

February 12, 1943

Mr. F. C. Barnes, Secretary,
American Industrial Hygiene Association,
c/o Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.,
East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 12. I fully anticipated that our meeting would be cancelled, and therefore it came as no surprise or shock to me. I had planned more or less definitely on the basis of my anticipations.

There is one matter, however, which I think ought to be decided either by the Board of Directors or by the membership. I refer here to the matter of the election of officers, and although I am an interested party, I am nevertheless willing to express my own point of view. I rather think it would be the same if I were in no way concerned.

It has been the practice of certain other associates to hold over with the same officers until normal meetings could be held again. I have not looked into the situation to see whether there is any actual or implied mechanism for handling this situation, but I think considering the fact that there will be no meetings, the affairs of our organization will tend to remain in somewhat better hands if we do not change too much during the period of relative quiescence. In other words, the present organization has met, discussed, and presumably understood a number of matters related to the past, present, and future of the association. A change in the officers, in my opinion, will tend to dilute or rupture the continuity of events, and it will be difficult enough to maintain continuity, simply because of the lack of meetings. Therefore, I think it would be good policy if there is any mechanism for it, or if any mechanism could be obtained for it to maintain things in status quo in the matter of papers that have been submitted for the consideration of the program committee. I should consult with the other members of the committee, and we shall come to some agreement concerning the proper handling of the situation. If the others wish us to do so, we shall act for them in conjunction with the editorial committee.

Sincerely yours,

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