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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Stouffer's National
Center Hotel

Arlington, VA

March 15, 1978

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 15, 1978, at Stouffer's National Center Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. The following directors were present:

George Barge	Atlas Asbestos Corp.
Richard Baur (for	National Gypsum Co.
William B. Hoffman)	
W. H. Beasley	Cement Asbestos Products Co.
M. P. Carson	Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
Robert A. Carlson	Special Asbestos Co.
William C. Clark	Asten-Hill Ltd.
Thomas A. Dougherty	CertainTeed Corp.
Dennis E. Eldred	Vermont Asbestos Group
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.	Nicolet, Inc.
John Guffy, Jr.	Garlock, Inc.
Clarence A. Herbst, Sr.	Resinoid Engineering Corp.
A. R. Hooker	The Flintkote Co.
B. J. Iwarsson	Abex Corp.
Donald G. Magill, Jr.	Hollingsworth & Vose Co.
John H. Marsh	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
James J. McHugh (for	National Association of
George P. Vogel)	Filter Manufacturers
Adam Novak	Huxley Development Corp.
Dimitry Poutiatine	Johns-Manville Corp.
Harrison P. Rhodes, Ph.D.	Union Carbide Corp.
John Riopelle	The Bendix Corp.
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
Martin Senddecki (for	Congoleum Industries, Inc.
N. E. DeCandia)	
John Sheridan (for	Jim Walter Research Corp.
Joseph M. Ciskowski)	

Also present: A. W. Heunemann, Congoleum Industries, Inc.; Adrian May, Esq., Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; Richard T. Davis, CPA, Frantz and Co. Chartered; Richard P. Carter, Johns-Manville Corp., Hans Weill, M.D., Tulane University School of Medicine; R. H. Mereness, B. J. Pigg, and Mark Grayson, AIA/NA Staff.

Introduction

Mr. Dougherty welcomed M.P. Carson, Executive Vice President, Asbestos Corporation Ltd., to the board of directors. Mr. Richard Baur was acknowledged as representing National Gypsum Co. for William B. Hoffman. Mr. Dougherty said he was pleased to announce that George Barge would continue to represent Atlas Asbestos Corp. on the board.

Mr. Dougherty announced that Jack Rainey, Amatex Corp., had requested removal from the Executive Committee due to other demands on his time. He further announced that Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr., Nicolet, Inc., had indicated his willingness to return to service on the Executive Committee. On motion the appointment of Mr. Gabrielson to the Executive Committee was approved.

Minutes

On motion, minutes of the preceding meeting, December 14, 1977, were approved as submitted.

AIA/NA Alternative for an OSHA Construction Standard

Dr. Rhodes reviewed work to date on an AIA/NA alternative for an OSHA asbestos standard for the construction industry. He referred to OSHA's proposed revision of the manufacturing standard issued October 9, 1975, and emphasized the inordinate burden that would be placed on industry if a construction standard were patterned after this proposal. Dr. Rhodes said the Association's Ad Hoc Committee for Construction had developed a draft proposal which provides for work practices and a medical surveillance program appropriate to the special conditions of the construction industry. He referred to materials developed by the Asbestos Cement Pipe Producers Association (ACPPA) which have been made available to the Association to serve as an example to the AIA/NA approach for a construction standard. Dr. Rhodes introduced Richard P. Carter, J-M Corp., and member of the AIA/NA Standards Advisory Committee, who, he said, is preparing a "white paper", preamble, to accompany the materials the Association proposes to present to OSHA.

Mr. Carter said that OSHA recognized in its October 9, 1975, proposed revision of the asbestos manufacturing standard that there are separate and distinct factors present in the construction environment. Basically, these differences fall into three categories: (1) structure of the industry; (2) operating patterns of the industry; and (3) employment patterns of the industry. Mr. Carter spoke in detail to these categories.

Mr. Carter referred to studies of the construction industry performed by Research Triangle Institute and Equitable Environmental Health, Inc., for OSHA and AIA/NA respectively. In order to maximize benefit of any AIA/NA input to OSHA, he suggested it would be decidedly to the Association's advantage to submit

a proposed construction industry standard well before one is drafted and proposed by that agency. The earlier the input, the more receptive OSHA is likely to be.

Mr. Carter said the "white paper" now in preparation was intended to describe a realistic and justifiable approach for regulation of asbestos in the construction industry. The paper will conceptually describe an approach, i.e., what is feasible, what is necessary, and at this time, what is not. No attempt present will be made to draft a standard per se. It is likely that pre-clearance of a conceptual approach with industry and public interest groups and labor will be advisable in order to obtain as much support as possible. Once OSHA has agreed to the conceptual approach proposed by AIA/NA, an actual standard would then be drafted and provided to OSHA. Mr. Carter said drafting of the white paper should be completed by end of March. Addressal will be made to work practices, general emission control requirements, and mandatory housekeeping practices. Mr. Carter also explained the rationale for urging OSHA to exclude the asbestos standard from its generic cancer policy presently in the rulemaking process.

Mr. Dougherty expressed appreciation on behalf of the directors to Mr. Carter for his thorough and informative report, and for his outstanding contributions to the work of the AIA/NA Standards Advisory Committee.

Financial Report

The financial statement for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1977, and statement for month ended February 28, were reviewed by the president.

On motion, the financial statements were accepted as presented.

Executive Director's Report

OSHA -- There have been no significant changes since last meeting in regard to revision of the general standard for occupational exposure to asbestos dust and the to be proposed standard for the construction industry. Recent statements by Dr. Bingham, Assistant Secretary of Labor (OSHA), have not included asbestos as 1978 priority issue. However, OSHA's project officer for asbestos, William Warren, has advised that his supervisor, Mr. Froines, has expressed a desire to move forward with dispatch in addressing a number of delayed items in the health standards area, one being asbestos.

Research Triangle Institute continues its work on the contract to consolidate the RTI studies on the construction industry with those of CONSAD Research Corporation on the general standard revision. White RTI is scheduled to complete its report April 15, date for public release of the report is unknown since it must undergo a comprehensive review within OSHA.

Reference was made to the problem concerning concentration of airborne asbestos fibers in an occupational setting which would require medical examinations. Special Counsel was provided a status report on this matter and asked to forward an appropriate letter to OSHA (see Special Counsel Alcorn's letter to Dr. Bingham of March 20 attached.) It has been learned that a panel within OSHA has been named to examine the Agency's policy on the requirement for medical examinations. An OSHA memorandum of December 19, 1977, states that the 0.1 f/cc triggering policy for medical examinations will remain the basis of OSHA's enforcement action pending completion of the panel's review. Members will be advised as further developments occur.

Mr. Grayson gave a status report on the generic approach to regulation being considered by various organizations. The public hearing on OSHA's proposed generic cancer policy is scheduled to commence May 16. A copy of AIA/NA's request to participate in the proposal hearing is in folders. He remarked that a public meeting will be held March 23 at EPA headquarters concerning possible revisions to the regulatory process for the control of airborne concentrations of carcinogens and stated a generic cancer regulation proposal is expected to be published by CPSC in the near future. Dr. Rhodes said the American Industrial Health Council (AIHC) now consisting of over 90 companies and 40 associations, has recommended alternatives to OSHA. In addition, AIHC plans to respond to generic proposals as may be issued by other government agencies. John Sheridan, Jim Walter Research Corp., commented on the implications of the suspected carcinogens category in OSHA's proposal.

Reference was made to OSHA's draft proposed chemical labeling standard which was recently published inviting comment. Informal comments of the AIA/NA Standards Advisory and Technical

Committees have been relayed to the OSHA project officer. It was pointed out that labeling requirements already exist in the asbestos standard; thus, it was suggested that asbestos should be exempt from a generic approach along with other health standards that have been published. In addition, attention was invited to the excessively broad definition of "container" and "chemical" in the draft proposal which would result in an inordinate labeling requirement with minimal contribution to worker safety and health. A proposed standard is expected to be issued by OSHA in 30-60 days.

EPA -- The exceptionally broad authority of EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) was discussed. At a recent NACOSH meeting, use of this authority by EPA at the behest of other agencies was a matter of discussion. The asbestos industry can expect to be included among future actions initiated under the "umbrella" of TSCA.

CPSC -- The study conducted by A. T. Kearney, Inc., of use patterns of asbestos-containing products which may expose consumers to respirable asbestos fibers continues under review by CPSC. Its release is expected this month. Major areas of concern to the industry were not noted in a draft copy provided the Association.

DOT -- The Department of Transportation published a proposed ruling with regard to loading, shipping and handling of asbestos fiber in the Federal Register, March 2. The proposal was forwarded to appropriate addressees by AIA/NA memo of March 6 for review and comment. DOT has requested comments by May 2. AIA/NA will prepare a response for consideration by the Executive Committee. A discussion of the particulars contained in the DOT proposal followed. A need for precise definitions in such a standard was underscored. Arrangements have been made for Messrs. Carson, Asbestos Corporation Ltd., and Eldred, Vermont Asbestos Group, to call on cognizant DOT officials to discuss this subject.

NIEHS -- Reference was made to a report of the ongoing National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences study of biological effects of ingested asbestos. After period ranging from 22 to 43 weeks of feeding asbestos (chrysotile and amosite) to hamsters, there are no indications of increased mortality or other biological effects.

The Association's Technical Committee, chaired by Edmund M. Fenner, J-M Corp., is engaged in an active program of work and next meets March 29. Members desiring to have representatives on this committee were encouraged to submit names of their designees.

It was reported that the National Friction Products Corporation had forwarded a financial contribution of \$500 in support of the Association's work.

Attention was invited to the 1978 American Industrial Hygiene Conference, May 7-12, in Los Angeles, Calif. Members who employ industrial hygienists were encouraged to provide for their attendance.

The importance of the June New York Academy of Sciences International Conference on Asbestos was emphasized. In order to promote attendance and reduce travel it was advised that the Executive Committee proposes that the second quarter directors meeting be held in conjunction with the Conference on Wednesday, June 28, at the New York Hilton Hotel. Detailed information will be forwarded in near future. Mr. Dougherty remarked on the significance of the Conference and said he was hopeful that as many members as possible could be in attendance. He said that the Association had made a contribution of \$1,000 in support of the Conference as a gesture of good will and to further the responsible and creditable nature of the AIA/NA.

EEH Study

Dr. Rhodes reviewed the background of the AIA/NA contracted study with Equitable Environmental Health, Inc. (EEH) of the construction industry preparatory to responding to an OSHA proposal. A draft of this study was distributed to directors in June 1977. Close examination of the study reveals a number of deficiencies. However, due to OSHA's parallel study not being completed and resultant delay in issuance of a proposed standard, it has been essentially in a hold status for several months. It now appears appropriate to complete this work as the Association prepares to address a standard for the construction industry as earlier discussed.

The Executive Director said that a meeting was held in the Association's office on March 9 with representatives of the Association and EEH to review current status of study and finalize plans to complete the project. An agenda of the meeting, status report of study, and proposed plan for completion are enclosed. EEH proposes to deliver the final draft report by May 12. The meeting was positive and encouraging. James G. Heil, CertainTeed Corp., has agreed to serve as EEH study review group chairman. He is thoroughly knowledgeable of the report's shortcomings and will work closely with EEH to ensure that the final product is of high quality.

Legal-Medical Research Program

Captive Insurance Program

Mr. Gabrielson reported for Mr. Weiss, The Flintkote Co., Chairman of the Insurance Committee. He referred to a letter and report from Armrisk, Inc. of March 13, in folders. Mr. Gabrielson reminded that this feasibility study is not a project of the Association, but rather one funded by the companies who chose to participate. He said that the Executive Director would forward to participating companies in April notification of their share for conducting this study. As noted in Armrisk's letter, the amount is expected to be considerably less than expected.

Armrisk has concluded that it does not appear workable to establish a captive insurance company for interested AIA/NA members at this time for the following reasons:

1. Small number of companies responding with data.
2. High variation in alternative source of insurance.
3. On basis of data reasonable financial framework including capitalization and premiums for an association captive would be difficult to achieve.
4. Insurance market appears to have reached a degree of stabilization since study began.

Mr. Gabrielson said he concurred in a recommendation of Mr. Weiss to retain the insurance committee and its studies in an inactive status. The Executive Director advised that a final report and billing to participant companies would be forthcoming.

AIA/NA Air Sampling and Exchange Program

Dr. Rhodes gave a status report on this project. The round-robin program is continuing with good participation; a total of 28 laboratories are collecting and counting, and 18 laboratories are counting, only. Objective of this study is to measure variability of complete sample collection and counting process based on real workplace samples.

As a related item, Dr. Rhodes presented a proposal for AIA/NA sponsorship of an international workshop on air monitoring to be conducted in the Washington, D.C. area in October 1978. The format and program would be similar to the August 1977 meeting sponsored by the Asbestos International Association in Warmensteinach, West Germany. AIA/NA delegation for the U.S. included Drs. Chase, J-M Corp., Rhodes, F.A. Madsen, Director OSHA, and Dr. Yeahia Hammad, Tulane University. Mr. Dougherty spoke of the importance of this undertaking. He estimated that the cost would approximate \$5,000. Following discussion, sponsorship of this workshop by the Association was approved.

International Activities

Mr. Marsh invited attention to information, in folders, which speaks to misunderstanding of the concept of "environmental cancer" thus misleading the general public into believing there are simple explanations for the world-wide incidence of cancer. A Swedish pamphlet, distributed, states that diet appears to play a dominant part as a cause of cancer as compared with occupationally related cancer, and that cancers now observed started forming 10-30 years ago when hygienic conditions were on a level much inferior to those of today.

Mr. Marsh reviewed in general the work and objectives of the Asbestos International Association. Informational materials were distributed.

Mr. Marsh advised that the Asbestos International Association biennial meeting will be held in London, October 25-27. He recommended that AIA/NA consider serving as host for the 1980 meeting. This proposal will be an agenda item for the June directors meeting.

Information/Education/Publications

Mr. Poutiatine said considerable effort is being expended in this activity area. He spoke of the efforts of Mr. Reis of his staff in encouraging asbestos related trade associations

to develop work practices for their respective segments of the industry and the close ties, in this connection, that were being maintained by AIA/NA. Mr. Poutiatine invited particular attention to the newly published handbook, "ASBESTOS - Federal & State Regulations", single copies of which have been forwarded to members. He urged directors to obtain additional copies for their plant managers and others as deemed appropriate.

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Special Areas of Association Work in 1978

Mr. Dougherty spoke to the possible interest of members in an Association sponsored plant physicians conference. He said that this subject was considered in 1975 and, while interest was high at that time, other pressures of Association work had delayed its scheduling. Because of time elapsed and the significant increase in membership that has occurred, Mr. Dougherty requested the Executive Director to obtain a feeling of interest among members to hold such a meeting and to confer with Dr. Weill as to format and program.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Weill, Tulane University School of Medicine and Medical Consultant to the Association, spoke at luncheon. He commented on the state of scientific knowledge as regards asbestos and health issues. A summary of his remarks will be forwarded by separate correspondence.

Other Business

The next regular meeting of directors is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 1978, at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York City, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.


R. H. Mereness
Executive Director

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Enclosures