ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

Minutes of the General Meeting held Thursday, Sept. 23, 1948 at the Warwick, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

S. V. Dillon
B. F. Stanton

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

W. C. Scott
A. E. Whitfield

PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.

A. J. Scanlon
J. W. Weber

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

M. C. Shaw

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

G. W. Marshall
J. A. Bettes
J. M. Weaver
A. W. Byxbee

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

G. S. Fabel

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

C. H. Carlough

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT.

M. I. Ruddock

1. The meeting was called to order by the President and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

2. The Treasurer's Report was read by Mr. W. C. Scott (copy attached) It was moved by Mr. Fabel, seconded by Mr. Carlough and unanimously approved that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. There followed a discussion concerning the proper disposition of the credit balance in the Advertising Fund, in the amount of $2211.56, in favor of the Garlock Packing Co. Since the Garlock Packing Company has given proper notice of their intentions to retire their membership in the Institute, effective January 1, 1949, it was felt that some action on this matter should be taken before that date. The President of the Institute was delegated to discuss

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the matter with the officials of the Company concerned in order to determine their wishes so that proper action may be taken at the next meeting.

3. The Secretary read his Quarterly Report and it was accepted as read (copy attached). It was pointed out in this report that several requests for copies of the Institute Primer are now on file, however, since the Secretary has no supply of these publications with which to satisfy these requests no action has been possible. It was suggested that the Secretary should correspond with the several member companies of the Institute in an effort to obtain a sufficient number of Primers to meet the demand.

4. The Air Hygiene Committee had no formal report to offer. Mr. B. F. Stanton, a member of this committee, briefly commented upon the activities of the committee and it was pointed out that since no definite program has been promoted by the Institute, the activities are in a state of dormancy. It was suggested, however, that the committee should remain active and should make an effort to meet at least once a year for an exchange of ideas.

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5. Mr. Marshall reported for the Fiber Improvement Committee and stated that no action has been taken within this group.

6. The Sales Promotion Committee had no report for the meeting since no meeting were held during the quarter. Mr. Marshall read a letter from Mr. Bain, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee, in which the inactivity was ascribed to lack of a

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definite program. It was suggested that an effort should be made by this committee to complete the plans for the glass display cabinet which is now under consideration.

7. Mr. J. M. Weaver presented a report (copy attached) on the activities of the Technical Committee during the past quarter. The report was unanimously approved and Mr. Weaver and his committee were complimented for the work that has been thus far accomplished and were authorized to enter into discussions with government agencies concerning the technical aspects of Federal specifications without specific directives from the general membership in each instance.

8. Dr. Shaw presented his Progress Report No. 9 covering the research activities of the Asbestos Textile Institute Fellowship (copy attached). A brief discussion of the report followed. In the report, on the basis of results of flame spread testing of various grades of asbestos cloth, an asbestos textile of an unusual construction was proposed which theoretically should give a high quality performance with only a partial use of high quality fiber. A request was made for the preparation of samples of this theoretical construction and several members promptly offered to make up such samples for testing purposes.

9. The next matter placed before the meeting for consideration concerned the renewal of the Fellowship Agreement between the Asbestos Textile Institute and Rutgers University. This subject was discussed at the June 17th meeting of the Institute and approval of all members present was obtained. The absent members were polled by mail regarding their wishes on the matter and on

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the basis of the complete polling the following motion was offered by Mr. Carlough, seconded by Mr. Dillon and unanimously approved:

"It is recommended that the Fellowship Agreement between the Asbestos Textile Institute and Rutgers University be renewed for another year at a cost of $7,500.00 plus expenses". (Since the Fellowship Fund contains a surplus adequate to cover this cost, member companies need not be assessed for the extension of this agreement.)

10. Mr. Edward Crosby, Johns-Manville Corp., was introduced to the group. Mr. Crosby has been asked by the Government to assist industry in working out a plan for accumulating a stock pile of certain critical asbestos fibers, including C&G, Amosite and Blue Asbestos. The tentative program for carryingout this action was discussed, and the extent of participation by the individual manufacturers outlined. It was suggested that the Army-Navy Munitions Board should arrange a conference with representatives of the Technical Committee of the Institute for the purpose of determining the specifications of the fibers to be stockpiled and to establish the intended end-use and probable demands for the various fibers. It was further suggested that each member company of the Institute should forward to the President of the Institute any questions or suggestions pertaining to the problem that should be considered in the deliberations of the above conference. It was suggested by Mr. Crosby that unless the asbestos industry cooperates with the Government fully and works out a feasible plan for stockpiling the critical raw materials specified the Government

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would probably step in and order an involuntary allocation of fibers.

11. Mr. J. A. Bettes read a letter received by the Secretary from the publication offices of the magazine "Asbestos". A request was here made for an article which might be published in that magazine setting forth some of the activities of the Institute. It was agreed that the Secretary should prepare such an article and submit it to the Technical Committee and the Committee on News Releases for approval prior to offering it for general publication.

12. In preparation for the next meeting, which will be the last quarterly meeting of the year, the President appointed Mr. E. R. Teubner,Jr., to serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee with authority to select other members to serve with him on that committee. The Budget Committee will report at the December meeting.

13. The President announced that the next meeting would be held at New Brunswick, N. J., on Thursday, December 9, 1948.

14. There being no further business to come before the meeting it was unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

MYRIL C. SHAW
Secretary

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