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PLASTICS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Manhattan Club, New York City

December 13, 1960

PRESENT:

Messrs. T. J. Kinsella, Allied Chemical Corporation
 W. C. Goggin, The Dow Chemical Company
 T. T. Miller, W. R. Grace & Co.
 J. C. Searer, Hooker Chemical Corporation
 R. K. Turner, Union Carbide Plastics Company
 F. H. Carman, M.C.A.

SEMI-ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Attendance at the dinner meeting November 21 was 161, including seven guests; total costs were \$2,324. Since a small surplus was available from this meeting, it was agreed these funds would be used for the cost of this Committee luncheon meeting and a contribution to the Manhattan Club Christmas Fund.

Since the accommodations at the Commodore worked out very satisfactorily for this group meeting, it was agreed that a reservation should be made for a similar period in 1961.

ISO/TC 61 COMMITTEE

The financing of the Secretariat as requested by the Chairman of the American group in behalf of that Committee, and recommendations of the Plastics Technical Subcommittee in its meeting November 17, 1960, were reviewed. During consideration of this by the MCA technical members, 19 member companies were represented. The Secretary reviewed MCA participation and support in ASA activities, the recent proposals of ASA that the chemical industry participate in International Standards work with Latin American countries, and the reluctance of the MCA to participate in standardization programs of the ASA pertaining to products of the chemical industry.

For plastic materials as a group of products, comment was made that raw material specifications and methods of tests are important to MCA members and that this appeared to be an area the material manufacturers should support. One member questioned the practice of ASA asking for separate funds to support such activities apart from their regular budget since many of the chemical companies are already contributing a substantial fee to this Standards group.

After full consideration of this ISO request, and on motion duly seconded, it was unanimously Voted that the Plastics Committee recommend that the 1961 budget include an item of \$6,500 for support of the ASA Secretariat of the ISO/TC 61, with the understanding that this ISO Standards activity is to be limited to the problems concerned with uniform test methods and nomenclature in the plastics material field.

UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES PROGRAM

Except for one type of material, all commercially available plastics used in appliances have been supplied the U/L for flammable tests and general evaluation. The work in this First Phase is about completed and it had been anticipated a meeting with the Advisory Committee would be held during December; this is now scheduled for January, 1961.

With the intent of getting the U/L position more widely publicized and made known to the molders and in the appliance industry, the director of the project at U/L is scheduled to speak in the forthcoming national meeting of the SPE to be held in Washington, D. C. January 24 - 26, 1961.

The representatives of the appliance industry, although invited to do so, have not reported any difficulties in obtaining approvals on new designs using plastics in conditioners or other appliances. However, there are conflicting reports from member representatives. It is hoped the forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee may serve to clear this up.

MCA-SPI JOINT MEETING

Chairman Kinsella reported that a Special Committee had been appointed in keeping with the action of the October 11 meeting to work with the SPI in the field of Plastics in Building, with special reference to the code problem on a nation-wide basis. This Committee is composed of:

R. K. Mueller, Chairman
G. A. Fowles
E. S. Ebers
D. L. Eynon, Jr.

In addition to working jointly with the SPI, he had also asked this committee to take a look at the whole MCA Plastics in Building program in addition to the immediate objective of deciding upon financing of special code consultants with the SPI group.

TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

The new classification just published appears to follow the recommendations made by respective committees within the MCA in 1957 and 1958. Most of the plastic materials are enumerated by name and separated into two main groups depending upon present tariff treatment, one group enjoying American selling price for ad valorem rates (the coal tar group) and the other group based upon foreign export value. The Classification Subcommittee plans to review the entire classification report in the near future.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting of the Plastics Committee would be scheduled for February 14, 1961 at the Manhattan Club, beginning with luncheon at 12:30 P.M. Mr. R. K. Mueller as Chairman of the aforementioned Special Subcommittee will be asked to report on progress of this group.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

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Committee Secretary

cc: A. Lloyd Symington

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