

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
7:30 a. m., Tuesday, March 8, 1977
Lakeway Inn, Austin, Texas

1. Financial Report for Nine Months Ended February 28, 1977.
2. MCA Views on Additional Major Issues of Significant Impact Upon the Chemical Industry.
3. Joint Meeting (2/17/77) of the Subgroup on Policy and Budget and Subgroup on Standards of NACOSH (National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health) to Discuss OSHA's Generic Carcinogens Proposal.
4. Report on Washington Meeting of Smaller Member Companies February 16, 1977.
5. Report by Outside Counsel on Progress of Amicus Curiae Brief in Rohm and Haas v. Dawson Chemical et al.
6. MCA Nominations to EPA for Membership on its Toxic Substances Advisory Committee.
7. MCA Role in Administration of Special Projects and Advocacy with Federal Regulatory Agencies, and Participation of Middle Management.

MINUTES OF MEETING
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Following breakfast at 7:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by the chairman. There were present:

James G. Affleck, Chairman	
Earle B. Barnes	Tom K. Smith, Jr.
William H. Bricker	William S. Sneath
Edward Donley	Harvey J. Taufen
William J. Driver	Alexander B. Trowbridge
J. Morris Evans	(for John T. Connor)
Richard E. Heckert	Robert A. Winslow

Daniel K. Mayers, Outside Counsel
Bruce M. Barackman, Staff Counsel
George E. Best, Secretary-Treasurer

By Invitation:

Harry D. McNeeley, Eastman Kodak Company

1. Financial Report for Nine Months Ended February 28, 1977
Mr. Best reported the information shown in Exhibit A.

2. Major Issues Impacting the Chemical Industry Mr. Driver referred to the four position papers distributed in advance with the tentative agenda -- (1) Air Pollution Control, (2) Water Pollution Control, (3) Toxic Substances Control, (4) Occupational Safety and Health -- which together with the three reviewed last month are planned for wide distribution, and importantly to Chemical Industry Councils. Suggestions regarding distribution were invited. As circumstances warrant, position papers on other subjects will be developed.

While the seven identified above represent previously established policy, the route of development was discussed. Normally, recommendations originate with standing committees and are subject to Board approval if new departures are involved. Assurance was given that such proposed papers would be distributed to the Executive Committee with an opportunity for response, as in the present instance.

With regard to opting for vertical standards in the paper on occupational safety and health, it was observed that over-regulation could

result from designing a single standard to meet the most difficult circumstances, and suggested that the text be modified so as to avoid misinterpretation.

3. OSHA's Generic Carcinogens Proposal Dr. Taufen reported on the February 17th meeting held under the auspices of units of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health concerning OSHA's "cancer policy" proposal. He indicated that effective presentations were made, including one from MCA by Emil Christofano, chairman of the MCA Occupational Health Committee.

Dr. Taufen has organized three units on medical/technical, legal, and procedural aspects of the proposal, respectively. They are working on a paper for presentation at further hearings on April 5.

The desirability of coordinating industry efforts was emphasized, and Mr. Driver reported having been contacted by Mr. Lang of SOCMA encouraging that MCA take the lead.

4. Meeting of Executive Contacts of Small Member Companies Mr. Driver reported that representatives of 30 companies met with the staff on February 16 to learn about current program activities. For many it was their first direct exposure; much of the discussion centered on more effective communication. The meeting was felt to have been highly beneficial, and Mr. Driver expressed an intention to try to reach other small members that were unable to be represented on this occasion.

5. Amicus Brief/Rohm and Haas v. Dawson Chemical et al Mr. Mayers reported that the due date has been extended to March 21 and that John Pickering is heading the preparation of the amicus brief.

6. Nominations for EPA Toxic Substances Advisory Committee Following brief discussion of the merits of submitting more or fewer candidates, no objection was raised to proposing the four listed in the paper distributed in advance with the tentative agenda, namely, Dr. Etcyl Blair (Dow), Dr. Richard E. Heckert (Du Pont), Mr. Wayne C. Jaeschke (Stauffer), and Dr. William L. Sutton (Eastman Kodak). Mr. Driver said he would write to member companies to urge support of these nominees, but with the understanding that they should feel free to propose others.

7. Participation of Middle Management in MCA Activities Dr. Barnes referred to his February 7th memorandum addressed to the Executive Committee and reiterated its point that there is relatively little opportunity for middle management to participate in MCA activities. The importance of their being kept informed was illustrated by Mr. Smith through his recounting the recent experience with releasing toxicological information on acrylonitrile developed under the research project being carried out under MCA's administration.

As additional background, Mr. Driver indicated he would provide a full briefing on the several sponsored projects MCA is currently administering, including the company personnel identified with them.

8. Energy Conservation Program Mr. Driver told of the MCA Energy Conservation Committee's request for up to \$10,000 for the services of a qualified law firm to provide information and guidance relative to Carter Administration legislative proposals on energy conservation which are due for completion by April 20. This was approved. It was agreed that Mr. Wishart should report on this matter at the April 12th meeting of the Executive Committee.

9. Arnstein Case Mr. Barackman reported the prospect of out-of-court settlement for a total of \$4,000, of which MCA's share as one of two remaining defendants will be \$2,000.

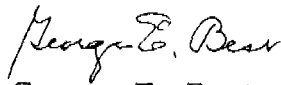
10. American Chemical Society -- Proposal re Employers/Inventors Dr. Affleck referred to a proposal currently under ACS consideration regarding company recognition of employee inventors, and suggested that MCA might develop a position on the matter. He provided some papers on the subject to Mr. Driver for distribution of copies to members of the Executive Committee.

11. Administrative Matters

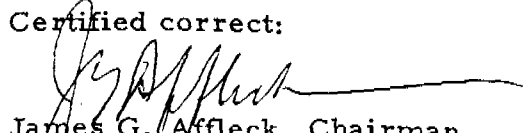
(a) Office of the Chemical Industry Trade Advisors
Mr. Driver reported that all of the trade associations which have been sponsoring this program are pleased with the prospect of Monsanto's making Myron Foveaux available to serve as the full-time Deputy Advisor, beginning not later than May 1. An industry executive to serve part-time as the Senior Advisor is still being sought.

(b) MCA President's Reception This year's reception on April 12 already having been cancelled on account of the congressional Easter recess, Mr. Driver suggested that its purpose would be better served by inviting one or two members of Congress to Board luncheons and otherwise arranging visitations by industry executives.

It was agreed to discontinue the reception as a regular function.


George E. Best
Secretary-Treasurer

Certified correct:


James G. Affleck, Chairman
MCA Executive Committee

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