

A G E N D A

Executive Committee Meeting
11:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 12, 1943
Room 517, The Chemists' Club, 52 E. 41st St., N. Y. C.

- I. Minutes of December Meeting
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Business Conditions Report No. 38
- IV. Industry Public Relations
(New York Times Article of January 3, 1943)
- V. Manpower Survey of Chemical Industry by War Production Board and War Manpower Commission.
- VI. Plant Safety Committee
- VII. Technical Committees:
 - a. Mr. H. D. Anderson of the Dow Chemical Company to replace Mr. T. H. Caldwell on the M.C.A. Tank Car Committee.
 - b. Appointment of Mr. W. W. Sunderland to membership on the Poisonous Articles and Miscellaneous Packages Committee and the Metal Barrels and Drums Committee.
- VIII. Special Reports:
 - a. Shell Development Company of Emeryville, Calif.,
and FAECT Contract December 16, 1942
 - b. FAECT Contract December 28, 1942
 - c. Occupational Bulletin 10 December 30, 1942
 - d. Brief on Proposed Office of Technological
Mobilization December 23, 1942
- IX. Miscellaneous

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Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association of the United States was held in Room 517, The Chemists' Club, 52 East 41st Street, New York City, on Tuesday, January 12, 1943 at 11:00 A.M.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Lammot du Pont, Chairman

L. T. Beale

Charles Belknap

H. L. Derby

C. F. Hosford, Jr.

H.O.C. Ingraham

C. D. Marlatt

J. W. McLaughlin

George W. Merck

Charles S. Munson

W. N. Watson, Secretary

Absent: E. M. Allen

R. H. Dunham

August Kochs

T. P. Walker

H. I. Young

The minutes of the December meeting were duly approved as sent to the members.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer for the period December 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942 was reviewed, and

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

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

III. BUSINESS CONDITIONS REPORT NO. 38

Business Conditions Report No. 38 was reviewed.

IV. INDUSTRY PUBLIC RELATIONS

The attention of the members of the Committee was called to an article entitled "Chemical Industry Set For War Role" in the section of the New York Times of January 3, 1943 on "American Industry at War".

The subject of keeping the public more closely informed on the developments of the chemical industry and its direct relation to the war was reviewed. The question was raised as to whether this was the proper function of the M.C.A., and the subject was held for further consideration at the next meeting.

V. MANPOWER SURVEY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY BY WPB AND WMC

For the information of the Committee, the Secretary reported that a recent survey of the Chemical Industry shows fair success in retaining chemists and engineers. Retention of operators and foremen is very difficult. Up-grading has lowered standards due to limited training and experience, and there is a lack of capable replacements. Years of training of processmen and foremen are necessary to safeguard personnel, equipment and critical materials. Deferment periods are too short to permit a minimum training, and the attitude of employees is impaired by uncertainty, resulting, in the past, in enlistment.

Draftboards frequently are unaware of the relation of chemicals to war production, with the possible exception of explosives plants. Use of women is increasing

in laboratories, packing, shipping and in certain processes. Quotas for each board should be set in relation to concentration of war employment. Draftboards frequently are unfamiliar with occupational bulletins and are primarily concerned with supplying their quotas. The result is a lack of uniformity of treatment by different boards. Further loss of plant men points to crippling or shut-down of chemical operations.

This survey has been submitted to the War Manpower Commission for consideration and action.

VI. PLANT SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that the M.C.A. Plant Safety Committee, set up as a result of the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting on September 1, 1942, had met in January and was working on the question of definitions in order that different plants could report on a strictly comparable basis in regard to accidents, etc. Progress report accepted.

Interest was expressed that the work of this committee in formulating an industry program not be permitted to drag along unduly.

The attention of the members was called to the special letter to members of December 29 regarding safe handling of dangerous chemicals in war plants. The Secretary advised that the demand for M.C.A. safety manuals was increasing and that there was an extensive distribution to chemical and ordnance plants. Because of the many new men handling chemicals in the war, it was believed that every firm should take the utmost steps to contact all customers on the safe handling of chemicals.

VII. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

1. The replacement of Mr. T. H. Caldwell by Mr. H. D. Anderson, Dow Chemical Company, on the M.C.A. Tank Car Committee was approved.

2. The appointment of Mr. W. W. Sunderland of the Dow Chemical Company to membership on the Poisonous Articles and Miscellaneous Packages Committee, replacing Mr. H. D. Anderson also of the Dow Chemical Company, and the Metal Barrels and Drums Committee was approved.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

The Secretary advised that in accordance with the request made at the December meeting a brief had been filed with the Senate subcommittee of the Military Affairs Committee opposing S. 2721 setting up an Office of Technological Mobilization. A copy was sent to each member.

IX. POSTWAR PLANNING

The subject of postwar planning by individual units and by groups was discussed extensively and the committee presented with a summary of "Preparing for High Levels of Employment and Productivity" prepared by the Committee for Economic Development, Mr. P. G. Hoffman, Chairman.

It was agreed that this subject should be continued on the docket.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Chairman read a letter received from Mr. H. I. Young, President, American Zinc, Lead and Smelting Co., advising that he had accepted an assignment with the War Production Board as Director of the Raw Materials Division and asking whether or not he should resign from the Executive Committee.

It was the unanimous opinion of those present that Mr. Young should continue as a member of the Executive Committee, and the Chairman agreed to advise Mr. Young to this effect.

2. The lease for the Washington office (four rooms renting at \$167.00 a month, or a total of \$2,004.00 for the year) for the fiscal year beginning December 14, 1942 was approved. This is the same rent as for recent years.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was

On motion, duly made and seconded

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned accordingly.

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WARREN N. WATSON

Secretary

APPROVED

Chairman

