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MINUTES OF MEETING - PLASTICS COMMITTEE Manhattan Club, New York City, October 22, 1952

PRESENT:

Mr. M. G. Milliken	Mr. Dan M. Rugg
Mr. H. S. Bunn	Mr. J. P. Coe
Mr. R. S. Firestone	Mr. F. H. Carman
Mr. J. C. Richards, Jr.	

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M. with Mr. Milliken in the Chair.

OYSTER HARBORS CONFERENCE

The total charges for the 1952 Conference, allocated to 84 member representatives, amounted to \$5,793.74, as compared with 1951 total charges of \$5,397.49 allocated to 94 representatives. All participating members have been billed and most of the payments have been received by the MCA Treasurer.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

A draft of a resolution of sympathy on the death of Mr. Abbiati was read, and after slight revision was approved. It was the sense of the Committee that this should be hand lettered with illuminated capitals on parchment paper and set up in a black leather case to be signed by all members who attend the meeting on November 24. The group suggested that one or more representatives of the Association make a special trip to present this to Mrs. Abbiati.

TARIFF COMMISSION REPORT

The Committee was advised of the present system of the Tariff Commission in collecting monthly statistics on production, sales, and stocks on hand for the various plastics and synthetic resin materials. They are currently reporting only production and sales. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the group that a report of stocks on hand for which they are already collecting figures would be useful information for the industry and if approved by most of the interested members that a request be forwarded to the Tariff Commission recommending publication of such stocks on hand figures as are now available. It is understood the MCA office will take this matter up with other industry members for approval before requesting this work of the Tariff Commission.

PALEY COMMISSION

Members were advised of the pending general conference on resources to consider the Paley Commission recommendations and similar matters. It was the sense of the group that the Association take whatever steps are necessary to see that representatives of the plastics materials manufacturers are adequately represented on any panels set up and pertinent to the chemical industry.

TECHNICAL DATA BOOK

The Committee unanimously approved the distribution of a copy of the 1952 edition to each Executive Contact to the Association, advising him of this activity on the part of members interested in plastic materials and the method of financing same.

The Committee approved the suggestion that surplus copies of the 1948 edition be donated to various vocation high schools interested in plastic materials as a public relations activity to be headed up by the technical committee representatives. It is understood that such distribution to colleges and more advanced trade schools might not be appropriate since the new edition is now available.

NPA PERSONNEL

Members were advised that Mr. Tokarz, now deputy to Dr. Kilgore in the NPA Chemical Division, will be leaving his post about December 1 and that need for a replacement is still not clarified. Following discussion, it was the sense of the group that they be advised immediately if a replacement is required and everything possible will be done to fill this WOC position.

MISCELLANEOUS

For the Committee, Mr. James L. Rodgers, Jr. has visited Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. regarding participation in Association activities, but no report is yet available.

A contact with The Borden Co., Chemical Division, was not possible before this Committee meeting.

Following discussion of Mr. Warren Kinsman's article on "Selling" carried in Chemical Engineering Progress, September, 1952, it was agreed reprints should be obtained for all member representatives if available.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Association is scheduled for November 25 with the Plastics Group dinner set up for Monday, November 24. It was the sense of the Committee that Dr. Frederick should be given ample time for his report on the plastics industry in Germany and other aspects of his European trip. This is to be followed by a showing of the new Bakelite film.

Although members were generally opposed to further extension of controls, it was the sense of the Committee that definite action regarding extension of the Defense Production Act should be left to the Directors.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled for approximately 5:30 P.M. November 24 immediately prior to the Group meeting beginning at six-thirty.

WHEREUPON, adjournment was taken at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *F. H. Carman*
F. H. Carman, Asst. Sec.

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