

Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

New York Hilton Hotel, N. Y. December 21, 1966

PRESENT

W. L. Sutton, M. D., Chairman	Eastman Kodak Company
C. U. Dernehl, M. D.	Union Carbide Corporation
E. M. Dixon, M. D.	Celanese Corporation
H. H. Golz, M. D.	American Cyanamid Company
L. C. Haslam, M. D.	Canadian Industries Limited
N. V. Hendricks	Enjay Chemical Company
M. N. Johnson, M. D.	Monsanto Company
W. E. McCormick	The B. F. Goodrich Company
R. W. McNab	Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation
J. A. Pendergrass	Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.
G. J. Stopps, M. D.	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
J. H. Wolfsie, M. D.	United States Rubber Company
F. G. Stephenson, Secretary	Manufacturing Chemists Association

GUESTS

F. H. Carman	Manufacturing Chemists Association
E. E. Christofano	Hercules Incorporated
R. H. Wilson, M. D.	The B. F. Goodrich Company

ABSENT

M. Gasque, M. D.	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
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Dr. W. L. Sutton welcomed the new members -- N. V. Hendricks of Enjay Chemical Company, W. E. McCormick of The B. F. Goodrich Company, R. W. McNab of Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation, and J. A. Pendergrass of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company.

He also welcomed E. E. Christofano of Hercules Incorporated, Dr. R. H. Wilson of The B. F. Goodrich Company and F. H. Carman, Technical Director, MCA, as guests.

1. Minutes of the October 6-7, 1966 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Rules of Organization and Procedure

Minor amendments to the Rules of Organization and Procedure, as developed at the previous meeting, were accepted. The rules (attached to these minutes as Appendix A) will be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors.

3. Membership

Under the Rules of Organization, membership of the Committee shall be for four years. However, in order to retain continuity, it was agreed to stagger the present appointments based on the dates shown on letters of nomination. Therefore Messrs. Pendergrass and Hendricks were appointed for a term of 4 years, Messrs. McNab and McCormick for 3 years, and Mr. Christofano and Dr. T. R. Torkelson of The Dow Chemical Company for 2 years.

Subsequent appointments will all be for 4 years.

A membership list showing dates of appointment and retirement is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

4. Workshop on Occupational Health

Arrangements have been made to hold the Committee's first Workshop on Occupational Health at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan on March 14, 1967. The Chemical Industry Council of Michigan will co-sponsor the Workshop.

All members of the Committee will be panelists.

Mr. J. H. Nason, Chairman of the CIC of Michigan, will give introductory remarks and the luncheon speaker will be Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Assistant Surgeon-General, Chief of the Bureau of State Services of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. W. E. Sutton will be the Workshop moderator.

5. Health Hazards in PVC Manufacture

The Association will enter into a contract with the University of Michigan for an epidemiological study of the hazard. Producers of PVC resin will finance the program.

An organizational meeting will be held at the University of Michigan on January 24, 1967. Participating companies will be represented by medical and PVC process personnel.

The research program will include physical examinations of persons engaged in PVC resin production and in the fabrication of PVC articles. Hand X-rays and completion of a medical questionnaire will be involved. In addition, a team of physicians and industrial hygienists from the University of Michigan will visit participating plants to observe the operations.

The possibility of a companion study on toxicological aspects was discussed in some detail. It was voted that such a study should not be initiated until some results of the epidemiological study are available.

6. Establishment of Informational Service in Case of Accidental Poisoning

The draft prepared for Board of Directors' approval and subsequent circulation to executive contacts will be re-written to eliminate certain public relations aspects. Dr. Golz undertook to proceed with this.

The Committee voted a re-affirmation of its opinion that the establishment of company first-aid informational services is desirable and that a recommendation to this effect should be made by the Board of Directors to the managements of member companies.

It was further believed desirable that the recommendation be brought to the attention of other chemical trade associations and the National Poison Control Center.

7. Committee Program Development

A discussion took place on the general subject of MCA's role in the collection of factual information on employee exposures to toxic gases, fumes and dusts for possible use in the establishment or revision of threshold limit values. It was thought that the Industrial Hygiene Foundation could do this effectively and that the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists would favor the establishment of a collection agency by this group. Another suggestion was that MCA should more actively support and participate in the activities of the United States of America Standards Institute in the establishment of exposure limits.

There was some general agreement that support by MCA of some repository for quantitative exposure data is desirable.

This matter will be given further consideration at future meetings.

A need of standardization of air sampling procedures was stressed and a recommendation made that the Committee should sponsor industry training programs.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Dearborn Inn on March 15, 1967 (following the Workshop to be held on March 14).

Minutes subject to approval

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APPENDIX A

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

December 1966

SCOPE

Occupational health, including toxicology, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, and medicine applied to the chemical industry's in-plant environment and services and out-plant environment and customer products.

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Committee shall be:

To provide guidance to MCA and the chemical industry in occupational health.

To undertake programs and advise on policies and practices to develop, promote, and document the safe use of chemicals and chemical products from a health standpoint.

To conduct activities in the field of occupational health where cooperative efforts of association members can more effectively accomplish the purpose than can individual company efforts.

To assume a leadership role and develop an industry voice on occupational health standards, such as guides to permissible air concentrations of chemicals in the work environment.

To identify areas in occupational health of particular interest to the industry that require research and investigation, and to guide or sponsor such research.

To maintain a technically qualified organizational medium for providing assistance to member companies and for educational activities in occupational health.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Committee shall be limited to sixteen (16) representatives of member companies employed on a full-time basis for the purpose of providing occupational health services for their respective companies.

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The membership shall consist of equal numbers of (a) doctors of medicine and (b) specialists in industrial hygiene, toxicology or biostatistics.

All proposals for membership shall be considered for approval first by the Committee and second by the Board of Directors. The Committee will consider all proposals for membership on the basis of the individual's training and experience in his field in occupational health. The Committee will attempt to maintain a balanced representation of companies and disciplines, including Canadian representation.

The term of membership on the Committee shall be four years. At the end of his four-year term a member is not eligible for reappointment nor can he serve as a member of the Committee for the following twelve months except to complete his term of office as chairman or to fill a vacancy existing because a qualified replacement is not available.

Proposals for membership will be accepted and processed at any time whether or not vacancies exist. Those who are accepted will become members as vacancies arise.

Election of new members and officers will take place at the annual Spring meeting and will be effective from June 1 of that year except as provided elsewhere in these rules.

OFFICERS

The Committee shall elect its own chairman who shall serve for a period of two years.

MEETINGS

There will normally be not less than two regular meetings in any year.

Representatives of member companies may attend any regularly scheduled meeting provided the chairman is advised beforehand.

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January 1967

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chronological listing of appointment to Committee

		<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Retirement</u>
L. C. Haslam, M.D.	Canadian Industries Limited	Feb. 1956	May 31, 1967
W. L. Sutton, M.D.	Eastman Kodak Company	Nov. 1957	May 31, 1967
H. H. Golz, M.D.	American Cyanamid Company	Oct. 1959	May 31, 1967
C. U. Dernehl, M.D.	Union Carbide Corporation	June 1963	June 1967
M. Gasque, M.D.	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.	Oct. 1964	Oct. 1968
G. J. Stopps, M.D.	E. I. du Pont de Nemours	Nov. 1965	Nov. 1969
E. M. Dixon, M.D.	Celanese Corporation	April 1966	April 1970
N. Johnson, M.D.	Monsanto Company	April 1966	April 1970
J. H. Wolfsie, M.D.	U.S. Rubber Company	April 1966	April 1970
J. A. Pendergrass	Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company	Oct.18,1966	Oct.18,1970
N. V. Hendricks	Enjay Chemical Company	Oct.24,1966	Oct.24,1970
R. W. McNab	Wyandotte Chemicals Corp.	Oct.26,1966	Oct.26,1969
W. E. McCormick	B. F. Goodrich Co.	Nov.2, 1966	Nov.2, 1969
E. E. Christofano	Hercules Incorporated	Jan.3, 1967	Jan.3, 1969
T. R. Torkelson, Ph.D.	Dow Chemical Company	Jan.4, 1967	Jan.4, 1969
G.J. Levinskas, Ph.D.	American Cyanamid Company	Jan.10,1967	Jan.10,1971