

Manufacturing Chemists Association

PLASTICS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Seaview Country Club Absecon, N. J.

September 7, 1976

Dr. Kennel presided and convened the meeting at 3:00 PM.
The record of attendance is as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. E. Kennel, Chairman	Amoco Chemicals Corporation
H. E. Connors, Vice Chairman	Diamond Shamrock Chemical Company
A. R. Adams	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
R. C. Baxter	Allied Chemical Corporation
W. P. Bussart	Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.
C. A. Grant	Hercules Incorporated
P. A. McKim	ARCO/Polymers, Inc.
M. J. Rhoad	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
R. C. Schroeder	Celanese Plastics Company
C. R. Scott	Phillips Chemical Company
W. G. Simeral	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
C. S. Stryker	Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.
S. J. Talucci	Rohm and Haas Company
A. C. Clark, Secretary	MCA Staff

GUEST PRESENT

B. M. Barackman	MCA Staff
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MEMBERS ABSENT

D. E. Debacher	General Electric Company
T. A. Sparta	The Dow Chemical Company

1. Minutes of June 9, 1976 Meeting

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Report of Nominating Committee - Mr. Baxter

Because of a reassignment within his company, Mr. Connors resigned from the Committee, effective September 15. To fill the vacancies this created, the Committee unanimously approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee as follows:

C. A. Grant as Vice Chairman -- term
ending May 31, 1978

J. S. Oostermeyer as a member of the
Committee -- term ending May 31, 1979

3. Plastics Financial Package - Secretary

The financial statement was reviewed.

	<u>Fiscal Year 1976-77</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>(thru 8/31/76)</u>
Administrative	\$ 250	\$ 205
Travel & Meetings	700	-
Memberships	50	-
Research:		
a) Plastics Combustion	20,000*	6,600
Products and Their		
Toxicity (UM)		
b) Flammability Testing	11,600*	
of Polymers (SRI)		
c) Solid Waste Manage-	6,500*	
ment -- Update (D&R)		
Project Reports -- Publica-	3,000	146
tion		
Reserve -- Unallocated	<u>29,900</u>	
	\$72,000	<u>\$6,951</u>

*Approved by MCA Board of Directors June 9, 1976

UM - The University of Michigan
SRI - Stanford Research Institute
D&R - DeBell & Richardson, Inc.

4. Sponsored Projects - Mr. Connors

4.1 "Flammability Testing of Polymers" (SRI)

The rating of more than 170 separate test methods covered by this study is nearing completion. Anticipating this work will be finished by the end of September, Stanford Research Institute (SRI) has indicated that the final report is expected to be submitted to MCA by mid-November.

4.2 "The Analysis and Toxicity of the Combustion Products of Natural and Synthetic Materials" (UM)

The secretary reported that the second phase of the research project jointly supported by MCA and The Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) has been extended until June 1, 1977. MCA's portion (50%) of the funding will be \$20,000.

At the June 9 meeting, the Committee recommended additional support of The University of Michigan (UM) project in the amount of \$20,500, contingent on an evaluation to be conducted by the Sponsored Projects Subcommittee. The Subcommittee considers the program to be sufficiently well managed that the additional data to be developed by accelerating and expanding the UM study could have an important influence on forthcoming NBS protocols. Therefore, authorization to proceed has been requested from the MCA Board of Directors.

4.3 Plastics Waste Disposal - Update (D&R)

The secretary reported that DeBell & Richardson (D&R) has been engaged to update the series of research reports previously prepared by them on plastics waste disposal practices.

5. New Program Recommendations - Mr. Sparta

Due to Mr. Sparta's absence, there were no recommendations for new program considerations.

6. Discussion of Plastics Committee Operations

The purpose of the discussion was to determine the role of the Plastics Committee, consistent with MCA policy,

in representing Plastics Group members on public and governmental issues affecting the industry. Expressing concern over the developments regarding vinyl chloride and the recently published recommendations of NIOSH relating to benzene, the discussion primarily involved MCA's advocacy before governmental bodies and the media. In summary, points of discussion involved

- a) The need for a forum, hopefully to be provided by MCA, under which raw material suppliers can pursue single product issues before government agencies;
- b) Concern about the ability to respond to government proposals;
- c) The need for guidance and direction in formulating effective programs;
- d) The need to define issues such as toxicity in the workplace.

With regard to the foregoing, some members strongly suggested that, to be effective in presenting its views to governmental agencies, the advocacy program must be oriented to specific chemicals.

Mr. Barackman, MCA Staff Counsel, reviewed MCA's role as an advocate with particular reference to Outside Counsel's legal memorandum of May 14, 1975 (distributed previously with the meeting agenda). In response to a question, he indicated that legal considerations would not preclude MCA from taking a position of advocacy on subjects of interest to the Plastics Group. Whether or not MCA would provide a forum for single chemical issues is a policy decision for consideration by the MCA Board of Directors. Such a recommendation should be specific in regard to objectives to be accomplished and the manner of implementation.

There was general agreement that Mr. W. J. Driver, MCA President, should be informed by Dr. Kennel of the sense of the discussion and concerns of members of the Plastics Committee.

There was some discussion on the interaction of the Plastics Committee with other MCA committees and with other

trade associations. It was suggested that an action plan should be prepared for the individual chemicals covered by MCA's special projects program to deal with the results of investigative research now under way, should major changes in manufacturing or distribution practices be indicated.

7. Plastics Group

7.1 Dinner (New York Hilton) November 22, 1976

7.2 Spring Outing May 5, 1977
(Baltusrol Golf Club)

8. Future Committee Meetings

November 22, 1976 New York, N. Y.

May 5, 1977 Springfield, N. J.



A. C. Clark
Secretary

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