get a written proposal and submit it to the Secretary for approval of the Board of Governors before the actual purchase order is issued.

The question of use of the equipment by rotation among member companies was brought up. Mr. Flocken asked if it was the intention to make permanent record of dust counts, and if so if such records would create a problem if the union got possession of them. This was thought to be no problem as the union could get the State Dept. to come into a plant and make dust counts if they so desired. Mr. Mitchell visualized that member companies would use the equipment

irregularly for spot checks. Therefore, its use by various companies should not be a problem. Mr. Flocken raised question of who would pay for repairs to the equipment, as these could be costly. Mr. Gallagher questioned the idea of making it a self-liquidating project, but question of repair costs could either be spread over the members or else absorbed by the Institute at discretion of the Board of Governors. While the Board favored the purchase of the equipment, and approved it as stated above, the details concerning schedule for rotation between companies, transportation and repair costs, etc., are still to be worked out.

11. President Rainey appointed John A. Brown, Jr., to be chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Mr. Brown will select two others to serve with him on that committee. They are to present a slate of officers for election at the next (October) meeting, also present recommendations for individuals who will serve as chairmen of the four working committees, namely: Air Hygiene & Mfg.; Technical; Sales Promotion; and Fiber Testing.

12. President Rainey stated that a verbal application for Associate Membership in the Institute had been made to him by the Mexican firm, Hilados Y Tejidos de Asbesto S.A. This concern is an affiliate of American Asbestos Textile Corporation, and Mr. Rainey said they were primary producers of asbestos textiles in Mexico and were qualified for membership. Reaction of the Board members was favorable, and it was agreed that Mr. Rainey would instruct them to submit a letter of application and the Board would act on it at the October meeting this year.

13. Mr. Schuman referred to the Planned Publicity Program as discussed in the Sales Promotion Committee at the February meeting. Said that no definite program had been formulated as yet. Quoted a letter from Mr. Martucci of Garlock Inc., in reference the firm of Edward W. Robotham of Westport, Conn., who specialize in sales promotion work. Mr. Schuman said that he would ask Mr. Martucci to explore the possibilities of this company giving us an idea of how much money it might cost the A.T.I. to present an effective sales promotion program, and what this program might entail. Also, there would be a further discussion of the matter in the Sales Promotion Committee.

14. Proposed establishment of a Scholarship Fund by A.T.I. - Mr. Rainey said that Bill Hough had recommended we consider it as a means of getting young men interested in employment in the asbestos textile industry. Suggested that members think about it. Mr. Peele suggested that we contact various textile schools to see what amount of money would be needed to stimulate interest; also investigate what the textile industry was doing about scholarships. Mr. Gallagher said that he would volunteer to check into this matter with a couple of textile schools in North Carolina. While it is not clear as to how the asbestos textile industry could derive benefit from a scholarship fund, Mr. Rainey thought that a good start would be to find out what other industries are doing.

15. Mr. Gallagher offered to supply a speaker for the October meeting.

16. In respect to locations for A.T.I. meetings in 1968 Mr. Rainey suggested that the February meeting should be in New York City or in Philadelphia. After some discussion the Secretary was instructed to make a firm reservation in New York City, at the Barbizon-Plaza, if possible. Mr. Peele suggested we consider the Sedgefield Inn at Greensboro, North Carolina, for June or October meeting. Mr. Rainey suggested the Hotel Hershey, Hershey, Pa., for October 1968. Shawnee on Delaware was mentioned also as a possible meeting site.

17. Chloride-free cloth for the Navy.

Mr. Rainey said that he wanted to discuss this subject, and warned that the asbestos textile industry should be careful to avoid getting into "a bind" as, for example, the adhesive used could change the condition as to chloride content. He believes that the industry is "sticking its neck out" to offer to supply chloride-free cloth, as the shelf-life is not known, or variation from roll to roll. Also, the cloth could possibly be contaminated by sea air. Cloth has to be shipped in polyethylene bags. Stated: "We feel that the specification is unnecessary and it could be eliminated with very little difficulty."

Mr. Flocken discussed labeling and extent of liability as to the warranty. Mr. Rainey said that he doubted that we knew enough about it to guarantee the cloth was chloride-free.

Mr. Schuman thought that we either had to guarantee it or risk the replacement of asbestos cloth by some other material. Thought that our Technical Committee might investigate to determine the "shelf-life" of chloride-free cloth.

Mr. Rainey mentioned that asbestos fibres from various sources have different chloride content, but questioned whether continuity of supply on a particular quality of fiber could be depended upon.

18. There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
H.E. Sunbury, Secretary

Addendum:

Following the meeting a handsome stop-watch (wrist type) was presented to Mr. Peele on behalf of his associates on the Board of Governors including Legal Counsel and the Secretary.

Mr. Peele was greatly pleased by their gift, and responded by expressing his deep appreciation for it.

Note: Mr. J.A. Brown, Jr., of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., had notified the Secretary by phone that due to transportation difficulties he would arrive Montreal very late in the evening. Due to this fact Mr. Brown was unable to attend the Wednesday evening meeting of the Board. However, he was present at the subsequent meeting at which the Board approved purchase of the Bauch & Lomb Dust Counting equipment as reported in Paragraph 10 of the minutes. H.E.S.