MINUTES of the General Meeting
of the Asbestos Textile Institute
held September 12, 1958 at the
Commodore Hotel, New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J. A. Bettes, President
RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
Mike Scanlan
J. W. Weber

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. C. Atkinson
Edw. Beale
Mr. Hendry
L. R. Hoff
W. S. Hough
J. A. O'Brien
E. A. Schuman
C. C. Simoni
U. D. Torrance
J. L. Tucker

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Hutchcroft
A. E. May
D. F. Queally
A. E. Whitfield
D. W. Widmayer

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Brown, Jr.
A. F. Heinsohn
M. S. Maier
M. W. Oliver
J. F. D. Rohrbach
R. B. Smith
S. R. Zimmerman, Jr.

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
W. E. Hill
J. D. McCluer
J. L. Mitchell

TALLMAN-McCLUSKEY FABRICS CO.
A. R. Byrnes
T. C. McCluskey
R. S. Tallman

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
Paul LeClerc

BELL ASBESTOS MINES, LTD.
H. A. Smith
F. Parker Smith

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
J. D. Christian
T. T. Tigert

JOHNSON'S COMPANY, LTD.
Carl Bindman

CADWALADER WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

Guests:
C. H. Carlough, Carolina Asbestos Company
W. R. Whitner and Mr. Farrel, Lake Asbestos of Quebec
W. G. Neel, Ruberoid Company

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bettes and an address of welcome extended to all of those in attendance. Following the opening remarks, each porson in attendance was asked to stand in his place, introduce himself and give his company affiliation.

2. The meeting was opened with the presentation of the minutes of the last meeting for reading however, since all members had received copies and were

familiar with those transactions it was moved by Mr. Widmayer, seconded by Mr. Griffis and unanimously agreed that the reading be dispensed with at this time.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented for consideration by T. C. McCluskey, Treasurer. Following consideration of this report, it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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5. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to reports covering the committee activities for the past year, delivered by the Chairmen of the several active committees.

a) Mr. A. E. May, Chairman of the Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee discussed the many projects and considerations of interest to this group and summarized the undertakings and accomplishments that have been achieved during the past year. The complete report of this committee is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

b) Mr. C. R. Hutchcroft, Chairman of the Fiber Testing Committee was next called upon to present the work of this committee. It was pointed out that this committee has just recently been organized and that the meeting held on September 10th was only the second meeting of this group, therefore, there could not possibly be any statements regarding accomplishments to date except perhaps to note the fact that the committee, under a directive by the Board of Governors, has been established and that a program has been adopted which is designed to carry out the mandate of the Board of Governors.

In order that the work of this committee might be carried out with maximum effectiveness, Mr. Hutchcroft asked that, through action taken in this meeting, this committee be authorized to seek the assistance of the Quebec Asbestos Miners Association and the Asbestos Cement Products Association in carrying out the program to be undertaken and that the efforts of all three groups be coordinated in these endeavors. In response to this request by Mr. Hutchcroft the following resolution was drafted by the legal counsel and unanimously adopted.

> "Resolved, it is the sense of this meeting that full cooperation between the Fiber Testing Committee of A.T.I. and the comparable committees of Q.A.M.A. and A.C.P.A. is highly desirable and that the Fiber Testing Committee is authorized and encouraged to develop whatever methods of liaison between it and the committees of the other two associations which it feels to be most effective."

The formal report by this committee is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

c) The Sales Promotion Committee Report was delivered by Chairman J. A. Brown, Jr., who presented a review of the progress and accomplishments achieved in carrying out the program of activities of this committee. The formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

d) The next report presented as a part of the Sales Promotion Committee activity covered the accomplishments of a special committee appointed to investigate the Buy American Act clause as it has reference to General Stores Supply Office bids for asbestos textile materials. Mr. Whitfield served as chairman of this committee and was assisted by Mr. A. J. Scanlan and Dr. Shaw. It was reported that the committee met with Mr. Jokogian, G. S. S. O. Supervisory Purchasing Agent on June 16th and at that time reviewed the pertinent facts related to the problems involved. In concluding this effort steps are now being taken to have asbestos spinning fibre officially included on the list of commodities exempted from the Buy American Act.

e) The Fiber Committee report was presented by Mr. Carl Bindman in the absence of Mr. Marcotte and he reported that the spinning fiber supplies far exceed the demand and further, that with the several new mines now being opened it does not appear that the supply picture would offer any problems within the foreseeable future. Mr. Bindman also reported upon his recent trip around the world and presented an interesting account of economic and living conditions at various points along his route. The membership was gratefully appreciative of the remarks by Mr. Bindman.

f) The Technical Committee report presented by Chairman Edw. Beale served to review the many projects that have been and currently are under consideration and study by this committee and the accomplishments of the several task groups concerned with cloth, tape and braid specifications were reported. The formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

g) Dr. M. S. Maier, Chairman of the Nuclear Radiation Committee, was next called upon to report regarding the activities of that committee as a task group within the Technical Committee. Dr. Maier reported that samples of four asbestiform minerals had been subjected to nuclear radiation and tested at the Oak Ridge National Laboratories, however, the full report covering the results of these tests was not yet available. Dr. Maier reviewed the contents of a partial report, however, advised that specific information and conclusions would not be available until a thorough study of the full report can be made. The report as offered by Dr. Maier is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

h) The final report was presented by Dr. M. C. Shaw and covered the activities of the Fellowship. During the past year efforts have been exerted by the Fellow to extend the elevated temperature serviceability properties of asbestos textiles and the work here reported covers one approach to this problem. A new material called "Cerbestos" was introduced and a considerable amount of interest in this development was evidenced by the membership. The formal report is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

In concluding this portion of the meeting devoted to committee reports, President Bettes expressed his appreciation of the efforts exerted by each of the committee chairman and the committee members during his two-year term of office, acknowledging the fact that it is the activities of these groups that make the Institute the useful organization it is today.

6. Under subjects of old business the following activities were considered.

a) It was reported that by action of the Sales Promotion Committee, approved by the Board of Governors, the new Asbestos Textile Institute exhibit has been placed in the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, Ill. for a period of one year.

b) The Seal of Quality program has been initiated as covered by Mr. Brown in the Sales Promotion Committee Report. In this endeavor, the Board of Governors authorized the Secretary to maintain a stock of these labels at his headquarters for distribution to the members and that such stock supply should be replenished when it is reduced to a quantity less than 10,000 labels of each of the two sizes. It has been established that orders in amounts of 48,000 are obtained at the most favorable price.

7. Under subjects of new business it was announced that two asbestos fiber producing companies had expressed an interest in becoming members of the Institute, however, no formal application has been received by the President, therefore, consideration in this regard could not be undertaken. Representatives of one of the interested companies were in attendance as guests at this meeting and they were invited to submit an application for membership for consideration by the Board of Governors at the next meeting.

8. This being the Annual meeting for 1958, at which time, by authority of the Constitution of the Institute, there is to be held each year an election of members to serve on the Board of Governors and officers to serve the Institute, President Bettes at this time called for such elections to be held. The nominating committee under the chairmanship of D. W. Widmayer was asked to present the nominations for members of the Board of Governors and the following were named:

American Asbestos Textile Corp. -- A. J. Scanlan
Johns-Manville Corp. -- W. S. Hough
Keasbey & Mattison Co. -- D. W. Widmayer
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. -- J. A. Bettes
Southern Asbestos Co. -- J. T. Griffis
Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co. -- T. C. McCluskey

These nominations were unanimously approved and elected to serve as members of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Following these elections the Board of Governors organized and elected the following officers to serve the Institute for the ensuing year.

President -- J. T. Griffis
Vice-President -- A. J. Scanlan
Treasurer -- W. S. Hough
Secretary & Ass't Treas. -- M. C. Shaw

9. Upon conclusion of the elections, President Bettes addressed remarks of the retiring President to the meeting expressing his appreciation to the many officers and members who served with him during his tenure of office. The complete text of these remarks follows:

"Gentlemen, you are all well aware that I am no great shakes as a speaker. I have, therefore, written a few thoughts I would like to present on this occasion. If some of you fellows don't like the things I am going to

say, you can wash it down with Martinis and Manhattans immediately upon the conclusion of my remarks.

In all seriousness, gentlemen, I want you to know I am am appreciative of the honor you bestowed on me two years ago when you elected me President of our Industry Trade Association. I am all the more appreciative because I am the first president of A.T.I. who was not either president or vice-president of the company he represented at the time of his election. Nevertheless, this is not a good situation. If the Asbestos Textile Institute is to continue to make the greatest possible contribution to the welfare and advancement of the industry, our Board of Governors and our officers should be senior officers of their respective companies.

You fellows handed me this job at a time when the industry was undergoing a critical period of readjustment. The past two years, and particularly the last eighteen months, have been as stormy a period as the asbestos textile industry has had to weather since the bitter days of the 1929-1931 depression. For the past twelve months, the demand for our products fell far below our combined productive capacity, and the current recession accentuated the problem.

The fact that our industry association has been able to grow in service to the trade, even during these difficult times, is a great tribute to our several committee chairmen. The A.T.I. Committees are the backbone of the association. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the chairmen of the several committees who held office during my administration. These men deserve your thanks and appreciation. I would like to name them, first the 1957 chairman and then the 1958 chairman. I am going to ask each man to stand when I call his name and remain standing until all chairmen have been acknowledged.

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| Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee | ----- | A. E. May |
| Technical Committee | Marion Oliver | Edward Beale |
| Sub-Committee on Nuclear Radiation | None | Dr. Martin Maier |
| Sales Promotion Committee | Andy Whitfield | Jack Brown |
| Fiber Committee | (Inactive) | Denny Marcotte |
| Fiber Evaluation Committee | None | Clyde Hutchcroft |

Gentlemen, these are the men who have carried forward the work of our Asbestos Textile Institute. I believe they deserve your approbation.

There is one facet of my administration that has been a very great disappointment to me. I had hoped during these past two years to convince the several members of the industry who are not now members of A.T.I. that it

would be to their advantage to join or re-join our association. A.T.I. can never wholly accomplish the goals it was intended to achieve unless it is represented by the entire manufacturing industry. Despite this very real handicap, A.T.I. has grown to be a most important part of our business. It has grown to be a clearing house for industry ideas and problems. The membership includes most all of the free world's important sources of asbestos spinning fiber, and a great majority of the world's asbestos textile manufacturers.

Our association is now in its fourteenth year. For the past twelve of these years, Dr. Myril C. Shaw has directed both the technical and business affairs of our association in a capable and conscientious fashion. I think it would be in order to give Dr. Shaw a hand for the job he has done as Executive Secretary of A.T.I. this past year.

Our Asbestos Textile institute is unlike some other trade associations I can think of in that it is not a do-nothing association. Our esteemed legal counsel tells us that on the contrary A.T.I. is one of the most fruitful trade associations he knows of. These are kind words coming from the lips of a qualified expert. Malcolm Ruddock currently guides the efforts of eight national trade associations. Mr. Ruddock's standing as an authority on his subject has been recognized by the American Bar Association when they elected him chairman of the Committee on Trade Associations of its Section of Anti-Trust Law. When Mr. Ruddock stands to give his quarterly message to A.T.I., we all have the comfortable feeling that we are listening to the advice of a recognized authority. Malcolm Ruddock has been most faithful in his attendance at each and every meeting of our Board of Governors, and of our General meetings during the past two years of my administration. He has always been right on the job to keep me on the track during our quarterly meetings. I would like to hear a round of appreciation for our faithful and very able legal counsel.

Well, gentlemen, that about winds up my remarks for this session. I am pleased to be able to place my responsibilities in the very experienced hands of Jesse Griffis. I want to assure all of you, and I have promised Jesse Griffis, that I will be very much on the job to help him in the performance of his duties. I will strive to be as staunch a supporter for Jesse as he has been to me during these past two hectic years."

10. There being no further business to come before this session, it was moved by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hough and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon.

11. Following the luncheon, many of the guests and visiting officials of member companies were called upon to address the group. Those who spoke were:

Mr. J. A. O'Brien, Johns-Manville Corp.
Mr. C. C. Simoni, Johns-Manville Corp.
Mr. W. E. Hill, Thermoid Company
Mr. A. F. Heinsohn, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Mr. J. T. Griffis, Southern Asbestos Company
Mr. C. H. Carlough, Carolina Asbestos Company
Mr. S. R. Zimmerman, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Mr. H. A. Smith, Bell Asbestos Mines
Mr. J. F. D. Rohrbach, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Mr. R. S. Tallman, Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co.

Following the addresses, the meeting adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary