ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

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The HILTON INN, Williamsburg, Va.

In attendance:

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORPORATION
J.W. Christenbury

GARLOCK INC.
A. Kazmuk
S.G. Dizit
G.E. Houghton

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION
E.A. Schuman
M.J. Coman
K.A. Roberts
I. Barnett

H.K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.
L.E. MOODY
D.E. Childers

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
M.Q. Scowcroft
J.W. Hawkins

NICOLET INDUSTRIES, INC.
Geo. Griswold, Jr.
E.W. Russell

UNIROYAL, INC.
E.A. Morris
H.M. Willingham

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
P.E. Leclerc

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LIMITED
W.H. Smith

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC, Ltd.
E.A. Farrell

NIPPON ASBESTOS CO., Ltd.
K. Uchida

TURNER BROS. ASBESTOS CO., Ltd.
W.M. Deckman

ASTM - Committee D-13
P.J. Smith

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H.C. Roosevelt (Legal Counsel)

ASBESTOS Magazine
(Mrs.) Doris M. Fagan, Editor

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H.E. Sunbury (Secretary)

Note: Those who attended committee meetings the previous day, but not the General Meeting were:- Dr.J.H. Wolfsie, J.L. Rainey, H.H. Walter, J.P. Wronski, R.D. Hindman, G.S. Fabel.

****** Minutes ******

1. President Schuman called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion by Mr.L.E. Moody, seconded by Mr.Geo. Griswold,Jr., it was voted to omit the reading of same. Mr. Schuman, commenting on the large attendance as listed in the minutes of the last meeting, expressed the appreciation of ATI members for the fine hospitality shown us on that occasion by the Canadian Members!

3. Those present were asked to stand and identify themselves and their company affiliation. President Schuman said that it was very gratifying to have Mr.K.Uchida, of Nippon Asbestos Co.,Ltd., Tokyo, Japan, at this meeting. Mr. Uchida expressed his pleasure at being able to attend.

4. Treasurer Scowcroft presented the Financial Report. Mr. Kuzmuk moved that it be accepted, seconded by Mr. Christenbury, and so voted unanimously. The report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Schuman stated that the annual audit of the Institute's books had been made by Mr. G. V. Barker, Division Comptroller of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., North Charleston, S.C., who reported that -"The statement dated September 9, 1970 presents fairly the position of the Asbestos Textile Institute as of that date."

6. The Fibre Producers Report was given by Mr. Paul E. Leclerc, the Regional Sales Manager for ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED.

Mr. Leclerc said that "the over-all market for asbestos fibre was good. Group 3 spinning fibre is generally available but not in all types and qualities. The textile industry in England and Continental Europe appears to suffer from a shortage of labor.

The United States market is soft, and the rallying signs of last August have been obscured by the present General Motors strike. The brake lining and building materials markets are down from last year.

The asbestos-cement industry is good in most parts of the world and business is booming in South America, Japan, Korea, Australia and Europe.

The concensus of opinion is that business in 1971 will be better than in 1970, which has not quite lived up to expectations."

7. Committee reports were given by the respective chairmen:-

Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee - H.M. Willingham, Chm.
Technical Committee - S.G. Dixit, Chm.
Asbestos Advisory Committee - M.Q. Scowcroft, Chm.
Fiber Testing Committee - D.E. Childers, Chm.

Their reports are attached to these minutes. Mr. Scowcroft, retiring chairman of the Asbestos Advisory Committee, thanked the members for their support during his service as head of that committee, and its predecessor (the Sales Promotion Committee) for a combined total of three years.

Mr. Schuman thanked Mr. Scowcroft on behalf of the Board of Governors

for his service as Chairman, then announced that the new Chairman of the Asbestos Advisory Committee was Mr. E.A. Morris of Uniroyal, Inc.

8. President Schuman commented on recent developments in the Press regarding hazards associated with asbestos. Mentioned his company's "positive approach" in their new ads stressing the fact that asbestos brings safety and economy into the daily life of nearly everyone. Three current ads entitled "Fire at Sea", "Airport", and "Driving at Dusk" are appearing in NEWSWEEK, BUSINESS WEEK, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, and WALL STREET JOURNAL. Copies of the ads were displayed.

9. Mr. Schuman introduced Doris M. Fagan, Editor of ASBESTOS Magazine, Guest-of-Honor at this meeting. Mrs. Fagan said that she appreciated the invitation to attend, and that it was a real pleasure to do so. Mentioned the series of articles now appearing in ASBESTOS - "History of Asbestos Textiles in the U.S.A." by J.A. Bettes, Jr., which started with the August 1970 issue. Back issues are available for those who may have missed the first two or three installments of this History.

She thanked the members for their support, both in advertising as well as subscriptions, and asked that ASBESTOS be put on each company's mailing list for publicity releases as the magazine is anxious to have all items of general interest to the asbestos industry Pointed out that ASBESTOS Magazine was a good source of information, not only through its editorial and advertising pages but also by reason of the storehouse of data contained in its library and files.

10. President Schuman explained that the attendance at this meeting was less than usual because of an unfortunate conflict of meeting dates with the Q.A.M.A., which many of our Canadian members had to attend. Steps have been taken to try and avoid this in the future.

Mr. Schuman announced that in recognition of the "austerity programs" now in effect by most member companies the Board of Governors had voted to grant a special discount of 20% on Members 1971 dues.

Further, that the Board had voted to shorten the meeting schedule for the February and June 1971 meetings , so as to have arrival on Wednesday P.M. and departure on Thursday P.M. The Annual Meeting in October 1971 (to which company officials and wives are specially invited) will have the usual schedule with arrival Wednesday P.M. and departure on Friday afternoon.

11. President Schuman presented Mr. G. Ellwood Houghton, of Garlock Inc., with a plaque "For Outstanding Achievement in His Field"

"Ellie" Houghton, as he is known to his many friends in ATI and in the Industry, is planning to retire as of November 1,1970 after over 43 years continuous employment in the asbestos textile and mechanical packing industries. He has contributed to the progress of ATI by serving on its Technical Committee and by his regular attendance at meetings. Mr. Houghton expressed his sincere appreciation for the plaque, said he had greatly enjoyed his association with the ATI, and felt that the Institute was doing a most valuable work for the Industry, and was worthy of continuing support.

12. Locations for meetings in 1971 were announced:-

February 3-4, 1971 - Red Carpet Inn, Charlotte, N.C.
June 9-10, 1971 - Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J.
October 6-8, 1971 - Savannah Inn & Country Club, Savannah, Ga.

13. President Schuman announced that the Board of Governors had elected new officers for the coming year, namely:-

President - L.E. Moody, H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
Vice President - M.Q. Scowcroft, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Treasurer - Alexander Kuzmuk, Garlock Inc.
Exec. Secretary & Asst. Treasurer - H.E. Sunbury

Also, that Mr. Alexander Kuzmuk had been elected to the Board of Governors as Garlock's representative, replacing Mr. G.Parry Wiess. (Mr. Kuzmuk is President of Garlock's Mechanical Rubber Division located in Palmyra, N.Y., which also includes their asbestos textile operations.)

14. After announcing the new officers Mr. Schuman asked the new President, L.E. Moody, to take charge of the meeting.

President Moody paid eloquent tribute to the fine leadership given to the Institute by Mr. Schuman during the past two years. There was a spontaneous burst of applause following his remarks, and a standing ovation for "Ed" Schuman who has contributed so much to the Institute over many years of service as committee Chairman, Editor of 2nd Edition of the Handbook of Asbestos Textiles, Treasurer, Vice President, and, since October 1968, President! His is truly an outstanding record in support of the Institute!

15. The meeting recessed for luncheon, following which it adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury
Secretary