

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

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Minutes - BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING - February 3, 1971

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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
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In attendance:

L.E. Moody - H.K. Porter Company, Inc. (Chairman)
M.Q. Scowcroft - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc..
A. Kuzmuk - Garlock Inc.
E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corp. .
N.D. Brown - Johns-Manville Corp.
J.W. Christenbury - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
E.A. Morris - Uniroyal, Inc.
S.J. Peele, Jr. - Uniroyal, Inc. (Guest)
H.C. Roosevelt - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft (Attorney)
H.E. Sunbury - Secretary

Absent: Geo. Griswold, Jr. of Nicolet Industries. (Came to Charlotte for the meeting but developed a temperature, stayed in bed.)

***** Minutes *****

1. Chairman Moody called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion by E.A. Schuman, seconded by E.A. Morris, it was voted to omit.
3. Mr. Moody reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. E.A. Schuman dated January 4, 1971, stating that he no longer had responsibility for ~~xxx~~ Johns-Manville's asbestos textile line, and consequently was resigning from the A.T.I. Board of Governors. Mr. Morris moved that the resignation be accepted with deep regret. Motion seconded by Mr. Kuzmuk. So voted.

Mr. Moody stated that M.J. Cowan, Vice President and General Marketing Manager of Johns-Manville had written him under date of January 4, 1971 expressing their wish that J/M be represented on the Board of Governors of ATI by Mr. Norman D. Brown. On motion by Mr. Kuzmuk, seconded by Mr. Morris, it was voted ~~unanimously~~ unanimously to elect Mr. Brown to the Board of Governors.

4. Mr. Moody stated that he had a letter from Mr. J.L. Rainey, President of American Asbestos Textile Corporation, dated January 7, 1971, tendering his resignation as a member of the A.T.I. Board of Governors due to the increasing pressure of his corporate responsibilities. Mr. Scowcroft moved that the resignation be accepted with deep regret. Motion seconded by Mr. Kuzmuk, and so voted.

In his letter Mr. Rainey nominated Mr. J.W. Christenbury to represent American Asbestos Textile Corporation on the Board of Governors. Mr. Scowcroft moved that the nomination of Mr. Christenbury be approved, motion seconded by Mr. Kuzmuk, and it was voted unanimously to elect Mr. Christenbury to the Board of Governors.

5. Treasurer Kuzmuk presented the Financial Report dated 1/11/71. Mr. Christenbury moved that it be accepted, Mr. Scowcroft seconded the motion, and so voted unanimously. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Kuzmuk stated that the Secretary had advised him that the Reserve Fund would be depleted by at least \$4200.00 to meet A.T.I. expenses in the year 1971, in order to take care of the present level of expenses. \$1900.00 of this deficit is due to the 20% special discount applicable to members 1971 dues. While there are ample reserve funds at the moment it is plain that the time is approaching when expenditures must be brought in line with our yearly income!

6. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from MANUFACTURAS MULTIPLES S.A., Caracas, Venezuela, dated December 3, 1970, saying that they were the only manufacturers of asbestos textiles in Venezuela, and were interested in "subscribing to the Asbestos Textile Institute as a membership". As their letterhead indicated they were a distributor for Johns-Manville the Secretary inquired thru the Fibre & Sales Dept. of J/M if Manufacturas Multiples S.A. actually did qualify as a manufacturer of asbestos textiles, and was assured they did. Information was sent Manufacturas Multiples S.A. on December 8, 1970 relative to requirements for Associate Membership in the Institute, with the promise that their interest in becoming a member of the Institute would be submitted to the Board of Governors at this meeting. They did not reply to this letter.

Mr. Scowcroft expressed doubt as to whether Manufacturas Multiples S.A. were interested in Associate Membership in ATI and moved that the matter be tabled until such time as the Secretary could clarify the extent of their interest. Mr. Kuzmuk seconded this motion and it was so voted.

7. Mr. Moody reported that he had ~~written~~ asked Mr. Am. J.W. Smith, Vice President & General Sales Manager of Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd., to accept appointment as Public Relations Director for the A.T.I. as voted by the Board at their meeting on October 8, 1970, and that Mr. Smith had declined the appointment saying that ~~it would~~ acceptance would place both he and his company in embarrassing position relative to their competition.

8. Locations and dates for ATI meetings in 1971 and 1972 were discussed:

June 9-10, 1971 - Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, NJ (Approved)
October 6-8, 1971 - Savannah Inn & Country Club, Savannah, Ga. (Approved)
February 2-3, 1972 - The Mills-Hyatt House, Charleston, S.C. (Approved)
June 7-8, 1972 - Marriott Key Bridge Hotel, Arlington, Va. (Wash.) (Tentative)
October 1972 - Secretary is to check with Fluid Sealing Assoc. as to their dates for October meeting. The QAMA meets on Oct. 3-6, 1972. Following week has Columbus Day. Suggested for an ATI meeting in the 3rd week of Oct. were Country Club of N.C., Pinehurst, or Hilton Head. Further discussion is necessary.

9. As agreed at the last Board meeting, the Chairman of each of our working committees was invited to discuss current activities and forward plans for his committee. Highlights of their remarks and suggestions follow:

Fiber Testing Committee, D.E. Childers, Chairman.

Mr. Childers outlined the work they were doing on the Magnetic Rating specification and test method, in cooperation with the Technical Committee. Referred to his previous request that more representatives of spinners be assigned to ~~the~~ his committee. Suggested that the Fiber Testing Committee might well be combined with the Technical Committee provided the "miners" had no objection. Note: Following the meeting Messers Stiefken ~~and~~ of Lake Asbestos, and Walter H. Smith of Bell Asbestos Mines, both expressed strong opposition to the idea of combining the two committees.

Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee, H.M. Willingham, Chairman.

Mr. Willingham reported on progress of instruction booklet for the Membrane Filter Method for Determination of Airborne Asbestos Fiber. Said that all members had approved the final draft except American Asbestos Textile Corp. who were late receiving their copy. Credited the Task Group consisting of Ralph Hindmarch of J/M, Joe Wronski of R/M, and Dewey Childers of H.K. Porter Co., with doing a fine job in preparing the copy for the booklet. Recommended that the booklet be approved for printing.

There was general agreement by members of the Board that the Secretary should proceed to obtain an estimate for the printing of one thousand copies, and report back to the Board as to total cost, and ask approval to place the printing order. Also, the Secretary is to prepare a suitable foreword for the booklet.

Mr. Moody said that his company would continue to use both the Greenburg-Smith Impinger Method and the Membrane Filter Method in making "dust counts". Mr. Willingham stated that his company would not discontinue use of the G-S Impinger in his opinion.

Mr. Moody suggested that the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee should investigate the new "jet type" of dust collector ("Reverse Pulse Dust Collector") for the benefit of all members. Says that several types of filter material can be used in this type of collector, and feels that it has an important potential in the asbestos textile industry.

Technical Committee, John W. Hawkins, Acting Chairman.

Mr. Hawkins, substituting for Chairman Dixit, ^{said} ~~said~~ they were trying to complete the final draft on ASTM D-1118, Test for Magnetic Rating of Asbestos. Propose to give it a new number. Revision of ~~the~~ ASTM D-1573, Heat Aging of Asbestos Textiles, will be next on the agenda of the Technical Committee. Mentioned the recommendation made to Navy Clothing Unit, Natick, Mass., on Mil-C-82249B that the term "organic fiber" be substituted for the word "cotton" in said specification, and objection raised by

Mr. Moody asked if we should try to develop ASTM specifications for certain treated fabrics. Mr. Hawkins doubted that it would be practicable ~~xxxxxx~~ or desirable to do so. Mr. M.D. Brown said he would question the advisability also.

Asbestos Advisory Committee, Mr. M.A. Morris, Chairman.

Mr. Morris reported that the proposed folder (or envelop stuffer) entitled ~~"XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"~~ "Recommended Health Safety Practices for Handling and Fabricating Asbestos Textile Products" ~~xxx~~ had been approved by member companies, and a preliminary survey indicated that the printing order could be ~~xxxxxx~~ about 25000. He recommended that the Board approve the final draft, and the issuance of a printing order, as soon as they were in receipt of said draft.

Mr. Morris said that on January 12, 1971 he, M.Q. Scowcroft and J.W. Christenbury met with the Navy Department representatives at The Naval Ship Engineering Center, Hyattsville, Maryland to discuss the present attitude of the Navy to continued use of asbestos cloth. The Navy has acknowledged that high asbestos dust concentrations do constitute a hazardous environment. Accordingly they stipulate that when asbestos fabrics are used certain precautionary measures must be taken. Apparently the use of either fiber glass fabrics or asbestos fabrics is left to the discretion ~~xx~~ of the shipyard, and whether asbestos textiles will be phased out at some future time is a matter of conjecture. Mr. Moody suggested that some thought be given to a series of advertisements, sponsored jointly by all members, for the purpose of combating adverse developments, or harmful publicity, on asbestos textiles. (No action was taken on this suggestion)

Environmental Health Committee, Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman.

Mr. Sheckler said that he had spent a good deal of time analyzing ~~xxx~~ effect of the new Federal "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" on the operations of his company. The new law becomes effective on April 28, 1971. Said that Common Law product suits are proliferating in the Thermal Insulation industry. Thinks that our industry must give serious consideration to labeling asbestos products, i.e. a warning label. Date of label could indicate whether a manufacturer has been negligent, in case of a law suit.

Mr. Sheckler read excerpts of the new Safety and Health Act, and outlined the penalties for ~~xxxxxx~~ violations. Mentioned that the new TLV for asbestos dust is 2 MPPCF, and 5 fibers per ML, 5 microns plus, on a time weighted average with a ceiling of 10 fibers per ML, 5 microns or greater in length.

10. Chairman Moody reported with deep regret the sudden passing of Ralph B. Smith on January 21, 1971, that a donation had been sent in lieu of flowers to the Franke Home, Charleston, S.C., and that a letter of sympathy would be sent to Mrs. Smith on behalf of the Institute members.

11. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Scheckler, Secretary