Minutes

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

October 5, 1967

The William Hilton Inn, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

In attendance:

J.L. Rainey - American Asbestos Textile Corporation
E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corporation
J.A. Brown, Jr. - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J.L. Mitchell - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company
J.A. Gallagher - H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
N.L.A. Martucci - Garlock, Inc. (Substituting for G.P. Wiess)
R.P. Clark - Uniroyal, Inc.
P.Jay Flocken - Legal Counsel
H.E. Sunbury - Secretary

Guests: W.S. Simpson, President - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
S.R. Zimmerman, Exec.Vice Pres., Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
E.H. Wells, Vice President & Gen.Mgr., Johns-Manville Corp.
W.L. Wylie, Vice President & Gen.Mgr., Uniroyal, Inc.
Dr. L.J. Cralley, U.S. Public Health Service
C.L. Sheckler, Johns-Manville Corp.

********* Minutes *********

1. President Rainey called the meeting to order at 9:45 P.M., and stated that he had received a letter from Mr. G.P. Wiess, Garlock Inc., authorizing Mr. Martucci to represent that company at this meeting.

2. The regular order of business was changed for the convenience of our guests who were invited to hear Dr. L.J. Cralley report on the Environmental Health Study, by the U.S. Public Health Service, that has been underway for several years.

Dr. Cralley is a co-author with Messers. R.G. Keenan and J.R. Lynch, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, of a paper entitled "Exposure to Metals in the Manufacture of Asbestos Textile Products". This paper has been accepted for publication in Journal of American Industrial Hygiene Association, and preprints were supplied member companies of A.T.I. by Dr. Cralley several weeks prior to this meeting.

Dr. Cralley discussed trace metals exposure in connection with the processing of chrysotile asbestos fibre, pointing out that "sufficient evidence is presented in this study to indicate that the role of metals in the etiology of disease associated with asbestos inhalation should not be ignored. Thus it is no longer tenable to look only for asbestos fibers or bodies in biological tissue and by their presence assume a cause and effect relationship with the disease." (The quote is taken from Abstract of Paper referred to above).

Dr. Cralley stressed the need for complete medical record of every worker in our industry, with the objective of establishing over a ten year period (or longer) trends in respect to health, causes of deaths and of longevity; emphasizing that complete information on people we have now is needed to establish a reference point. Wants to cover 100% of the industry - is fearful of delay, as it is possible another governmental agency (Community Health Service(?)) might step into the picture if they see that Dept. of H.E.& W. is not actively at work on the problem.

Dr. Cralley stated that the U.S. Public Health "team" would visit each plant and examine employees, bringing their own mobile equipment, nurses and doctors. Other than the time away from his job while being examined and interviewed, there would be no expense to company or its employees. There was a very lengthy discussion, during the course of which Mr. E.H. Wells, Vice President of Johns-Manville stated that his company would be agreeable for the U.S.P.H. team to examine J/M asbestos workers, and suggested that Dr. Cralley submit detailed proposal in writing as to how he wanted to proceed - a form to fill out - and a plan for carrying out the clinical study.

At this point in the meeting our guests departed, and the regular schedule of business was resumed.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion made by E.A. Schuman, seconded by J.A. Brown, it was voted to omit the reading of the minutes.

4. The Financial Report as of September 11th, 1967, was presented by Treasurer Martucci. E.A. Schuman moved that report be accepted; motion seconded by J.A. Brown, and so voted. The Report is attached to these minutes. Mr. Rainey reported that the annual audit of the Institute's books had been made by Mr. James D. Smith, accountant employed by Garlock, Inc., and that he had a letter from Mr. Smith dated September 21, 1967, stating that the report of Sept. 11, 1967, as presented by Mr. Martucci represented the financial position of the Institute on that date. A copy of the auditor's letter is attached to these minutes.

5. Treasurer Martucci presented a suggested budget for the year 1968 in the amount of $15,315.00. Mr. J.A. Brown, Jr., moved that the budget, as proposed, be approved. Motion seconded by R.P. Clark. Approval was unanimous. The budget, as approved, is attached to these minutes.

6. Mr. J.A. Brown, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that he had canvassed the member companies to determine who would represent them on the Board of Governors for the coming year, and the following have been designated by their respective companies:

John A. Brown, Jr., - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
R.P. Clark, - Uniroyal, Inc.
J.A. Gallagher, - H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
J.L. Mitchell, - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company
J.L. Rainey, - American Asbestos Textile Corporation
E.A. Schuman, - Johns-Manville Corporation
G.P. Wiess, - Garlock Inc.

7. Election of Officers - Mr. Brown, Chairman of Nominating Commitee submitted a slate of officers for the coming year, namely:

J.L. Rainey for President
E.A. Schuman for Vice President
N.L.A. Martucci for Treasurer

There being no other nominations for these offices, it was moved by R.P. Clark, and seconded by J.A. Gallagher, that the above slate of officers be duly elected. Agreement was unanimous and it was so voted.

8. Appointment of Chairmen of Working Committees. Mr. Brown, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following recommendations for chairmen of the respective committees:

Air Hygiene & Manufacturing - H.H. Walter, American Asb.Tex.Corp.
Sales Promotion - M.Q. Scowcroft, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Technical - J.W. Hawkins, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Fiber Testing - G.F.A. Brink, Asbestos Corporation Limited

It was moved that the above named men be approved. Motion made by R.P. Clark, seconded by J.L. Mitchell. So voted unanimously.

9. President Rainey reported that the Secretary had received an application from the firm of Hilados Y Tejidos De Asbesto, S.A., Toluca, Mexico, for Associate Membership in the Institute. Stated that this concern, an affiliate of his own company, were well qualified, as manufacturers of asbestos textiles, for associate membership and recommended approval of their application. Mr. Brown moved the application be accepted, seconded by Mr. Martucci, so voted unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to notify them of the Board's action.

10. Bausch & Lomb Dust Counting Equipment. This equipment is expected to be delivered on or about December of this year. It will be paid for by the Institute (approx. $4800.00) and rotated between member companies on a schedule yet to be determined. The matter of insurance on the equipment was discussed briefly, and Mr. E.A. Schuman offered to investigate how this could best be handled, to ensure adequate protection for the Institute.

11. Proposed establishment of a Scholarship Fund. Mr. J.A. Gallagher had made extensive inquiries on this subject since our last meeting, and submitted a very detailed written report covering the information obtained from North Carolina State University and Clemson University in respect to Textile Scholarships. There was a very considerable period of discussion, during which Mr. J.L. Mitchell stated that he was opposed to the idea of giving a scholarship as he was convinced (from his own experience as a recipient of one in his college days) that neither the Institute nor our Industry could expect to benefit by such expenditure. Due to the lateness of the hour, President Rainey said that this subject would be carried forward to the next meeting. He complimented Mr. Gallagher on an extremely fine report.

12. Speaker for the February 9th General Meeting (1968). Mr. Schuman said that he would try to arrange for a speaker for that date.

13. President Rainey suggested that the June meeting might better be held in Atlanta, Ga., as the February and October meetings in 1968 are scheduled for New York City and Hershey, Pa., respectively. The Secretary was instructed to try to get accomodations in Atlanta at the new Regency-Hyatt House, for June 6th and 7th, 1968.

14. President Rainey reported that he had received a letter from Staton J.Peele, Jr., expressing his deep appreciation for the wrist watch presented to him by members of the Board of Governors at their June, 1967, meeting.

15. There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury
Secretary