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MINUTES of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at The Union Club, Park Avenue and 69th Street, New York City, on October 11, 1949, at 11:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time.

There were present:

Messrs. Charles S. Munson
George W. Merck
W. M. Billing
L. I. Doan
H. C. C. Ingraham
C. D. Marlatt
W. S. Richardson
J. L. Smith
M. F. Crass, Jr.

Alternates: Geo. B. Beitzel (for L. T. Beale)
E. V. Daveler (for H. I. Young)
L. E. Erlandson (for J. W. McLaughlin)
R. C. Gaugler (for W. B. Bell)
Paul Kendall (for P. T. Sharples)

Absent: H. W. Fisher
W. S. Landes
W. M. Rand
W. H. Ward

In the absence of Chairman Rand, Mr. Charles S. Munson presided at the meeting.

I. SPECIAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION

The Chairman reported that a Special Meeting of the Association had been held at 10:00 A.M., prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors; and that amendments to the By-Laws as set forth in the Secretary's letter and Notice to Members dated September 30, 1949, had been approved.

II. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the September 13, 1949, meeting were approved as sent to the members, subject to the following corrections:

- Minute V(b) - Substitute the following in lieu of the previously recorded language:

"(b) Amendment of By-Laws. Notice having been given in the Notice of Meeting dated August 29, 1949.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That Sections 1 and 2 of Article II of the By-Laws be amended to conform to the revised standards therefor as recommended by the Committee on Membership Standards and approved

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by the Board at its meeting on June 1, 1949, and that the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to refer this matter to the Legal Advisory Committee for the preparation of the necessary amendments and all other documents which may be necessary or advisable for effectuating such amendments."

Minute V(c)(3) - Eliminate this minute relative to the presentation of Shell Chemical Corporation's application for membership and.

Eliminate in connection with the approved annual assessment for said corporation, the following language appearing in Minute V(c) on page 58:

"Shell Chemical Corporation	\$1,000.00"
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III. TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) The report of the Treasurer for the period September 1 to September 30, 1949, was reviewed, and

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

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

(b) The Chemical Division of Borden Company has not yet paid its dues and assessment for the current fiscal year.

(c) In the absence of the Treasurer, report on a more definite basis for setting up assessments will not be presented until the November meeting. It was the sense of the meeting, however, that total annual payroll would be an acceptable method for computing assessments.

IV. RESIGNATIONS

Patent Chemicals, Inc., has agreed to retain its membership upon payment of annual dues of \$200.00 with no assessment.

A message from Mr. William M. Rand indicated that American Viscose Corporation may reconsider its recent resignation.

Mr. Ingraham reported that personal contact had been made with Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. and that there was a possibility of this firm reconsidering its resignation.

Those present voiced the belief that the above resignations had come about through lack of knowledge on the part of the executives concerning the scope and value of M.C.A. activities. It was emphasized that closer relationships with member firms must be developed through personal contacts on the part of Officers and Board members with member executives. Also needed are changes in the Association's bulletin and mailing practices in order that items of particular interest will reach the proper personnel. Additional cognizance to the Association's technical activities would be desirable. The Secretary reported that Dr. John H. Sachs will leave the Association's employ within the near future. This, together with a realignment of duties on the part of office personnel, will within the budget permit the hiring of a full time employee who will devote a substantial portion of his time to legislative reporting and contact work. This will enable the Secretary to spend considerably more time on

member relationships.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) M.C.A. West Coast Section. Mr. Ingraham advised that Mr. Christian de Guigne would arrive in New York City from Europe during the week and that an effort would be made to establish contacts through him.

(b) Membership Committee. The following application for membership was presented:

Shell Chemical Corporation, 50 West 50th Street, New York 20, New York. Principal products manufactured are nitrogen fertilizers and other agricultural products; alcohols, ketones and other organic chemical solvents; and chemical intermediates. Principal plants are located at Shell Point, Calif.; Martinez, Calif.; Dominguez, Calif.; and Houston, Texas. Applicant was sponsored by General Chemical Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation; and The Solvay Process Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the above application for membership be approved, and it was further

VOTED: That the recommendation of the Treasurer that applicant be assessed the sum of \$1,000.00 be approved.

(c) Membership Application Form. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: That the citizenship statement be retained on the membership application form as a matter of information to the Board of Directors.

VI. COMMITTEES

(a) General Safety Committee. Members were presented with copy of Chemical Safety Data Sheet SD-35, Methyl Bromide.

(b) Water Pollution Abatement Committee. Arrangements for the fourth industry conference on the exchange of technical information relating to water pollution abatement to be held in New York City on February 9 and 10, 1950, were approved.

(c) Labels and Precautionary Information Committee. Members were presented with copy of revised Manual L-1, "Warning Labels." Labeling principles contained in this Manual have already set the pattern for regulations adopted by several states, and efforts are being made to increase use of this pattern on a nationwide basis. A full-page editorial on the new Manual appeared in the October 10, 1949, issue of Chemical and Engineering News, photostats of which were distributed to Board members. It was the sense of the meeting that copies of this Manual be sent to the Executive Contact of each member firm, with a personal letter to be signed by the Chairman.

The Board approved the scheduling of an industry conference on precautionary labeling for chemicals to be held in New York City on December 1, 1949.

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(d) Traffic Committee. The Secretary reported that the new Uniform Classification Docket 28310 would be issued December 1, 1949, with a 30-day effective date. This classification will undoubtedly cancel many existing exception ratings applicable to chemicals, resulting in substantial freight rate increases. The Traffic Committee is petitioning for a 90-day effective date in order that opportunity be given for a more thorough study of the new ratings. Our study and possible intervention at a later date may require the hiring of a rate expert for a limited period of time, plus increased use of Counsel over and above the present budget.

The Secretary reported that the Traffic Committee is now taking steps preliminary to requesting an increased mileage allowance on tank cars, loaded and empty, to compensate for substantially increased repair and maintenance costs. Two years ago the M.C.A. was instrumental in obtaining a one-half cent increase in the existing mileage rate which resulted in savings of approximately a half million dollars to chemical shippers.

VII. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(a) General Safety Committee. Appointment of Dr. A. G. Cranch, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, as Committee Chairman was approved.

(b) Water Pollution Abatement Committee. Appointment of Mr. D. J. Cestoni, Merck & Co., Inc., was approved.

VIII. RETIREMENT PLAN

Inauguration of the plan is being held in abeyance pending decision on the S.O.C.M.A. merger.

IX. SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Dr. Billing reported that a meeting of the Liaison Committees was held on September 13, 1949, and that another meeting would be held next week.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Possible Merger of Plastics Materials Manufacturers Association with M.C.A. The Chairman announced appointment of the following Committee to study the proposed merger:

W. S. Landes, Chairman
J. W. McLaughlin
W. S. Richardson
Felix Williams (Monsanto Chemical Company)
A. E. Pitcher (E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.)

(b) H. Res. 323 - Investigation of Chemical and Allied Products Industry. The Chairman announced appointment of the following Committee:

L. I. Doan, Chairman
W. H. Ward
Isaac Fogg (Atlas Powder Company)
Dr. E. W. Reid (Corn Products Refining Co.)

(c) 1950 Annual Meeting. Mr. Richardson reported that the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., was booked to capacity during June 1950. It appearing that the 1950 meeting may necessarily be held at Skytop, Pa., the Secretary was instructed to arrange for additional overflow accommodations at Buck Hill Falls Inn. A suggestion has been received from S.O.C.M.A. that a joint M.C.A. - S.O.C.M.A. outing be held on the occasion of the next M.C.A. Annual Meeting.

1951 Annual Meeting. Mr. Richardson reported that it will be possible to engage the facilities of the Greenbrier Hotel on June 14, 15 and 16, 1951 (Thursday through Saturday).

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That Mr. Richardson proceed to make definite arrangements for these dates, with an estimated attendance of 400.

It was agreed that a Program Committee should be appointed promptly to consider plans for the 1950 meeting and that consideration be given to the holding of such meeting in New York City, with a possible outing to be scheduled at a nearby club such as the Westchester Biltmore.

(d) New List of Officers, Directors, Committees and Members. Members were presented with booklet listing M.C.A. Officers, Directors, Committees and Members.

(e) Chemical Minimum Wage Redetermination. The Secretary advised that November 16 had been tentatively set for the hearing in connection with the proposed redetermination of the chemical minimum wage under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act. A committee has been set up to arrange a M.C.A. presentation.

(f) Reciprocal Trade Agreements. Members were presented with copy of a list covering the chemical concessions granted by the United States in connection with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiated at Annecy, France. A detailed report on these negotiations, including prior concessions, is now being prepared and will be mailed to Member Executives within the week.

(g) Chemical Industry Correlating Committee. Messrs. J.G. Henderson, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, J. C. Lawrence, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc. and B. H. Jorgenson, Tennessee Eastman Corporation, comprising a special committee of chemical manufacturers, appeared before the Board to further explain and answer questions concerning the proposal that the M.C.A. request the formation of a Chemical Industry Correlating Committee within the framework of the American Standards Association, Inc. Copies of the proposal were circulated to Board members in advance of the June 1, 1949, Board meeting, and it had been decided at that time that further consideration would be deferred until fall. The proposal emphasizes the need for a committee of the chemical industry to prepare and supervise nationally accepted standards and codes on mechanical and process equipment used extensively in the chemical industry and which at the present time is not adequately covered. Examples include pressure piping, particularly stainless steel; alloy valves; heat exchange equipment, etc. Individual chemicals are not involved, nor will the proposed Correlating Committee be formally connected with the M.C.A. in any way. Following discussion, which extended through the luncheon period, it was

On Motion duly made and seconded

VOTED: That the M.C.A. execute a formal request to the American Standards Association for the formation of a Chemical Industry Correlating Committee; that the special committee be continued for contact purposes with the understanding that additional members may be added if desirable, and that the formal request be transmitted by letter signed by the Chairman of the Board and cleared through the Legal Advisory Committee.

(h) Next Board Meeting. Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Munson for the facilities of the Union Club. It was agreed that the November meeting be held at The Union Club on Tuesday, November 1, in order to avoid a conflict with Election Day. (Acting on instructions from Messrs. Geo. W. Merck and Charles S. Munson, telegrams were sent to Board members on October 13, 1949, advising that the meeting nevertheless would be held on Tuesday, November 8, at The Union Club.)

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

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary

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