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Manufacturing Chemists Association

BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

Union Club New York, N. Y.

February 8, 1972

PRESENT

Directors:

Edward J. Donley, Acting Chairman
T. G. Hughes

Committee Representatives:

Willard F. Bixby	Chairman, Air Quality Committee
George E. Brown	Chairman, Solid Wastes Management Committee
Robert J. Hanson	Vice Chairman, Water Resources Committee
N. V. Hendricks	Chairman, Occupational Health Committee
George W. Ingle	Vice Chairman, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Chemicals Committee
Sanford Schreiber	Chairman, Safety and Fire Protection Committee
G. Robert Sido	Chairman, Labels and Precautionary Information Committee

MCA Staff:

George E. Best, Secretary

ABSENT

Directors:

Herschel H. Cudd
William B. Graham
Carl A. Gerstacker
George W. Russell
Jesse Werner

The minutes of the November 23, 1972 meeting were approved as distributed.

Mr. Donley invited each committee representative to highlight his written report, appended to these minutes; discussion brought out the following points of emphasis:

- Close liaison between MCA staff and Federal regulatory agencies is desired, in order to learn about -- and where possible to participate in -- the development of regulations at as early a stage as possible. This was felt to have extraordinary significance now and in the near future with the Department of Labor on OSHA regulations and the Environmental Protection Agency on air and water pollution control regulations. Regarding the former, an Intercommittee Task Group is now being formed to facilitate consideration of the various disciplinary interests of concerned MCA committees, with a corresponding Staff Group. Committee representatives urged that procedures be streamlined so that MCA recommendations may be prepared in a timely fashion, and that efforts always be directed toward presenting positive and constructive recommendations, minimizing the number of instances where division of opinion frustrates making any recommendation at all.

- With regard to OSHA plant inspections for investigation of complaints, Mr. Schreiber feels there is evidence of insufficient documentation in complaint submittals, as the law requires. It was suggested inquiry be made to DOL to determine whether they would be friendly to requiring an indication of whether the complaint had been taken up with, and received any attention from, plant management.

Mr. Donley observed it is to be hoped companies would encourage their employees to first register their complaints within the company.

- Messrs. Bixby and Hanson recognized the placing of more authority and responsibility in EPA regional administrators, and indicated efforts are being made to establish liaison with them through committee member assignments. Mr. Best urged that information so developed be communicated to staff personnel so it can be disseminated for wider benefit, and at the same time cautioned against such individuals assuming the role of MCA spokesmen unless specifically authorized.

- Mr. Sido referred to differences of opinion among various industrial and governmental bodies on flash point

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test methods and flammable liquid definition as being the principal barrier to approval of MCA's LAPI Manual as an American National Standard by the canvass method of adoption. Efforts will continue to resolve these differences, failing which MCA will propose to ANSI that a committee be formed to develop a precautionary labeling standard.

- Mr. Hendricks drew particular attention to NIOSH interest in assembling data on occupational exposures to chemicals, stating that chemical industry people are rendering assistance in designing a questionnaire for this purpose. He mentioned that for some years the Industrial Health Foundation has invited submission of data of this kind, with little success.

- Mr. Brown reported Federal attention to solid wastes is centering principally on landfill, with industrial wastes largely ignored. He pictured developing state programs as being a hodge-podge, with the Solid Wastes Management Committee attempting to set up assignments for liaison purposes.

Mr. Ingle, who is chairman of SPI's Plastic Waste Management Committee, mentioned the next meeting of that committee on March 1 at the New York Hilton, at which there will be a series of presentations on recycling.

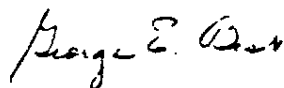
- Mr. Ingle made reference to MCA's February 24th meeting for representatives of companies interested in the toxicology of phthalates. He also foresaw more extensive evaluation of the teratogenic, carcinogenic, and mutagenic potential of chemicals in general.

From the committee reports, it is evident there is now limited optimism among committee members about developing rating systems for performance in environmental controls, but a willingness to try. Particularly on this account, it was agreed the Board Liaison Committee should schedule its next meeting in conjunction with the May 9th meeting of the Board of Directors, with progress reports on this matter to be due on that occasion.

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Secretary's Note: By action of the Board on February 8, Mr. James A. Hughes, Diamond Shamrock Corporation, replaces Mr. George W. Russell on this Committee, Mr. Russell having

been transferred to the Board Liaison Committee for
Government Relations.



George E. Best
Secretary

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Attachments

cc: Affiliated committees
Mr. James A. Hughes
Mr. C. E. Otis
Mr. W. J. Driver
Mr. J. R. Carnes
Mr. B. M. Barackman
Mr. H. B. Brown
Mr. M. M. Hoover
Dr. K. D. Johnson
Mr. F. G. Stephenson
Mr. Lloyd Symington