MINUTES OF THE 85TH MEETING OF THE
QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 1963
AT THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC, QUEBEC, P.Q.

Present:

Messrs.	W.J. Johnson	I.C. Campbell	A.S. Johnson, Jr.
	M.J. Messal	J.R. Corbett	R.J. Merrill
	A.L. Penhale	(A.S. & P.)	L.O. Montpetit
	R.S. Coleman	R.Dodds-Hebron	M.C. Phare
	P.A. Meyer	J.C. Eby	F.P. Smith
	G.W. Smith	F.P. Hodgson	I. Sabourin
	G. Robinson	G.F. Jenkins	P.-A. Filteau

Mr. W.J. Johnson occupied the chair.

Minutes of the meeting of May 27th, 1963 were adopted.

Technical Committee

The chairman reported on the committee meeting held September 17th last, at which time the terms of reference of the committee were reviewed and accepted with a few minor changes. These terms of reference were tabled at the meeting and had been submitted for formal Q.A.M.A. approval in a letter dated September 20th, 1963 from the chairman of the committee to the president of the Association.

Moved and seconded later that these terms of reference be approved. Adopted.

It was announced that J.R. Hutcheson had been appointed a member of the Fibre Testing Committee of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

The chairman explained that the work was being continued on the Bauer-McNett classifier.

The chairman also reported briefly on the work being carried on by Dr. Cummins:

a) Test work on the accelerated S.U. Test with alumina cement.
b) Length measurement and dimensional distribution in Ottawa laboratory.
c) Project on sonic methods completed but not satisfactory for length determination.
d) Length measurement by direct projection.
e) Relations between fibre length and properties of asbestos cement products.
f) Evaluation of asbestos in paper and plastics.

With respect to screen specifications for standard testing machine, Tyler has given assurance that he can supply cloth within specs. One year supply has been ordered.

For the preparation of samples for the Q.S. Test submitted to the Sherbrooke Lab., five methods were used, but none was found to correlate with all companies.

Work on oil absorption test is being pursued.

A procedure for the Johnson Wash Test was submitted for approval by the Association and adopted.

The chairman of the Technical Committee also informed the members that the chairman of the Fibre Testing Committee requested that any and all test recommendations concerning new methods be submitted for review by a sub-committee appointed for that purpose by the Technical Committee, before final approval. Technical Committee to meet again on November 19th, 1963, at Sherbrooke University.

Fibre Testing

The 1964 budget for the Sherbrooke Lab. was tabled for approval:

Capital Expenses:		
Laboratory equipment	3,110.00	
Furniture	320.00	
Sub-total		3,430.00
Operation Expenses:		54,760.00
Total		58,190.00

Adopted as proposed.

Approval was requested of a proposal submitted by Dr. Cummins concerning the research work on new test methods.

Key points are:

a) Move the next phase of the work to Sherbrooke.
b) Terminate Nova Scotia technical program July 1, 1964.
c) University of Sherbrooke to provide additional space after July 1, 1964.

d) Add one research engineer (Don Gillis) to J. Paré staff to handle this part of work under the latter, and have authorization to add a technician when needed.

e) Promote J. Paré to direct the Laboratory and test method development.

f) Dr. Collins' services to be retained on a consulting basis if, and as needed, after approval by Q.A.M.A.

Propcsal adopted, with the request that an integrated budget be prepared for next meeting.

Approval to purchase a Sag Cake Tester requested and adopted.

Uniform Classification and Gradino

Inspector's monthly reports have been distributed by mail as usual. The chairman of the Committee informed that two types of reports are prepared by the insoector every month and that during a period of six months, 320 grades had been submitted to the Sherbrooke Laboratory.

At the last meeting of the Committee held October 23rd, it was suggested that exchange of samples be reduced to once a year instead of twice a year.

Overgrading was discussed in connection with present verification methods and it was moved and adopted that members submit proposals to Committee in view of bringing

about improvement and correction within standard specs.

It was moved that the decision on a request to reinstate old grades 5Z or 6A (min. 0.0-0.0-7.0-9.0, and max. 0.0-0.0-8.0-8.0) be deferred to next meeting. Carried.

The chairman reported that C.J.M. had offered to have "S" fibres tested at the end of circuit.

The meeting was also advised that R. Dodds-Hebron replaces H.A. Smith on Uniform Classification and Grading Committee.

Industrial Relations

The chairman reported on meeting of September 10th at which time the Committee continued the study of Labour Contract clauses and discussed briefly Government Bill No. 54. Copies of minutes of meeting have been issued to all members. Next meeting to be held November 12th, 1963.

Safety

Nothing to report.

Workmen's Compensation

The counsel reported that between January 1st, and October 1st, fifteen claims had been filed, seven of which have been disposed of and eight not fully settled of which four are expected to be rejected. In awards made affirmatively 100% disability was granted in four cases and 25% in three cases. It can be said that there is a tendency for more and more employees reaching age sixty-two and sixty-three to present claims to the Workmen's

Compensation Board. The legal counsel also reported on several lung cases presently under expertise by Commission. Mr. Sabourin also plans to review and appeal specific awards made recently affecting two companies .....

Traffic

The chairman reported on a meeting held in September and informed the members that a sub-committee had been in contact with the River Plate Conference in an attempt to reduce some of its shipping rates.

Legislation and Taxation

Meetings were held with the Q.M.M.A. and a brief is presently drafted for submission to the Royal Commission on Taxation. A copy of the final draft to be sent to every member before its presentation.

It is reported that there is serious doubt that the new Mining Act will be submitted at the next session. Representations on certain articles of the Act are yet to come from Q.M.M.A.

It was reported that as a result of representations made to Ottawa, a number of materials and supplies previously exempt from federal sales tax under the machinery and production certificate, were now classified as materials and supplies expended and, accordingly, were free of sales tax if purchased under the consumed certificate. Details have been advised to each member. Wire Screen Cloth purchased in bulk and cut to size is still exempt from federal sales tax under the consumed or expended certificate, but if bought pre-cut to size, is considered by the Department to be parts of machinery and thus subject to federal sales tax at the applicable rate.

Public Relations

The chairman distributed to each and every member a copy of a report prepared by Editorial Associates. Comments

on this report were made by the members of the Committee in answer to questions raised.

The Secretary-General mentioned the many meetings he had with several Government departments and the O.M.M.A.

Liaison - O.M.M.A.

As mentioned, regular exchanges have taken place between the two associations, the latest proposal from O.A.M.A. is to support a brief on the changes in the new Mining Act concerning the acquisition of mining rights. It is proposed to ask for the status quo (title to property in the form of mining concession), or at least, for a longer period than a fifty year lease on property (thirty year lease renewable for twenty years), as proposed in the new Mining Act. It was moved and adopted that such support be given by O.A.M.A.

Stock Pile

Nothing to report.

Citation - M.K. Inayoshi

It was agreed to present the testimonial tabled at the meeting on parchment with appropriate type of lettering, the whole to be properly framed.

Mines Ministers Conference

Brief reports on discussions held at the Halifax Conference were presented by the three delegates of the Association.

One committee dealt loosely with silicosis and medical examination of miner, touching also on rules governing surface construction on mining properties.

A second committee reviewed legislation affecting prospecting and the problems of collecting uniform geological data and exchanging previously compiled prospecting data. Policies and regulations governing mining activities in Provincial and National Parks were also discussed.

The third committee proposed, after a lengthy discussion of present federal and provincial income tax regulations, that Ontario prepare a revised digest of the mining tax base in each of the provinces for further comparative study. It was also requested to continue the Emergency Cold Mining Assistance Act.

A meeting of the Provincial Mining Associations was held on the first day of the Conference to inform the delegates on new provincial and federal legislation and on other matters, such as the Carter Commission on Taxation, a proposed research advisory committee, etc. A word of caution was sounded in regards to the tendency of Government Labour Departments to assume certain prerogatives usually fulfilled by Mines and Natural Resources Departments.

The delegates had also the opportunity of visiting the Nova Scotia Tech. and judge the research work for Q.A.M.A. going on under Dr. Collin's supervision.

American Textile Institute Display

The Secretary-General reported on the correspondence exchanged with the Canadian National Railways and the Montreal Tourist

Information Bureau. There is a possibility that a display space can be obtained at Place Ville-Marie in early 1964. The Secretary-General to contact Mrs. N. MacLean of Webb & Knapp in January.

C.I.M. Education Committee

It was moved that the Secretary-General be appointed as representative to the advisory committee to the general committee on education. Adopted. Professor Corlett, chairman of the C.I.M. Education Committee, to be so advised.

The request from C.I.M. for Q.A.M.A. financial contribution was discussed. It was proposed to make a yearly donation of $500.00, subject to an annual review as to its actual use and benefit. Adopted.

1967 World's Fair

The Secretary-General was delegated to form a committee of members from Q.A.M.A. companies engaged in the manufacture of asbestos products, the intent being to propose to the World's Fair management the use of asbestos products in the various structures, wherever possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Q.A.M.A. Treasurer

a) Accounts payable - ratified as follows:

Editorial Associates -	May	$ 5,350.44
	June	5,350.44
	July	5,350.44
	August	5,350.44
	Credit re August	(1,645.04)
	September	5,350.44
		$25,107.16

Marsh & McLennan -	Office Furniture	27.00
	Life Insurance	546.30
	Major Medical	240.40
Thetford Foundry -	Payment of Royalties received:	$250.00

b) By-law requested by insurance company to set up a trusteeship of a pension fund for Secretary-General office. Referred to counsel for perusal and G.A.M.A. decision subject to approval by counsel. (Text of by-law to be forwarded later following clearance by legal counsel).

Trustees proposed: W.J. Johnson, C.W. Smith, C. Robinson. Adopted.

c) It was moved that a donation of $25.00 be made towards St. George Christmas Fund in Sherbrooke. Adopted.

d) Moved that bank account of $500.00 for the Quebec office be set up at the Royal Bank of Canada. Adopted.

e) It was moved and adopted that a shed for a mine rescue station be erected on a plot of Asbestos Corporation property.

f) It was suggested to refer to the chairman of the Technical Committee the matter of obtaining copies and/or reprints of the manual of testing procedure from the Asbestos Textile Institute. A request for one hundred copies has been received from.C.J.M.

Presentation to W.H. Soutar

It was suggested that some sort of tangible recognition be extended to W.H. Soutar for his many years of services to Q.A.M.A. at the next special meeting of the Association.

Next meeting

Next regular meeting will be held in Sherbrooke at the St. George's Club, at 10:00 a.m., January 13th, 1964.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.