

MINUTES
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
SHERATON DALLAS HOTEL
DALLAS, TEXAS

MARCH 7, 1974

The meeting was called to order by J. Walton, Safety Committee Chairman, at 8:30 a.m. Those in attendance were:

C. Bandy	American Gypsum Company
C. Saturnia	The Celotex Corporation
J. Hurd	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
H. Peele	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
E. Sing	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
J. Walton	Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Corporation
T. Armstrong, Sr.	Temple Gypsum, Inc.
M. Ferguson	Temple Gypsum, Inc.
H. Ware	Temple Gypsum, Inc.
J. Cornell	United States Gypsum Company
M. Helton	United States Gypsum Company
P. McCarthy	Legal Counsel
V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association
F. Rogers	Gypsum Association

The minutes of the September 19, 1973 Safety Committee meeting were approved as recorded.

1 - INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MANUAL

The secretary reported that 342 manuals had been sold since the last meeting with a current inventory of 200. He noted that plans are being formulated to reprint the manual in loose leaf form. It was the consensus that all committee representatives review the current publication for any revisions or additions and forward their comments to the secretary prior to May 1, 1974, after which time the revision will be published. Messrs. Cornell, Rogers and Brenner will work on the revised publication. Special attention will be given to the inclusion of: an expanded lift truck section, asbestos exposure control and noise and hearing conservation programs in the revision. This subject was carried on the agenda.

2 - SAFETY BULLETIN AND FLEET SAFETY NEWSLETTER

The secretary noted a lack of member company and committee articles for the bulletin including disabling injury reports.

It was the consensus that each member would encourage their plants to forward articles and that the Association would be placed on each member's mailing list to receive disabling injury reports. The format for both the bulletin and newsletter would continue as presently structured.

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The committee reviewed the proposed "Gypsum Association Safety Contest Report." On motion unanimously passed, the new report form covering both ANSI Z 16.1 and OSHA accident experience was approved with several amendments. Z 16.1 will still remain the basis for Association contest rating and the new report form will be completed by the plants on a semiannual basis. This subject was carried on the agenda.

5 - INDUSTRIAL FREQUENCY RATES

On motion unanimously passed, this subject was combined with agenda item #4 for future agendas.

6 - INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE

The committee reviewed the proposed "Asbestos Abatement Program Guidelines" draft. It was the consensus that all committee members review the draft and forward any comments they may have to the Association by April 1, 1974, after which date the draft will be published incorporating comments from the committee. Messrs. Cornell, Brenner and Rogers will finalize the publication for mailing to the industry plant managers. Secretary Rogers indicated that he would personally solicit comments on the draft from National Gypsum, Flintkote and Grand Rapids Gypsum since they did not have representatives in attendance at the meeting. This subject was carried on the agenda.

7 - FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The committee briefly reviewed the OSHA regulations covering noise. It was noted that a new standard is currently under development by NIOSH covering noise.

Paul McCarthy, legal counsel, reviewed various criteria packages being considered by OSHA committees at present. It was the consensus that the committee should review the proposed criteria for possible industry comments. The secretary was requested to forward a current status development covering the criteria packages to the committee for comment.

Chairman Walton briefly reviewed the various legislative efforts aimed at transferring mine safety enforcement from MESA to OSHA. It was the consensus that the industry supported retention of the mine safety enforcement with MESA.

The national workmens compensation proposed legislation was reviewed by the committee. Following much discussion, it was the consensus that Chairman Walton once again report on the importance of this proposed legislation to the Board. This subject was carried on the agenda.

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March 11, 1974

Mr. Elliott M. McDowell, Jr.
American Gypsum Company
P. O. Box 6345
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

Dear Mr. McDowell:

As you know, the Association recently conducted field tests on sanding and mixing of joint treatment compound. These tests were observed by George D. Clayton and Associates, an independent laboratory experienced in environmental testing.

Copies of these reports are attached for your information. This will be a subject on the association's annual meeting agenda.

The special committee formed to conduct the test program will be meeting soon to develop a recommendation to the membership, based on the Clayton reports. You will, of course, be kept informed.

Yours very truly,

GYPSUM ASSOCIATION

H. B. Carlsen, Secretary
Special Committee on
Joint Treatment Compound

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