

MINUTES of the seventy-third meeting of the Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at the Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, New York, on October 8, 1957, at 10:30 a. m. (EDT).

There were present:

Messrs.	Curtis W. Cannon	Harry B. McClure
	John T. Connor	R. L. Murray
	Lee V. Dauler	Mark E. Putnam
	David H. Dawson	Robert B. Semple
	C. B. Edwards	Charles Allen Thomas
	Fred J. Emmerich	Kenneth C. Towe
	D. S. Frederick	O. V. Tracy
	Ernest Hart	M. F. Crass, Jr.
	John E. Hull	

Alternates:

Bert Cremers (for Robert B. Semple)
 John F. Daley (for David H. Dawson)
 R. W. Hooker (for R. L. Murray)
 William H. McLean (for John T. Connor)
 Max A. Minnig (for Robert I. Wishnick)
 Edward C. Page, Jr. (for Henry Bower)
 Albert D. Penick (for S. B. Penick, Jr.)
 Carl F. Prutton (for Ernest Hart)
 P. C. Reilly (for C. B. Edwards)
 W. T. D. Ross (for H. Greville Smith)
 George M. Walker (for Fred C. Foy)
 Donald Williams (for Mark E. Putnam)

General Counsel: H. H. Fowler - Fowler, Leva, Hawes & Symington

Present by Invitation: Attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "A" is a list of registrants for the over-all two-day program. Many of these attended the Directors meeting, with total attendance approximating 50.

In calling the meeting to order at 10:30 a. m., Chairman Hart reviewed the importance of the Niagara Frontier to the chemical industry and expressed the appreciation of the Directors for the hospitality extended by member firms in the area. He welcomed the alternates and guests and invited them to participate actively in the discussion.

I. THE MCA PROGRAM -- A REVIEW.

General Hull spoke for approximately ten minutes on the current MCA program. A copy of his remarks is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "B."

II. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1957, MEETING.

The Secretary stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Bert Cremers, suggesting that Item II(e) (page 475) be amended to read as follows:

"The Association has received informal overtures from Chlorine Institute members with respect to ultimate consolidation. The Institute at its May 14 Board meeting adopted a public information program limited to safety in handling, use, and transportation of chlorine, container specifications, and related technical problems.

"A second action was adopted that the Secretary of the Institute write the Executive Committee of MCA inquiring as to whether the MCA is in a position to undertake a public information program with respect to chlorine.

"Several prominent members of the Institute expressed the belief that this initial program might eventually lead to consolidation of the two associations.

"It was agreed that the subject should be discussed at an early meeting of the MCA Public Relations Advisory Committee with a subsequent report to be furnished the Board of Directors."

With this amendment, the Minutes were duly approved as submitted to the members.

III. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman McClure stated that a breakfast meeting of the Executive Committee had taken place at 8:30 a. m. and that several items discussed at that meeting would be taken up in their respective places on the Board agenda. Unlisted items taken up at the Executive Committee meeting included the following:

(a) Staff Headquarters Office Space. The special subcommittee reported that it had investigated the cooperative office building proposal on which data had been obtained by the staff. While the reaction appears unfavorable, a final recommendation will not be submitted until other space possibilities have been explored. One of these possibilities is the proposed new headquarters building of the American Chemical Society, which the Society does not expect to fully occupy for a number of years hence. Another possibility is a new office building on which construction has already been started, located at Florida and Connecticut Avenues, N. W., to be owned and operated by the present owners of the Cafritz Building.

(b) ACS Headquarters Building. Mr. McClure stated that Dr. C. F. Rassweiler, Chairman-elect of the American Chemical Society, had appeared before the Executive Committee to discuss possible industry support in connection with financing the new ACS building. Such support would involve individual chemical manufacturers and not the MCA as such.

(c) American Standards Association, Inc. The staff has again been approached by the Chemical Industry Advisory Board, requesting support for the creation of a Chemical Standards Board within the American Standards Association. Such Chemical Standards Board, as proposed, would take over all current functions of CIAB (standards for procurement items) and, in addition, screen and act on requests pertaining to chemical product standards. The CIAB request to MCA resulted from the appointment of the Army Chemical Corps as coordinating body within the Armed Services for chemical product standards and the desire of the Chemical Corps to secure the cooperation of ASA and chemical industry trade associations in this activity.

It was agreed that definitive action on the CIAB request be deferred and, in the meantime, the Secretary transmit to Directors a detailed background resumé relating to organization and activities of CIAB.

Following consideration of the above items, it was

ON MOTION duly made and seconded,

VOTED: That the above actions of the Executive Committee be approved.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Financial Report, June - September 1957. The financial report for the four months ending September 30, 1957, was reviewed, and

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

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

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(a) Appointment of Alternate. The Chairman advised that Mark E. Putnam, The Dow Chemical Company, had requested the appointment of Donald Williams as his alternate.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the appointment be approved.

(b) Membership Committee. It was reported that an application had been received from Wallerstein Company, Inc., and that, in the opinion of the Membership Committee, the applicant is qualified for membership under the Association's By-Laws.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the application be approved subject to the 30-day notification to members provided under Article III, Section 4, of the By-Laws.

(c) 7th Semi-Annual Meeting. In the absence of Chairman McKeen, the Secretary reported that the program had been finalized and that the official mailing to member representatives, consisting of descriptive brochure and reservation forms, would be made on October 15. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell will be the banquet speaker, and Charles S. Munson the luncheon speaker. Six panel presentations have been arranged on a variety of executive subjects.

(d) 1958 Regional Spring Directors Meeting. Chairman Hart advised that definite arrangements had been made to schedule this meeting at Pebble Beach, California, on Tuesday through Thursday, March 25 - 27, 1958. Messrs. Parkhurst and Colefax will assist Mr. Hart. Also functioning on the arrangements committee at the local level will be Messrs. T. G. Hughes and W. E. Dawson, both of California Chemical Company. All member executives located on the West Coast will be invited to this meeting, as will wives.

(e) Revised Directory of Officers, Directors, Committees, and Members. This newly-printed publication was mailed to Executive Contacts and members of the technical and functional committees on September 24.

(f) Resignation of John A. Sargent. In a letter dated September 24, 1957, Mr. Sargent advised that he had severed connections with Diamond Alkali Company and, accordingly, proffered his resignation as a Director of the Association.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the resignation be accepted with regret and that the Secretary be instructed to write an appropriate letter to Mr. Sargent on behalf of the Directors.

(g) Election of Mr. Raymond F. Evans to the Board. Chairman McClure advised that at an earlier session the Executive Committee, acting as a Nominating Committee, recommended the appointment of Mr. Evans for the balance of the current fiscal year to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Sargent's resignation. In submitting this recommendation, it was emphasized that company affiliation is not a prerequisite for Board membership but that nominations to the Board are made on the basis of the individual and his personal qualifications.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That Mr. Evans' appointment as a Director for the balance of the current fiscal year be approved.

ON FURTHER MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That, in case of future openings on the Board between annual meetings, the Chairman be empowered to appoint a nominating committee in advance of the usual April 1 date.

VI. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

- (a) Chemicals in Foods Committee.
John G. Kuniholm, Hercules Powder Company, Inc.
- (b) Education Advisory Committee.
Ashworth Burslem, Hercules Powder Company, Inc.
- (c) General Safety Committee.
Warren C. Wilson, Enjay Company, Inc., replacing N. V. Hendricks,
effective January 1, 1958.
- (d) Public Relations Advisory Committee.
Henry H. Hunter, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation.
F. E. Rosewater, Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation.

VII. STAFF REPORT AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

(a) Review of Program and Itinerary for October 8 and 9. The Secretary briefly reviewed the program of supplementary events scheduled in connection with the Directors' meeting. These events included a reception at the Hotel Niagara immediately following conclusion of the Directors' meeting; luncheon at the Niagara Frontier Antiaircraft Defense Headquarters, followed by a special demonstration of Nike launching facilities; plant inspection tour; reception at the home of Mr. Murray, followed by dinner at the Niagara Falls Country Club; and Canadian tour on the morning of October 9, including an inspection of Canadian hydroelectric facilities, followed by luncheon at the Sheraton Brock Hotel. Those present at the dinner on October 8 were guests of Union Carbide Corporation. The Association paid for other meals and transportation, with the exception of Mr. Murray's reception.

(b) Legislative Report. Those present were handed copies of a summary report on specific legislative matters in which the Association and its members have a direct interest. This report was briefly reviewed by General Hull. The report on S. 11 to amend the Robinson-Patman Act was further discussed by General Counsel.

Detailed discussion also took place on bills now pending to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide tax relief for individuals and corporations. It is believed by many that an excellent opportunity for a unified industry approach to this subject will come shortly after the first of this year when the Ways and Means Committee will hold extensive hearings on basic principles underlying our tax laws. It was the consensus that the Association should take an active interest in tax relief matters. Specific recommendations will be submitted to the Board following the next meeting of the MCA Tax Policy Committee.

(c) International Trade and Tariff. A supplemental report was made with reference to the Boggs Subcommittee Study, on which an MCA statement was filed September 13. Our statement appeared in the printed compendium, published by the Subcommittee on October 8. Printed copies of our statement, excerpted from the compendium, have been procured from the Government Printing Office and will be

circulated to Executive Contacts. The supplemental study of the National Industrial Conference Board, sponsored by MCA, member companies, and other organizations, is now under way, and questionnaire forms have been mailed. The financing of this project has been assured.

(d) Reactive Metals and Ferroalloy Activity. The Secretary reported that an organizational meeting of the metals producers, both member and non-member, had been held in New York City on the evening of September 19, with a total attendance of 46, representing 18 companies. In accordance with the recommendation of that group, a five-man organizational subcommittee has been appointed by the staff which will meet on October 15 to recommend those of the current technical and functional committees in which the new group might have a direct interest.

(e) Depreciation Survey. Those present were handed a brief summary of results of the Association's depreciation survey, which will be considered by the MCA Tax Policy Committee at its October 15, 1957, meeting. Of the 43 member company responses, 33 included substantive data which will assure a broad cross section of the chemical industry. A more detailed report will be made following completion of the Tax Policy Committee study.

(f) Industrial Utilization of Farm Surpluses. The Secretary briefly discussed the Welsh Report and stated that conferences had been held, or were pending, with high Government officials concerning Administration policy on implementation. A further report will be made at a subsequent meeting.

(g) Third NSC Safety Award Received. It was reported that MCA had recently been advised that it would be the recipient of the 1957 Associations Award of the National Safety Council. This will be the third time that MCA has been so honored. The award is made on the basis of excellence of program and followthrough.

(h) Association Cooperation. On August 27, MCA acted as host organization at a dinner attended by executive representatives of six other trade associations in the chemical and allied products field. Purpose of the meeting was to informally discuss matters of common interest, including Federal legislation. Similar meetings will be held at intervals of approximately six months.

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

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary

APPROVED: Ernest Hart
Chairman

2 Attachments

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Registrants for MCA Board of Directors Meeting and Related Events
Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, New York -- October 8 - 9, 1957

Andrews, A. I. - Lucidol Division	Madigan, J. C. - U. S. Rubber
Baker, Joseph E. - Olin Mathieson	Manchester, Frank H. - Goodyear Tire
Bartlett, E. R. - Hooker Electrochemical	McClure, Harry B. - Union Carbide
Cannon, Curtis W. - Frontier Chemical	McFarlane, Norris B. - Pittsburgh Met.
Chittenden, F. D. - U. S. Rubber	McLean, William H. - Merck
Colbert, Charles F., Jr. - Pittsburgh Met.	Minnig, Max A. - Witco Chemical
Connor, John T. - Merck	Moffitt, T. E. - Hooker Electrochemical
Crass, M. F., Jr. - MCA	Murray, R. L. - Hooker Electrochemical
Gremers, Bert - Wyandotte Chemicals	Nantz, Thomas B. - B. F. Goodrich Chem.
Daley, John F. - du Pont	Newell, James F. - Olin Mathieson
Dauler, Lee V. - Neville Chemical	Newman, Raymond C. - Great Lakes Carbon
Dawson, David H. - du Pont	Page, Edward C., Jr. - Henry Bower
Edwards, C. B. - Reilly Tar & Chemical	Penick, Albert D. - N. Y. Quinine
Eilers, L. K. - Eastman Kodak	Pilcher, Edward B. - Union Carbide
Emison, Sam S. - Stauffer Chemical	Prupton, Carl F. - Food Machinery
Emmerich, Fred J. - Allied Chemical	Putnam, Mark E. - Dow Chemical
Farrow, Edward S. - Eastman Kodak	Reagan, H. - Union Carbide
Fowler, H. H. - MCA General Counsel	Reilly, P. C. - Reilly Tar & Chemical
Frederick, D. S. - Rohm & Haas	Ross, W. T. D. - Canadian Industries
Gabriel, P. H. - du Pont	Rybolt, C. H. - Lucidol Division
Gilbert, Frederick A. - Food Machinery	Semple, Robert B. - Wyandotte Chemicals
Gunther, Jack D. - Air Reduction	Snyder, J. F. - Hooker Electrochemical
Hardy, R. L. - du Pont	Thomas, Charles Allen - Monsanto
Hare, Ross - du Pont	Towe, Kenneth C. - American Cyanamid
Hart, Ernest - Food Machinery	Tracy, O. V. - Enjay
Herndon, L. K. - Olin Mathieson	Trimble, T. H. - Hooker Electrochemical
Hooker, R. W. - Hooker Electrochemical	Turban, Martin M. - Great Lakes Carbon
Hull, John E. - MCA	Underwood, Colonel G. B. - U. S. Army
Jockers, H. P. - Stauffer Chemical	Visser 't Hooft, F. - Lucidol Division
Lane, Cleveland - MCA	Wagner, G. H. - Union Carbide
Logan, R. L. - Internat'l Min'ls & Chem.	Walker, George M. - Koppers
	Wilkin, R. E. - Hooker Electrochemical
	Williams, Donald - Dow Chemical
	Wood, John E., III - Esso Standard Oil

Remarks by General John E. Hull, USA (Retired)
MCA Board of Directors Meeting
Niagara Falls, New York -- October 8, 1957

Nineteen hundred and fifty-seven marks the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association. In that time the Association, paralleling the industry it represents, has grown, broadened, and changed with the needs of the chemical industry and the requirements of the times. A recent innovation has been holding some of our Board meetings in various parts of the country. Our visit to Niagara Falls is another such meeting, and I know my colleagues on the Board of Directors agree with me when I say we both welcome the opportunity and profit by the experience of considering industry problems at the scene of chemical manufacture. For myself, I especially enjoy the opportunity of meeting with industry men on their home grounds.

I, too, want to extend a cordial welcome to the guests with us today.

It is customary for me to give, on these occasions, a brief review of the scope of the work done by MCA on behalf of the industry. You will understand that time permits me to present only a capsule report. For more details I would like to refer you to the Annual Report of the Association.

Your Association functions through 22 technical and functional committees made up of member company specialists plus MCA staff representatives. Now what exactly do they do?

The tariff policy of the United States is of interest to many chemical companies. MCA, therefore, has an International Trade and Tariff Committee which has been active for many years. Most recently that committee, with staff assistance, completed work on a statement of chemical industry views on tariff policy for a Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives which is currently engaged in a study of the tariff policy of the United States. It is our hope that this statement, together with a study being made by the National Industrial Conference Board, plus additional work on our part when public hearings are held next year, will result in favorable consideration of our problems with regard to foreign competition.

This same Committee, at public hearings, supported the Administration's proposals, with minor changes, regarding amendments to the Antidumping Act of 1921 and the Customs Simplification Act of 1955.

Tomorrow in New York City our Labels and Precautionary Information Committee will hold another national conference on uniform precautionary labeling. An attendance of 225 is expected, including industry and Government representatives and the press. Nine papers on various phases of labeling will be presented. This Committee is responsible for the creation of Manual L-1, "Warning Labels," the industry "bible" on the subject now in its fourth revision.

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Over the years we have found the workshop or seminar technique an excellent one for disseminating information and an occasion for an exchange of constructive, mutually beneficial ideas.

Our General Safety Committee is the latest to adopt this idea. Last month in Philadelphia that Committee sponsored our first safety workshop. The purpose of this program is to bring the latest in safety information to operating safety men. Attendance was drawn from the Greater Delaware Valley area. Eighty-six men attended, and 31 member companies were represented. The panel of authorities was made up of 13 members of the General Safety Committee. The all-day session was a lively, practical one, and the Committee recommends that we schedule such workshops on a regular basis.

Other activities in the area of safety include the safety reporting service which shows accident frequency and severity rates, the chemical safety data sheet program, the MCA Safety Certificates of Achievement which are presented annually to those member company plants working a full year without an industrial injury, and the administration of the Lamot du Pont Safety Awards.

The outstanding work of this Committee has been recognized by awards from both the National Safety Council and the American Society of Association Executives. We have just been advised that the National Safety Council has selected MCA to receive its 1957 Association Award -- the third time that MCA has been so honored.

Not all of our work is unilateral. Quite often it is done in cooperation with other groups.

For some time there has been a feeling in industry that voluntary standards covering centrifugal pumps would result in considerable savings. The MCA, represented by the Mechanical Technical Committee, in cooperation with the Hydraulics Institute, has been working toward such a voluntary standard through the American Standards Association. The findings of these groups will be publicized shortly, and we feel an ASA Standard will be promulgated. This particular industry effort is a "dollar and cents" project which will pay off in lower replacement parts inventories and greater interchangeability of process pumps. A similar project on heat exchangers will shortly get under way.

Another example of cooperative effort is the work of our Plastics Committee with the Society of the Plastics Industry in the field of Plastics in Building. Just last month this cooperative work resulted in the adoption of a new plastics chapter, based on our "model" code, by the International Conference of Building Officials as part of its Uniform Code. Our cooperative work on transportation matters with the Interstate Commerce Commission, U. S. Coast Guard, and such private groups as the Bureau of Explosives and American Petroleum Institute has paid big dividends to our member firms.

No review, however brief, would be complete without reference to our activities in the field of water and air pollution abatement. The work of these

Committees has done much to convince the American public that no one wants to clean up a pollution problem more than industry and that new plants to not mean new pollution problems. Again, forums for an exchange of information have been important to the success of this work. Two Water Pollution Abatement Workshops have been held in the past year, one in Houston, one in New Orleans. A third, covering the State of New Jersey, will be held on November 19th in Newark. I'd like to suggest that each of you with plants in that State be sure your pollution abatement man plans to attend. I know he'll find it rewarding.

Each of these Committees has a manual program, and each year extensive distribution is made of Air Pollution and Water Pollution Abatement Manuals on an international basis.

One of the basic activities of the MCA is the implementation of a comprehensive, continuing public relations program for the industry. For one thing our public relations staff and its Public Relations Advisory Committee assists in publicizing the work of the technical committees and advises and assists them with the public relations aspects of their work.

In addition, our Washington office serves as national headquarters for such efforts as "Chemical Progress Week" and the newly formed Chemical Industry Activity Committees program. This Chemical Industry Activity Committees program is being developed to put on a continuing basis in appropriate areas or communities the cooperative effort of member companies in the field of public relations and education. The program is already in effect in a number of areas.

Another facet of this operation is our Information Service which provides information and assistance to member companies, the Government, students, and to the press.

A fourth part of this program is our education activity. The broad purpose of this program is to encourage more qualified young men and women in careers in science, and collaterally, to pay perhaps overdue recognition to teachers of chemistry. We now have a junior high school program established in 5,500 schools throughout the country. A chemistry film program for school use is under way. Our senior high school program of "open-end" experiments which will stimulate the student to scientific inquiry has been announced and is being offered for use during this school year.

Some projects require detailed scientific study. We currently have three MCA-sponsored research projects under way -- one at The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia on stream recovery, one at MIT on plastics, and one at Carnegie Tech on the properties of chemical compounds.

I think all of you have heard about our new reactive metals activity which is now being organized. One of our new members with headquarters in Niagara Falls -- Pittsburgh Metallurgical Company -- is helping to spearhead this new activity.

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Each time I have the privilege and pleasure of making this little talk -- and reach about here -- I realize I have run out of time and haven't covered a number of basic areas in which we work the year round. For instance, chemicals in foods, industrial relations, chemical packaging, in all of which we have been very active, and our extensive publication program which includes internal bulletin services, the "Chemical Industry Facts Book," "Chemical News," and the "Technical Data on Plastics." Our labor relations reporting service has been of substantial aid to members in their collective bargaining negotiations.

I will refer later in the meeting to certain legislative problems we face. But this, in brief, is what your Association is doing on behalf of its member companies.

For those of you who would like to take part in an upcoming MCA activity I would like you to note that the 7th Semi-Annual Meeting and Winter Conference of MCA will take place in New York City on Tuesday, November 26th. Six panel discussions have been chosen among subjects of broad industry interest. Carl Munson will speak at the luncheon, and our dinner speaker will be Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell. I hope you will be able to join us.

Thank you.