

MINUTES of the one hundred thirteenth meeting of the Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at the Union Club, New York City, on December 12, 1961, at 11:00 a.m. (EST).

There were present:

L. G. Bliss	H. E. Martin
Howard S. Bunn	Theodore Marvin
R. F. Coppedge, Jr.	Warren H. Moyer
David H. Dawson	Charles S. Munson
P. M. Dinkins	Robert B. Semple
Kerby H. Fisk	Charles H. Sommer
A. E. Forster	Harry B. Warner
Robert F. Huntley	John E. Wood, III
Richard W. KixMiller	M. F. Crass, Jr.
Kenneth H. Klipstein	

Alternates:

C. W. Baldwin (for Bennett S. Chapple, Jr.)
 Charles M. Bernuth (for Warren H. Moyer)
 J. E. Burrell (for J. A. Neubauer)
 Bert Cremers (for Robert B. Semple)
 John S. Gates (for L. G. Bliss)
 John L. Gillis (for Charles H. Sommer)
 J. D. Gunther (for John A. Hill)
 K. H. Hannan (Luncheon Only - for Howard S. Bunn)
 George E. Holbrook (for David H. Dawson)
 J. A. Hughes (for Raymond F. Evans)
 Thomas S. Nichols (for Stanley de J. Osborne)
 W. T. D. Ross (for Peter C. Allen)
 James H. Worth (for Richard W. KixMiller)

General Counsel:

Lloyd Symington -- Fowler, Leva, Hawes & Symington

Present by Invitation:

John D. Fennebresque -- Texas Butadiene &
 Chemical Corporation
 J. Robert Fisher -- Gamma Chemical Corporation
 Ernest Hart -- FMC Corporation
 P. W. Judah -- Mobil Chemical Company
 R. C. McCurdy -- Shell Chemical Company
 T. E. Moffitt -- Hooker Chemical Corporation
 J. S. Queener -- E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.
 Hans Stauffer (Luncheon Only) -- Stauffer Chemical
 Company
 Robert I. Wishnick -- Witco Chemical Company, Inc.

In opening the meeting, prior to consideration of the agenda, Mr. Bunn extended a cordial welcome to the ex-Directors, alternates, and guests who were present and urged them to participate actively in the discussion.

I. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 1961, MEETING.

The Minutes of this meeting were duly approved as submitted to members.

II. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Semple stated that a breakfast meeting of the Executive Committee had been held that day and that, with the exception of the following subject, the items discussed would be taken up in their respective places on the Board agenda.

Foreign Trade Policy. At a joint meeting of the MCA International Trade and Tariff and International Operations Committees held December 7, there was extensive consideration of the Administration's new and drastic program on foreign trade policy and the possible effects it might have on the chemical industry. Included in the discussion were (1) the efficacy of across-the-board versus product-by-product tariff reductions, (2) the probable restrictions of the European Common Market, including external tariff and other trade barriers, and (3) steps that would be appropriate on the part of MCA with respect to the Administration's probable legislative proposals next month. On a preliminary basis, the joint Committees passed resolutions expressing unanimous opposition to an across-the-board approach to tariff reductions and trade restrictions, and opposition to the Administration's advance proposals for giving relief or assistance to industries seriously injured by tariff reductions and the removal of trade barriers.

Mr. Semple stated that the Executive Committee had considered these resolutions and had agreed to instruct the two Committees to restudy and reevaluate the Association's current policy (as set forth in MCA's statement of November 14, 1953, to the Commission on Foreign Economic Policy) in the light of the Administration's proposals and Common Market developments. A small liaison group of Executive Committee members will meet with the functional Committee representatives in an effort to have a progress report ready for consideration by January 9, 1962. Further, it is hoped that a formal re-statement of policy can be evolved for consideration by the Directors at the time of the February 13, 1962, Board meeting.

An additional recommendation of the International Trade and Tariff Committee for the appropriation of funds to conduct a study on the effects of across-the-board tariff reductions and the impact of the Common Market on the U. S. chemical industry was discussed but not acted upon by the Executive Committee at this meeting.

Following discussion, the Executive Committee's actions were affirmed by those present.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Financial Report, June - November 1961. The financial report for the six months ending November 30, 1961, was summarized by the Treasurer.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

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

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(a) March 19-21, 1962, Regional Meeting in California. Mr. Ernest Hart, Chairman of the West Coast Arrangements Committee, discussed program details in connection with this meeting.

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(b) April 9-10, 1962, Directors Reception and Meeting in Washington. Plans have been concluded to schedule the April 1962 Directors meeting in Washington, D. C. On Monday afternoon, April 9, there will be a joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees to finalize budget recommendations for later Board consideration. At 6:00 p.m. a reception and buffet has been scheduled at the Army and Navy Town Club. To this event will be invited Government officials and selected members of Congress. Directors were urged to contact their Senators and Congressmen concerning this function and to notify the Washington office in each case so that formal invitations could be sent. On Tuesday morning at 8:30 a Board meeting will be held at the Mayflower Hotel. The Mayflower has reserved a block of overnight accommodations in the Association's name for Monday evening, April 9.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. J. S. Queener, Chairman of the MCA Safety and Fire Protection Committee, presented an eight-minute report on activities of his Committee over the past three years. Copy of this report is appended to these Minutes.

VI. TECHNICAL AND FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The following committee appointments were approved:

- (a) Chemical Packaging Committee.
H. P. Scullin, United States Rubber Company, replacing D. L. McCollum.
Graham Stewart, The Dow Chemical Company, replacing H. W. Bull.
- (b) Government Liaison Technical Committee.
E. G. Littell, Vitro Chemical Company.
- (c) Nuclear Committee.
Stanley H. Anonsen, Mallinckrodt Chemical Works.
- (d) Public Relations Advisory Committee.
Harry P. Wiseman, Diamond Alkali Company.

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

(a) Federal Legislation.

1. Senate Bill 1552. MCA Appearance. On December 9, Robert B. Semple testified in behalf of the Association before the Senate Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly with respect to Sections 2 and 3 of S. 1552, the so-called Drug Industry Antitrust Act. He was assisted by Kenneth E. Mulford, Chairman of the Association's Food Additives Committee, and General Counsel Lloyd Symington, as well as his own Company counsel. His testimony related to possible effects of the legislation upon the chemical industry. The MCA testimony was not part of the nine presentations arranged by Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, which covered the preceding two days. Questioning on the part of Senators Kefauver and Hruska, following conclusion of Mr. Semple's formal statement, included reference to the settlement of patent interferences and whether or not the terms and conditions

of such settlement agreements should be made a matter of public record. MCA views were invited by the Subcommittee, and consideration will be given to whether or not a supplemental written statement will be filed later on with the Subcommittee.

2. Dent Subcommittee. On December 4, Robert L. Cunningham, Past Director of MCA and Past Chairman of the Association's Reactive Metals Steering Committee, presented oral testimony before the House Subcommittee on Impact of Imports and Exports on U. S. Employment. Mr. Cunningham's statement dealt with increasing imports of ferroalloys during recent years, the workers which were displaced by such imports, and U. S. Government stockpile policy.

(b) Petrochemicals Capacity Survey. The Secretary reported, as a matter of information, that on November 22 the National Petroleum Council circularized its questionnaire on the location, products produced, and the production capacity of petrochemical plants in the United States, acting under the request of the Secretary of the Interior. The Council's study covers all chemicals except carbon black, ammonia, and synthetic rubber made in plants owned or operated by petroleum or natural gas companies, or in petroleum facilities, including those jointly owned companies where 50% or greater ownership is in the hands of petroleum and gas companies.

Upon inquiry, the Business and Defense Services Administration advised MCA that it would probably come out next year with a companion survey for non-petroleum facilities but on a lesser number of products. The NPC survey encompassed 86 chemicals.

(c) 11th Semi-Annual Meeting. The Semi-Annual Meeting held November 21, 1961, was summarized by the Secretary from the standpoint of final registration and reaction of registrants. He stated that the Association was committed to hold the meeting at the Commodore Hotel in 1962 and requested that he be contacted by Directors having suggestions or other recommendations.

(d) Education Program. That part of the MCA program relating to scientific experiments in chemistry, films, and other aid-to-education material was summarized. Demand for printed material continues heavy and most of the Association's publications have had to be reprinted during the past several months.

(e) Labeling Regulations. The Association filed a further brief on the proposed regulations under the Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Act on November 20. In this communication, specific exception was taken to portions of the regulations deemed unworkable and a suggestion made that an early conference be arranged with FDA officials in order that these might be resolved prior to the effective date of February 1, 1962. In a letter to the Association, dated December 7, FDA Deputy Commissioner John L. Harvey suggested that a meeting be held in his office on December 20 to be attended by MCA and other association representatives having mutuality of interests. It is hoped that this conference will resolve all remaining questions on the part of industry representatives.

(f) Orientation Course -- Chemical Corps. The Secretary reported that approximately 12 Directors and/or alternates had indicated that they would attend the U. S. Army CBR Weapons Orientation Course at Dugway, Utah, on the week-end

immediately preceding the West Coast Regional Directors Meeting scheduled for March 19-21, 1962. The Secretary requested that Directors and alternates who had not yet indicated their desire to participate should do so by letter to the Washington office not later than December 15, if possible. Clearance data should accompany reservation requests.

(g) Miscellaneous. A brief report was made on technical program items, including publication of the 6th Edition of Manual L-1, publication of "Food and Science -- Today and Tomorrow", and the imminent publication of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the MCA Food Additives Manual.

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

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary

APPROVED: Howard S. Bunn, Chairman

Attachment

Report of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee
Presented by J. S. Queener, Chairman
Before the MCA Board of Directors
December 12, 1961

In reporting to you this morning on the activities of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee I shall cover a period of three years since the last report; i.e., from December 1958 to December 1961.

If there is some show of pride as I report I can assure you that there is justification for it. Your committee has developed a name for itself. It has and is contributing effectively to the promotion of injury and fire loss prevention. It is a working committee. An appointment to it must always, we believe, include a willingness to share an individual portion of the committee workload.

I should like to point out that the committee is appreciative of your approval to change its name to the "Safety and Fire Protection Committee". While a name will not determine performance, the change more adequately describes the function and activity of the committee and specifically stresses "fire protection" which is a loss prevention activity of great importance to the chemical industry.

You are aware that two important subcommittees are a part of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee. I refer to the Metals Group Safety Subcommittee and the Technical Subcommittee on Chemical Propellant Safety.

Data Sheets -- Since organization of the committee in 1945, publication of chemical safety data sheets has been one of its major activities. In the past three years, fifteen new sheets have been published, making an over-all total of eighty-five. In addition, eight of the earlier sheets have been revised. Annual sales approximate 70,000. In three years some 200,000 have been sold. These sheets continue to be accepted as authoritative in many courts of law.

Safety Guides -- The first of this series of publications was issued in January 1960 with the objective of covering safety aspects of chemical manufacturing not within the scope of data sheets. Six were published in 1960 and four so far in 1961.

It is hoped these guides will create increased management interest in safety activities. They are prepared in such a way as to be useful at the plant level. Two recent issues cover "Safety Procedures in Entering Tanks and Other Enclosed Spaces" and "Disposal of Hazardous Waste". Issues in preparation are "Fire Protection in the Chemical Industry" and "Public Relations in Emergencies".

The guides are becoming a part of safety and fire protection libraries on a widespread basis.

Safety in the Chemical Laboratory -- The committee's 250-page book on this subject, first published in 1954, has now reached a total sales of 8250 copies as of the end of 1960.

A sound/color movie on the same subject has just been completed and it is hoped that the Board will have time to view it at its meeting in January. We believe this movie will contribute substantially to the Association's over-all safety promotion.

Case Histories -- This service is one of the most appreciated of all the committee's safety projects. Some 3000 copies are distributed monthly to member companies and interested safety groups. They are widely used in safety training programs and have on occasions led to inter-company discussions directed to the prevention of fire or explosion recurrence. An example of this was the Oronite maleic anhydride explosion. Publication of the incident case history led to a meeting of all interested manufacturers to discuss cause and preventive measures. Close cooperation is maintained with governmental agencies, such as the Atomic Energy Commission, the Armed Services Explosives Safety Board, and the Liquid Propellant Information Agency which receives 300 copies monthly.

A cross-index of the histories is maintained for effective reference.

Lammot du Pont Awards and Certificates of Achievement -- I am omitting a detailed report on these subjects since I believe you are kept regularly informed. The committee feels these activities are continuing to be effective and worthwhile.

Workshops -- In 1957, a chemical safety workshop activity was initiated. This has become an annual affair with the last one being held in September at Niagara Falls, Ontario. It was felt to be the most successful one yet held. Some 140 attended. The workshop permits representatives of a geographical location with considerable chemical industry to ask and discuss chemical safety questions with a panel consisting of the entire committee. We sincerely believe the industry is being benefitted in many ways by this activity.

Fire Protection -- The committee invited insurance representatives from their respective companies to attend a meeting in February 1957. The purpose of this meeting was to develop plans for a concentrated effort to reduce fire and explosion losses in the chemical industry. As a result of this meeting an Ad Hoc Fire Insurance Committee was formed and first met in April 1957 when it made plans for the development of an annual industry fire and explosion loss report. Out of the activities of this ad hoc committee the MCA Insurance Committee was created in April 1958. The committee has long had a sub-committee on fire protection and it is the responsibility of this group to spearhead the committee's efforts in broadening the knowledge of fire safety in the chemical industry. The joint Task Force of the Fire Protection Subcommittee and the Insurance Committee members is now preparing a report on trends in the industry's fire and explosion losses. In this work they have the cooperation of leading representatives of chemical industry insurance companies.

Off-The-Job Safety. I should like to refer briefly to this important activity. To my knowledge, the Association was the first trade association to promote this specific program among its members. This activity is now becoming a "must" throughout the country.

Other Association Contacts -- By individual participation of members of the committee and by appointment to represent the Association, valuable and constructive contacts are maintained with the National Fire Protection Association, the National Safety Council, and the American Standards Association.

The committee also continues to cooperate with the American Chemical Society, particularly with regard to annual meeting program assistance on the subject of safety.

These areas represent the major activities of the committee although there are numerous others which could be mentioned.

We, as a committee, and you, gentlemen, as a Board, can feel gratified that the Association is contributing in a substantial way to the cause of safety and fire protection in the chemical industry.