

STAFF PROPOSAL
concerning
Air Quality Committee Membership
of
Donald C. Winson

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On February 10, 1970, at the request of the Air Quality Committee, the Board of Directors approved regularization of the membership of Donald C. Winson on this committee. Mr. Winson, an outside counsel representing Alcoa, was recognized as a valid exception to the "General Principles Applicable to the Structure and Operations of Committees" provision that membership be restricted to full-time employees of member companies. This action was made subject to annual staff review and Board reconfirmation, and on February 9, 1971, such reconfirmation was granted by the Board.

As the factors leading to the earlier request remain equally valid, the staff recommends the Board approve Mr. Winson's continuation as a member of the Air Quality Committee, subject to staff review and Board reconfirmation at the end of another year.

Staff Proposal of February 10, 1970, is attached for information.

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Frank L. Seamans, outside counsel of the Aluminum Company of America, was on the charter roster of the Air Quality Committee when it was organized in 1949, and was an outstanding contributor to its program in the early years. Upon adoption of the "General Principles Applicable to the Structure and Operations of Committees" in 1963, on his own initiative he inquired whether the requirement of "member-company full-time employee" for committee membership would affect his status. General Hull, then MCA president, ruled that this pre-existing membership could continue undisturbed.

In 1964, Alcoa nominated Donald C. Winson, a member of Mr. Seamans' legal firm, as successor to Mr. Seamans. The record of Board approval indicates only that Mr. Winson represents Alcoa, with no evidence of recognition that he was not an Alcoa employee. The irregularity of his membership was brought out in a recent general review of committees by Staff Counsel.

The Air Quality Committee is eager for Mr. Winson to continue in full participation. His background of legal specialization in industrial air pollution is comparatively rare, and his leadership at this juncture is especially valuable. He has been, and is personally interested in continuing to be, an active contributor to the Committee's needs. He can be particularly helpful in the organization and development of the recently authorized Joint Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution Legislation and Regulations.

Accordingly, primarily as a "grandfather" case and as such not otherwise setting a precedent, and secondarily in recognition of continuing need by the Committee for the services he is peculiarly able to render, the staff recommends that the Board of Directors regularize the membership of Donald C. Winson on the Air Quality Committee as an acknowledged exception to the member-company full-time employee qualification, subject to staff review and Board reconfirmation annually.

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