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MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLASTICS COMMITTEE BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB, SPRINGFIELD, N. J. MAY 6, 1952

PRESENT:

M. G. Milliken
F. A. Abbiati
D. S. Frederick
Howard S. Bunn
E. D. Ries
J. L. Rodgers, Jr.

W. S. Landes
J. R. Hoover
Louis Klein
H. M. Parsekian
Harry Dent
Dan M. Rugg
F. H. Carman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. G. Milliken at 11:15 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1952-1953

In keeping with procedure of previous years and PMMA, some Committee members appointed in June, 1951, should serve for another year; these are Messrs. Milliken, Abbiati, Bunn, Coe and Frederick. Messrs. Rodgers and Ries having served for two years would normally be replaced as regular Committee members unless designated as chairman or vice chairman.

After consideration of members available to serve, to obtain wide coverage of plastic materials, and to comply with the terms of reference for the Plastics Committee, the group was unanimous in suggesting Mr. Dan M. Rugg of Koppers Co. be appointed as a new member of the Committee, and that Mr. W. W. Knight, Jr. of Plaskon Division or Mr. Roger Firestone of Firestone Plastics Co. be considered in that order as a replacement for the second member. It is the understanding that Mr. Milliken would consult with Mr. Knight and then Mr. Firestone regarding acceptance of Committee membership. The results of his contacts will be made known to the Committee for further consideration in the June meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

The augmented public relations activities of MCA and other matters pertaining to the budget and dues for the forthcoming year were discussed informally. It was the unanimous agreement of the group that all

Executive Representatives interested in plastic materials be urged to study the public relations program when the particulars are cleared for consideration by the Washington office. It is the desire of the Committee that every member have a full understanding of the Association's plans in this respect and be prepared to take constructive action thereon in the Annual Meeting. In this respect, it was suggested that the Washington office determine how many plastics group representatives are planning to attend the White Sulphur meeting in June so that Group meeting arrangements can be made.

COATING RESINS

The Committee was advised of the desire on the part of some Association members to establish a coating resins committee operating somewhat similar to that now in effect for the Plastics Group and under the terms as now provided for the latter.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board of Directors of MCA approved the Terms of Reference for the Plastics Committee in its meeting of March 11, 1952. Counsel has advised of the comments of two members, one suggesting that statistical reports be approved by MCA counsel before distribution, and the other regarding concern with the formulation of voluntary standardization programs. Counsel argued against making any change in the terms since it is understood that these results could be accomplished administratively as has always been the practice of the Committee and the Washington office in the past. The following was presented from Counsel to the Plastics Committee: "Please express to the members of the Plastics Committee my appreciation for their cooperation and patience in getting the Terms of Reference in final form."

ASME PLASTICS STANDARDS

A proposal of this Association covers mainly the fabrication of plastic products. It was agreed that this proposed standard should be taken up with the Technical Subcommittee to determine if any action on the part of the MCA was warranted.

MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS

A request from S.P.I. to consider listing of compositions meeting certain military specifications is to be taken up with the Technical Subcommittee to determine the feasibility of such activity and general value of this to industry and government.

PLASTICS EXHIBIT

Members were advised of the success of the plastics exhibit set up within NPA during the previous week. The Association's Washington office cooperated in procuring samples and setting this up; the Bake-lite Company very graciously supplied tables, lighting and other props which contributed materially to the success of the exhibit. Mr. Carman received a letter of appreciation from Mr. O. V. Tracy, Director of the Chemical Division.

NFPA COMMITTEE ON WEARING APPAREL

The National Fire Protection Association has invited Mr. F. H. Carman to accept appointment on their Committee on Wearing Apparel. It was explained that this is the outgrowth of the recent proposed legislation on wearing apparel (plastic film is now included) and general awakening of the public to hazards in connection with synthetics used in clothing. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the group that MCA should approve the acceptance of this committee membership.

GROUP MEETING

Mr. Rodgers, in charge of arrangements for golf and other activities during the day, outlined the plans for luncheon, afternoon and evening entertainment.

WHEREUPON, adjournment was taken at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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