

MINUTES OF MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Clayton Inn, Clayton, Missouri

Tuesday, October 11, 1966

Mr. Logan called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. (CDT).

ere were present:	Herschel H. Cudd	Kenneth Rush
	John O. Logan	Henry A. Thouron
	C. B. McCoy (for David	Harry B. Warner
	H. Dawson)	John E. Wood, III
	Joseph E. Rich	M. F. Crass, Jr.

General Counsel: Marx Leva

Present by Invitation: *Dan J. Forrestal
*Arthur Northwood, Jr.
Robert B. Semple
Harold E. Thayer

Mr. Logan reported to those present that, effective October 14, he would retire from Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, and shortly thereafter assume the presidency of Universal Oil Products Company, an MCA member firm. En-
suing discussion indicated the unanimous feeling that Mr. Logan, if willing, should continue to serve out his terms as an elected Director and Officer of the Association. Mr. Logan agreed to do this and the arrangement was affirmed by the Board later in the day. The business of the meeting then proceeded, with Mr. Logan in the chair.

1. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer. Expenses for the first four months of the fiscal year totaled \$360,705 as compared with the prorated budget of \$487,600. Project expenses to date have been very low and as the year progresses, expenses and budget will be brought more nearly into line. All departmental budgets are in balance.

Arrangements have been made, as of December 1, to take over office space adjacent to the present MCA headquarters in order to house the additional personnel authorized. The Association is still seeking an air pollution technician and a public relations environmental health representative.

It was reported that a refinancing of the special retirement fund with Government Bonds bearing approximately 5% interest had been completed. This fund consists of deferred compensation reserves set aside under agreements with General Hull and General Decker.

* Present for portion of meeting only.

4. Polyvinyl Chloride. Dr. W. L. Sutton, Chairman of the Occupational Health Committee, appeared before the Executive Committee and presented a recommended program for a research study of possible health hazards in the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride. His specific recommendations were based upon a conference held at the University of Michigan on November 29 with representatives of the Occupational Health Committee and the University's Institute of Industrial Health. This follows the procedure set forth by the Executive Committee at its September 13, 1966, meeting. The proposal would involve private company X ray and general examination of exposed employees, with X rays and medical data sent to the University for study and correlation; plus plant visitations on the part of a University team to determine whether a relationship exists between occupation and incidence. It is estimated that the cost will approach \$75,000. At the conclusion of the study, an MCA symposium would be planned to discuss and publicize results. All procedures would be under the direct supervision of the OHC.

Following discussion, the Occupational Health Committee was authorized to proceed with the project as presented. As to financing, it was the consensus that all costs should be underwritten by producers, and that the plastics financial package could provide a mechanism for this purpose.

5. Emergency Poison Calls. Sent to Committee Members on December 6, at the suggestion of the Occupational Health Committee, was draft of a letter to the Executive Contacts alerting them to the need for establishment of procedures to insure more ready access by physicians and poison control centers to information on toxic products in emergency situations. Those present considered an amended draft, distributed at the meeting, which excluded public relations considerations.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the draft should be further modified by the OHC, in coordination with the MCA staff, so as to incorporate a more meaningful definition of the classes of products involved. The redraft will be given further consideration at the January 10, 1967, meeting.

6. Status of Ammonium Nitrate Technical Committee. Dr. W. J. Taylor, Jr., Chairman of the Ammonium Nitrate Technical Committee, was present by invitation, and in behalf of his committee, recommended that favorable consideration be given to a 5-point program, which would enable the ad hoc committee to continue its activities essentially as at present, but as the Agricultural Nitrogen Products Subcommittee of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee. During ensuing discussion, it was the consensus that Dr. Taylor's recommendations should not be accepted. Instead, it was the feeling that, inasmuch as safety considerations were involved, the Safety and Fire Protection Committee be requested to study the matter and to recommend a mechanism