

MINUTES OF MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Links Club, New York City

Tuesday, January 14, 1964

Following breakfast at 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Klipstein.

There were present:	Kenneth H. Klipstein	Kenneth H. Hannan
	David H. Dawson	R. C. McCurdy
	George H. Decker	Robert B. Semple
	Ralph K. Gottshall	M. F. Crass, Jr.

General Counsel: Lloyd Symington

Present by Invitation: Charles S. Munson
J. A. Neubauer

Copies of the Board agenda to be considered by the Directors later in the day were distributed, and those items on which special attention was devoted are as follows:

1. Environmental Health Advisory Committee. General Decker presented a list of nominees for appointment as members of the newly organized Environmental Health Advisory Committee as follows:

Members-at-Large

E. M. Adams, The Dow Chemical Company
C. Kenneth Banks, M&T Chemicals Inc.
Fred Bartenstein, Jr., Merck & Co., Inc.
James H. Sterner, M.D., Eastman Kodak Company
John A. Zapp, Jr., E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.

Committee Representatives

Air Quality Committee - Jerome Wilkenfeld, Hooker Chemical Corporation
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Chemicals Committee - Charles F. Hagan,
Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc.
Labels and Precautionary Information Committee - Ralph G. Troup,
J. T. Baker Chemical Company
Legal Advisory Committee - Lawrence A. Coleman, Allied Chemical Corp.
Medical Advisory Committee - Carl U. Dernehl, M.D., Union Carbide Corp.
Nuclear Committee - George W. Wunder, National Lead Company
Public Relations Committee - Cleveland Lane, Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Inc.

Safety and Fire Protection Committee - Glen G. Fleming, Celanese Corporation of America

Washington Advisory Committee - Carstens Slack, Phillips Petroleum Co.

Water Resources Committee - James H. Rook, American Cyanamid Co.

Following discussion,

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the slate of nominees as presented
be recommended for approval to the Board of Directors.

2. GATT Negotiations. General Decker reported briefly on his recent visit with the Honorable Christian A. Herter, the President's Representative for Trade Negotiations. Among the items discussed was the matter of industry advisors to the Government negotiators, with no commitment forthcoming. Another meeting with David H. Dawson and representatives of SOCMA present has been scheduled with Governor Herter for January 21 to discuss, among other things, the matter of the American Selling Price.

General Decker then stated that the Association would file its brief with the Trade Information Committee on January 22, the deadline date in MCA's case having been extended from January 14 following the making of a request. Copies of the draft brief will be distributed to the Directors at the Board meeting later in the day. Those present were urged to review this and to submit comments, if any, to the Washington office not later than Monday morning, January 20. General Decker's oral presentation before TIC has been scheduled for January 30. Appearing with him will be three experts from the International Trade Committee. Mr. Semple agreed to accompany him as a representative of the Board.

3. Department of Defense -- Assistant Director for Chemical Technology. General Decker reported that following his circularization of Executive Contacts, sixteen nominations had been received for the replacement of Dr. Thurston as Assistant Director of Chemical Technology, Department of Defense, who retires from this position on April 1 next. These nominations have been passed along to DOD.

4. Traffic Committee -- Change in Name. Last fall the Traffic Committee recommended that its name be changed to "Transportation and Distribution Committee" and that its current Physical Distribution Subcommittee be renamed "Research and Development Subcommittee". Applicable terms of reference were distributed to the Directors on November 4. The Committee's recommendation was considered by the Executive Committee at its November 26 meeting but, because of questions raised, the matter was remanded back for further consideration by the staff and Committee.

General Decker then distributed to those present copies of letter which he received from J. G. Robison, Committee Chairman, dated December 30, 1963, further explaining and justifying the proposed change in name.

Following discussion,

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that the change in name proposal be approved.

5. Ad Hoc CIC Committee for West Coast. The Association has been concerned for some time over the lack of effective CIC activity in major chemical centers in California. Following several tentative inquiries on the part of the staff, Mr. Ernest Hart has taken the initiative, suggesting that a special West Coast committee be appointed to consider CIC possibilities in California and to submit a report to the Board at its Pebble Beach meeting in March. Following discussion,

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That it be recommended to the Board that an ad hoc committee be appointed to (1) survey the factors bearing upon the need for any additional Chemical Industry Council operations in California; (2) determine the direction, scope, and procedure of such activity; and (3) submit a report with recommendations to the Board at its March 1964 meeting. Further, that the ad hoc committee consist of the following personnel:

Ernest Hart (Chairman), FMC Corporation
Roy L. Brandenburger, Monsanto Chemical Company
E. E. Chipman, Productol Chemical Company
Leland A. Doan, The Dow Chemical Company
W. J. F. Francis, American Potash & Chemical Corporation
Warren H. Moyer, Chipman Chemical Company, Inc.

6. Future Meetings. The Secretary presented a list of locations and dates of past regional meetings, together with a proposed schedule for the next fiscal year.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the October 1964 meeting be held in Wilmington, Delaware, with the March 1965 meeting to follow in New Orleans.

In keeping with prior consensus, it was also the opinion of the Executive Committee that the October 1965 meeting be held in Montreal, inasmuch as it will be three years since a Canadian Regional Meeting will have been held.

With respect to the October 1964 meeting, it was felt that program should be limited to Tuesday, the 13th, with Executive Committee and Directors meetings scheduled in the morning, a group luncheon to follow, and that afternoon and evening affairs be left in the hands of the local committee, which Chairman Dawson will appoint. Nothing will be scheduled on Monday, October 12.

September 1964 Meeting. Inasmuch as the second Tuesday of September 1964 falls on the day after Labor Day, it was agreed that the regular Executive Committee and Directors Meetings should be scheduled on September 15 rather than on September 8.

7. Trade with Communist Nations. In accordance with discussion at the December 10 meeting, the International Trade Committee reviewed its Subcommittee report with respect to existing MCA policy on trade with Russia, which has been in effect since 1958. The Committee could not reach a general consensus because of conflicting views, and it was agreed that this situation should be reported to the Directors. The reports were discussed at length, and it was the opinion that the Association should seriously consider disassociating itself from any formal position on this subject. It was agreed to pass this feeling along to the Directors, with a recommendation that copies of the ITC report be circulated to the Board members and that action be taken thereon at the February 11 meeting.

8. Craft Severance. On January 2, following clearance with the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Association filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board to intervene in a craft severance case of general importance to the chemical industry. The Secretary discussed background, beginning with the Association's intervention in 1954 and 1960 in similar cases. The current petition was taken with the hope that the NLRB would undertake a complete review of its craft severance policies. If this turns out to be the case and MCA is permitted to intervene, a brief will be filed by the Association and oral argument provided if necessary. Cost to the Association should be minimal, inasmuch as a large part of the work in preparing such a brief will be done by experts from member firms.

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

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary