three-fourths of the Membership of the Institute to elect a new Member.

At the Board of Directors meeting preceding the Membership Meeting, the Board had recommended that the Constitution be amended to permit the affirmative votes of a simple majority of the Members casting ballots be required to elect a new Member. As any such amendment was subject to ratification by the Membership, the Board had recommended this change, subject to review by the Membership at this meeting. Some Members stated that this was not sufficient support to elect a new Member. A suggestion was made that a Member casting a negative vote on an application for Membership be asked to support the vote with reasons for the vote. It was then suggested that input of this nature might be helpful if presented before the Membership voted on an application. A suggestion was made that the Institute advise the Membership on the filing of an application for Membership, and that comments on the qualifications of the applicant could be sought at the time for later consideration of the Board and the Membership.

It was recommended that this subject be returned to the Board of Directors for further consideration. At the subsequent Board meeting, it was resolved that the affirmative votes of two thirds of the Active Members casting ballots within 30 days of the mailing of ballots would be required to elect a new Member. Ballots will be sent to the Membership for ratification of this proposed amendment of the Constitution.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. J. W. Armstrong, Chairman of the Health and Environmental Affairs Committee presented his Committee report. Refer to EXHIBIT 9.

Mr. Armstrong addressed the items referred to the Committee at the 1980 Meetings. These had to do with the approaches to assist members who were having difficulties with health and environemental regulations. He covered steps the Institute had taken to advise on the outside help that is available, and noted the series of information bulletins that were sent to the Membership on EPA matters, hazardous waste disposal, and the like. Mr. Armstrong then discussed the possible exchange of information on citations from regulatory authorities and the corrective action involved. A questionnaire had been sent to the Membership relating to questions in this area.

Mr. Armstrong then reviewed initiatives from the EPA's Office of Toxic Substances, and the comments the Institute sent the EPA as concerns EPA proposals on record-keeping and reporting to that agency. His report covered what appeared to be a new "spirit of cooperation" between EPA and industry, and the new liaison between the EPA rulemakers and representatives from industry. Mr. Armstrong's report concluded with comments on OSHA, and the indication that there is a temporary hold on asbestos regulations that could affect the friction materials industry.

After delivering his report, the Chairman commented that he had requested comments or input from Members who were having specific problems, but that comments or input were not received. After the EPA had made broad proposals on recordkeeping and reports for the asbestos products industry, comments were solicited from the Membership but none were received. The comments sent to EPA were those of the Committee only. A questionnaire had been sent to the Membership on areas where