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MINUTES of the eighth meeting of Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at The Union Club, Park Avenue and 69th Street, New York City, on April 10, 1951, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

There were present:

Messrs.	William M. Rand	H.O.C. Ingraham
	Charles S. Munson	W. S. Landes
	George W. Merck	C. D. Marlatt
	L. T. Beale	John E. McKeen
	W. M. Billing	J. W. McLaughlin
	L. I. Doan	P. T. Sharples
	H. W. Fisher	W. H. Ward
	D. S. Frederick	R. L. Taylor
	R. C. Gaugler	M. F. Crass, Jr.

Alternates: E. V. Daveler (for H.I. Young)
John R. Hoover (for W. S. Richardson)

Present by invitation:

Thomas S. Nichols, National Production Authority
K. H. Klipstein, National Production Authority
Felix N. Williams, Monsanto Chemical Company

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The Chairman welcomed as guests of the Board of Directors Messrs. Thomas S. Nichols, Deputy Administrator, National Production Authority, and K. H. Klipstein, Deputy Director, N.P.A. Chemical Division. Mr. Nichols discussed organization of the National Production Authority and immediate requirements for top men from the chemical industry to staff executive positions within the N.P.A. Following conclusion of discussion on this and related mobilization topics, Messrs. Nichols and Klipstein were excused from the meeting.

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I. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the March 13, 1951, meeting were duly approved as sent to the members.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) The report of the Treasurer for the period March 1 to March 31, 1951, was reviewed, and

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the report be accepted and placed on file.

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(b) National Lead Company. Inasmuch as National Lead Company will be an Association member only three months at the time of the close of the current fiscal year,

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the By-Law requirement on membership fee be waived in this case and that current payment be compiled on the basis of one-fourth of the total annual fee.

(c) Budget and Financing for Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 1951. The Treasurer presented a tentative budget for the New York and Washington offices for the forthcoming fiscal year, together with (1) supplemental budget for the proposed public relations program and (2) proposed method of financing. With reference to the proposed method of financing, this embodied a 50% increase in membership fee for the 43 member firms having 1949 payroll under \$1 million, and a 75% increase for the balance of the membership. Such financing does not include the supplemental public relations budget to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting. Following discussion, it was suggested that the matter be held over for further consideration at the next meeting and that figures be worked up on the basis of (1) a 25% increase in membership fee for all members with annual payrolls less than \$1 million, (2) a 50% increase for those with payrolls between \$1 million and \$5 million, and (3) a top limit of \$25,000 on payment received from any one member firm.

Mr. Taylor was requested, in his calls on member firms prior to the next meeting, to ascertain the reaction of such members to the increased budgetary requirements and accompanying increase in membership fees.

(d) Annual Audit. The Treasurer was authorized to employ the services of Phagan, Tillison & Tremble in connection with the annual audit of the Association's books for the current fiscal year.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

(a) Pollution Abatement Conference. Printed programs of the Sixth M. C. A. Pollution Abatement Conference to be held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, April 16 and 17, were distributed. At least 175 registrants are expected.

(b) Tank Car Construction Program. In a letter dated April 6 the Secretary sent members of the Board of Directors copy of letter received from Mr. H. B. McCoy, Assistant Administrator, National Production Authority, dated March 26 advising that appropriate steps had been taken to assure production of 630 cars during April, this figure increasing progressively to 850 cars by July 1 and each month thereafter. Production of tank cars for the month of April will approximate 400. The Government's tank car building program which has now been separated from the general freight car building program at Association request is based upon two M. C. A. industry surveys.

Eventual success of the tank car program will be due in large part to the efforts of our Tank Car Advisory Subcommittee and Washington office personnel.

(c) Office of Price Stabilization - Proposed Manufacturers Rollback Order. The Secretary briefly discussed factors of this proposed order dealing with chemicals and advised that at the request of O. P. S. suggestions have been made concerning the makeup and personnel for six industry advisory committees.

(d) Precautionary Labeling. Arrangements have been made to present the Association's precautionary labeling program to the Conference of State and Territorial Health Officers the latter part of this year in an effort to facilitate adoption of the Association's uniform labeling program on a nationwide basis.

(e) N. P. A. Containers Consultant. Mr. C. H. Mayhood, Packaging and Transportation Engineer on the Association's Washington office staff, was authorized to serve as a consultant to the N. P. A. Chemicals Division on container matters.

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) Report of the Nominating Committee. In his capacity as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Beale presented the slate of Officers and Directors of the Association for the forthcoming fiscal year to be presented to the membership at the 79th Annual Meeting.

V. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Taylor reported on his calls to member firms since the last meeting and advised that approximately 20 additional calls would be made prior to the May meeting.

Fall Meeting. The date of December 13, 1951, has been tentatively reserved at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City for the proposed mid-year meeting. A Program Committee has not yet been appointed, but this will be announced at the May meeting.

VI. COMMITTEES

(a) General Safety Committee. Members were presented with copies of Chemical Safety Data Sheet SD-39 on Hydrochloric Acid, Aqueous and Hydrogen Chloride, Anhydrous.

Certificates of Achievement. The Secretary reported that the audit had been concluded on reports received from member firms concerning accident records for the calendar year 1950. One hundred sixty plants of 22 member firms went through the year without a lost time injury. Certificates of Achievement for each plant will be presented to the Executive Contacts of the respective member firms. The first Lamot du Pont Safety Award, embodying two bronze plaques, will be presented at the 80th Annual Meeting in 1952 in accordance with the regulations governing this contest.

(b) Water Pollution Abatement Committee. Appointment of Mr. V. M. Steinfeldt, Eastman Kodak Company, replacing Mr. H. G. Cooke, as a member of the Committee was approved.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Annual Meeting. Mr. Fisher reported progress in connection with the Business Meeting program to be held on the afternoon of June 14 at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Consideration is being given to a program based upon the chemical industry and the defense effort, with one outstanding spokesman from the chemical industry and one from the Government. The Secretary reported that the transportation survey had been concluded, and steps will be taken to line up the necessary pullman facilities. On the basis of these returns, a joint turnout of approximately 450 is expected. It was agreed that appointment of a Committee for the 1952 Annual Meeting be made at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

(b) National Labor-Management Council on Foreign Trade Policy - Renewal of Membership. The Board of Directors approved renewal of Association membership in the National Labor-Management Council at an annual rate of \$750.

(c) Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. Members were presented with copy of Association letter addressed to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States taking issue with Mr. Morris Rosenthal's testimony in behalf of the Chamber before the Senate Finance Committee. A supplemental letter has been sent suggesting that in the future trade agreements matters of interest to American manufacturers be also referred to the Chamber's Manufacture Department Committee, in addition to its Foreign Commerce Department Committee.

(d) Trade Association Study. Mr. Ward reported that Mr. W. G. Reynolds had concluded his trade association research project. It was agreed that the report should be referred to the Legal Advisory Committee for concurrence, to be possibly followed by a further legal review.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn.

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary

Approved: William M. Rand
Chairman of the Board