

agenda at the June Meeting. The Institute has always tried to maintain an independent course and has not affiliated with other organizations. We have, however, tried to cooperate with the Asbestos Information Association. The general feeling is that the Asbestos Information Association is doing a good job for the Asbestos Industry, including friction material manufacturers. We have maintained our contacts and links with the Asbestos Information Association.

The Secretary advised that at a March meeting of the Board of Directors a resolution was passed that we would contact the Asbestos Information Association offering financial support. Whether this support would be a direct contribution by the Institute or a recommendation of support by individual members has not been decided. The Secretary contacted Mr. Mereness of the Asbestos Information Association concerning this possible support.

At this point, it was stated that we had considerable discussion earlier in the meeting about the difficulty friction materials manufacturers are having in meeting the existing 5 fibers/cc standard and will have in meeting the 2 fibers/cc limit. The question is: Are other manufacturing groups having this same difficulty? It was suggested that the Secretary contact the Asbestos Information Association to find out whether other users of asbestos are having this difficulty. While the membrane filter method is the only method available, the members are questioning its inherent inaccuracy and the difficulty in training people. Have other industry accepted the 2 fiber/cc limit? Perhaps the friction material industry is having more problems with the membrane filter technique than other industry groups. This question will be asked of the AIA. To summarize: Have other industry groups questioned the existing 5 fiber/cc limit and the 2 fibers/cc limit that goes into effect July 1, 1976.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED: The Asbestos Study Committee wishes to go on record in favor of support of the Asbestos Information Association.

As a comment, the words "financial support" were not used, as the Committee suggests that the Institute either give direct financial support, or as an alternative recommend direct support of the Asbestos Information Association to the members of the Institute.

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It was stated that perhaps the Committee members were not the best qualified to handle the asbestos problem. Perhaps some members are environmental people. Others may be factory people. Others might not be directly involved with the problems of asbestos. Perhaps it would be well to call on others who might be able to give specific expertise. It was pointed out that Bendix had two members on the Committee with different expertise. It would be completely reasonable for the members of this Committee to bring along to future meetings people skilled in different areas in the asbestos problem. Such attendees would be welcome at any meeting.

At this point it was suggested that the proposed seminar that had been suggested two years ago might be worthwhile. A more formal program dealing with asbestos problems only could be scheduled. For example, most people who attended the