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MINUTES OF MEETING
MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The Links Club, New York City
Tuesday, September 10, 1974

Following breakfast at 8:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order by
Chairman McNeeley. There were present:

Harry D. McNeeley, Chairman
James G. Affleck
Warren M. Anderson
Earle B. Barnes
Frederick L. Bissinger
C. Preston Cunningham
(for John W. Hanley)
William J. Driver

Robert D. Goodall
Edward R. Kane
Joseph A. Neubauer
Robert T. Powers
Jack B. St. Clair
Harold E. Thayer

Marx Leva, General Counsel
George E. Best, Secretary-Treasurer

By invitation: David H. Dawson, Chemical Industry Trade
Advisor
Richard E. Manning, E. I. du Pont de Nemours
& Company
Charles S. Munson

Note: Mr. Manning was present only during the discussion
with which he is identified in the minutes, and Mr.
Leva was excused during this same period.

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8. Administrative Matters

(a) Release of MCA Papers on Vinyl Chloride Toxicology

Mr. Driver told of the request of CBS for certain Association papers pertaining to MCA-administered research and related attention on vinyl chloride toxicology, all of which were given earlier to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, and of the delays involved in obtaining company-by-company clearance among the sponsors. He reminded that such delay of itself tends to create a bad impression through an appearance of reluctance or evasion. He indicated his desire to proceed with the release.

There was ready agreement that Mr. Driver should abide by his judgment in such matters, seeking advice from Executive Committee and Board officers as seems warranted.

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TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH ON INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS

An inquiry was posed by the chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of The Society of the Plastics Industry requesting clarification of MCA policy in respect to "collection, collation, and/or initiation of toxicological work on industrial chemicals." This question was raised because of SPI's interest in chemicals used in the manufacture of various plastics, and because of lack of understanding, in some quarters, about MCA's continuing to administer research on the toxicology of vinyl chloride. It was indicated SPI favors having the development of such information proceed under the auspices of MCA.

As administration in recent years of projects involving toxicological search and research on phosgene, phthalic acid esters, and vinyl chloride would indicate, there is ample precedent for such attention organized through MCA, and there has been no thought or suggestion to discontinue.

Such projects have not been prompted or initiated by MCA, nor has MCA solicited supportive participation. In each case, they have been suggested to MCA as being of potential interest for collective support, and MCA has afforded all its members an opportunity to express such interest, after which each project's development and funding has proceeded in accord with the prospective sponsors' desires. Opportunity for participation has been extended to non-member companies, also. Defined projects have been subject to Board approval, as to both substance and extent of funding.

It is recommended that this practice be approved for continuation, specifically providing that funding be provided by voluntary subscription of participating sponsors as in the past, so that the cost may be borne and shared by those interested in having the information developed.

At the same time, it is recommended that for all future subscribed projects, whatever the subject, there be provision for reimbursement to MCA of staff overhead as well as direct staff expenses subsequent to Board approval of the project, such costs in estimated amount to be included in the stated funding. This is in the interest of equity, so that Association funds are not being applied to serve the special interests of a limited number of companies, including non-members in some instances. Heretofore, this diversion was not of such magnitude as to be significant, but recently has become so.

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