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M.C.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
11:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 10, 1944
Room 517, The Chemists' Club, 52 East 41st Street, N.Y.C.

- I. Minutes of September Meeting
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - B. Business Conditions Report No. 59
- II. Appointment of a Successor for Mr. R. H. Dunham, Hercules Powder Company, on the M.C.A. Executive Committee.
- III. Disposition of Government-Owned Surpluses and Reconversion (H. R. 5125 and S. 2051).
- IV. M.C.A. Committee Activities:
 - A. Labels and Precautionary Information Committee
 - 1. Report of Caustic Soda Subcommittee
 - 2. Report of Subcommittee on Classification of Chemicals by Hazard
 - 3. California Labeling Conference
 - B. Membership Committee - G. W. Merck
 - 1. Quaker Oats Company
 - C. Report of M.C.A. Committee on Disposition of Government-Owned Plants and Surpluses
- V. Miscellaneous:
 - A. U. S. Chamber of Commerce Referendum No. 85 on Universal Military Training in Peacetime - Lannot du Pont.

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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 A, The Chemists' Club, 52 East 41st Street, New York, New York, on Tuesday, October 10, at 11:10 A.M.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Lamot du Pont, Chairman	Absent: H. M. Hooker
L. T. Beale	C. F. Hosford, Jr.
Charles Belknap	W. S. Landes
H. L. Derby	P. T. Sharples
H. O. C. Ingraham	
August Kochs	
C. D. Marlatt	
J. W. McLaughlin	
George W. Merck	
Charles S. Munson	
M. F. Crass, Jr., Acting Secretary	

In the absence of the Chairman at the opening of the meeting, Mr. H. L. Derby took the chair temporarily.

I. MINUTES OF MEETING

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

A. Treasurer's Report. The report of the Treasurer for the period September 1 to September 30, 1944 was reviewed, and

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

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

The matter of investment of a portion of the treasury surplus was discussed, and it was agreed that this should be placed upon the agenda of the next meeting.

B. Business Conditions Report No. 59. Business Conditions Report No. 59 was reviewed.

The Secretary advised that a conference had been scheduled later in the month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to consider amendment of the BLS Wholesale Price Index on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals. An M.C.A. representative will attend this conference. The present drugs price index, which has risen from a January 1939 figure of 77.9 to an August 1944 figure of 220.1 is meaningless and of no practical use because of the substantial weighting accorded ethyl alcohol, which is figured into the index without deduction of the Federal alcohol tax. This tax has been progressively raised from \$4.50 per gallon of 100% alcohol in 1938 to \$18 in 1944.

II. APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR FOR MR. R. H. DUNHAM

Note: Mr. Lamot du Pont entered the meeting during discussion of this matter and took the chair.

As outlined in the Secretary's letter of September 20, Mr. Charles Higgins was unable to accept appointment to the M.C.A. Executive Committee because of conflicting dates of other meetings demanding his presence.

Upon nomination, duly made and seconded, it was voted that Mr. H. I. Young of the American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Company be appointed to membership on the M.C.A. Executive Committee.

III. DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED SURPLUSES AND RECONVERSION

Following discussion of both bills (S. 2051 and H. R. 5125), it was, on motion, duly made and seconded, voted that these bills be referred to the M.C.A. Committee on Disposition of Government-Owned Plants and Surpluses for study and analysis, with a report to be made to the Executive Committee.

The above two bills were signed by the President on October 4 and are now Public Laws No. 458 and 459, respectively.

IV. M.C.A. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Labels and Precautionary Information Committee:

1. Report of Caustic Soda Subcommittee. A recommended label for caustic soda, caustic potash, and products marketed under proprietary names which contain either caustic soda or caustic potash, has been approved by the I.A.P.I. Committee and distributed to member firms.
2. Report of Subcommittee on Classification of Chemicals by Hazard. A copy of this comprehensive report was sent to all member executives on October 5.
3. California Labeling Conference. Following the Los Angeles hearing on October 4, a Chemical Industry Committee was appointed, with Mr. Watson as Chairman, to draft a proposed revision to the proposed "Injurious Substances Safety Orders", dealing with chemicals and related products.

- B. Membership Committee. The Quaker Oats Company. The Committee discussed this application at length, with no definite action being taken, pending receipt of additional information on the scope and volume of its chemical production.

At Mr. Merck's request, the Committee then discussed the general question of membership of firms whose principal activities are outside of the chemical field, with possibilities for M.C.A. membership vested in either a division or subsidiary.

- C. Report of M.C.A. Committee on Disposition of Government-Owned Plants and Surpluses. At the September 12 meeting, the Secretary was authorized to transmit the report of the M.C.A. Committee on Disposition of Government-Owned Plants and Surpluses following clearance of certain suggested revisions, to member firms, providing military contacts did not object to inclusion of estimated plant capacity of certain war plants. Inasmuch as Col. Kuhn, CWS Liaison Officer to the Chemical Advisory Committee of the ANMB objected to the dissemination of these plant capacities at this time, the report was not sent out.

In view of the legislation recently signed by the President, the Secretary was instructed to refer the report back to the original committee, calling attention to Col. Kuhn's position, and requesting that it be given further consideration, following which a final report be made back to the Executive Committee.

Due to the recent death of Dr. W. S. Landis, the Chairman of the Executive Committee was authorized to appoint a new chairman of the Committee on Disposition of Government-Owned Plants and Surpluses.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. U. S. Chamber of Commerce Referendum No. 85 (Universal Military Training in Peacetime). It was the feeling of the members that action on this subject was outside of the scope of our Committee.
- B. Postwar Chemical Research and Development. The Committee discussed the matter of Government cooperation with the chemical industry in postwar chemical research and development.

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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MAURICE F. CRASS, JR.

Acting Secretary

APPROVED:

Lamont du Pont

Chairman

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