

MINUTES of the sixteenth meeting of Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at The Union Club, Park Avenue and 69th Street, New York City, on February 12, 1952, at 11:00 a. m.

There were present:

Messrs.	Charles S. Munson	J. W. McLaughlin
	W. H. Ward	J. Costermeyer
	Geo. B. Beitzel	W. S. Richardson
	F. J. Emmerich	R. B. Semple
	H. W. Fisher	Rothe Weigel
	D. S. Frederick	F. N. Williams
	John E. McKeen	M. F. Crass, Jr.

Alternates: H. W. Johnstone (for George W. Merck)
M. Y. Seaton (for Paul L. Davies)
J. D. Fennebresque (for W. S. Landes)
R. W. Hooker (for R. L. Murray)
E. V. Daveler (for H. I. Young)

Absent: W. M. Billing
L. I. Doan

Present by Invitation:

William M. Rand
Marx Leva, Fowler, Leva, Hawes & Symington
John W. Hill, Hill and Knowlton, Inc.
Bert Goss, Hill and Knowlton, Inc.
R. L. Taylor, Hill and Knowlton, Inc.
Howard R. Huston, American Cyanamid Company

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Corrected copies of the Minutes of the January 8, 1952, Board meeting were distributed.

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I. AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 1952, MEETING

Inasmuch as a quorum was not present at the January 8, 1952, meeting of the Board of Directors,

On Motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED: That the Minutes of the January 8 meeting be affirmed and that all actions recorded therein be approved as set forth.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer for the period January 1, 1952, to January 31, 1952, was reviewed, and

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the report be accepted and placed on file.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

(a) A financial report of the January 15, 1952, Inter-Industry Conference on Chemicals in Foods was presented as follows:

Receipts	\$ 4686.00
Expenditures	<u>3820.13</u>
Balance to Treasurer	\$ 865.87

The above data does not include expenses incurred by Hill and Knowlton, Inc.

(b) Chemical Labor Contract Analysis No. 6B, Middle Atlantic States, which was sent to members on January 28 was reviewed.

(c) NRC Committee on Disaster Research. The National Research Council has requested the Secretary to nominate a representative of the chemical industry for membership on the Council's Committee on Disaster Research which is being financed by a \$100,000 grant from the three surgeons general of the armed services. The Committee, utilizing contractors and psychologists, will study the civilian population and review the history of past disasters in order to determine patterns relative to the reaction of the civilian population in the case of a disaster caused by enemy action. The Secretary was authorized to cooperate with NRC.

(d) Legislative Appearances -

(1) S. 2325 - to set up a Federal Accident Prevention Bureau, to promote and maintain safe and healthful conditions of employment in hazardous industries affecting commerce. A similar bill introduced in the 79th Congress was opposed by the Association, on recommendation of the General Safety Committee, on the ground that further legislation in this field was not needed. The Secretary was authorized to make the necessary arrangements, working with the General Safety Committee, to oppose the current bill if and when it comes to hearing.

(2) Traffic and Transportation. Twenty-three bills, some of them drastically affecting rate making schedules and procedures have been introduced and are now pending before the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. A blanket hearing will be held sometime during February or March.

Authorization was granted for the Association to make an appearance or file a statement in behalf of the industry.

(3) H.R. 5505, Customs Simplification. This bill which passed the House during late 1951 in manner fairly satisfactory to the chemical industry, will be the subject of hearings before the Senate Finance Committee during the latter part of February. Authorization was granted for a joint MCA-SOCMA appearance subject to conditions set forth under Item VII (h) of these Minutes.

(e) NFPA Dust Explosion Hazards Committee. An MCA Sulfur Dust Code task group was set up last month to review and make recommendations for modernization of the 1940 Sulfur Dust Code. The task group report was presented to the NFPA parent Committee at a meeting held in Chicago on February 5.

(f) Committee on Uniform Regulatory Codes. The Secretary briefly reviewed the rapid trend toward state and municipal regulations governing the transportation, handling, storage and use of dangerous materials. Because of the definite need for uniformity and to better enable MCA to represent the chemical industry in future proceedings of this character, the Secretary was authorized to proceed with the organization of an Association committee on uniform regulatory codes.

(g) Tank Car Mileage Allowance. Recent work of the Tank Car Advisory Subcommittee in behalf of MCA members was reviewed, and it now appears that a substantial increase in tank car mileage allowance will be obtained perhaps about June 1.

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) Membership Committee. Mr. J. W. McLaughlin reported that an application had been received from Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, which had been duly sponsored and seconded by executives of member firms and that the applicant appeared to be qualified for membership under the Association's By-Laws.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the application be approved subject to the 30 day notice to members provided under Article III, Section 4, of the By-Laws.

(b) Death of Mr. Raymond C. Gaugler. Chairman Munson reported that Mr. Raymond C. Gaugler, Vice President and member of the Board of Directors, had passed away on January 11, 1952, and presented the following resolution:

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"The Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., learned with deep sorrow of the sudden death on January 11, 1952, of their associate and friend, Mr. Raymond C. Gaugler, and they desire to record

herewith their feeling of close personal affection for him and their appreciation of the services which he rendered to this Association.

"Mr. Gaugler became a Director of the Association on January 9, 1951, and was appointed a Vice President on June 14, 1951. His high character, loyalty, splendid executive ability, and his devotion to the best interests of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association made him invaluable. He gave at all times cheerfully and generously of his wisdom and counsel in the guidance of the affairs of this Association, and his many personal kindnesses won him the esteem and affection of all those with whom he came in contact.

"The Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association take this means of expressing in the records their tribute to their late associate and request the Secretary to send copies of this resolution to the late Mr. Gaugler's family and to the Directors of American Cyanamid Company as an expression of their respectful sympathy, and as a testimonial to his memory."

The resolution was passed by a standing vote of those present.

(c) Resolution for Mr. Philip T. Sharples. The following resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of those present, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit an official copy to Mr. Sharples:

"WHEREAS Philip T. Sharples has served the Manufacturing Chemists' Association as a member both of the Board of Directors and its predecessor Executive Committee continuously since 1943; and

"WHEREAS it now becomes necessary for him to relinquish his service as a Director of the Association in view of the consolidation of Sharples Chemicals Inc. with the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co.; now therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association do hereby express their sincere appreciation to Philip T. Sharples for his assistance and cooperation in carrying out the activities and policies of the Association over the years. The Board wishes him excellent health, good fortune and much happiness in the years ahead."

- (d) Defense Mobilization Committee. Mr. William M. Rand, Chairman, Defense Mobilization Committee, briefly discussed the agenda of the meeting to be held immediately following luncheon. He stated that Board members would receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

(e) Plastics Committee - Terms of Reference. Copies of the proposed Terms of Reference under which the Plastics Committee will function, in the form of a Draft Resolution of the Board of Directors -- as drafted by Counsel and approved by the Plastics Committee at its January 31, 1952 meeting -- were distributed. Following a study by Board members the resolution will be considered at the March 11 meeting of the Board.

V. PUBLIC RELATIONS

(a) Resignation of Robert L. Taylor. Chairman Munson advised that Mr. Taylor's resignation as Executive Vice President had been received and that effective February 1, Mr. Taylor had joined the staff of Hill and Knowlton, Inc., as Vice President of that organization and as the executive in charge of the MCA account, and that the MCA New York City office had been closed. Furniture and equipment of this office will either be sent to Washington or purchased by Hill and Knowlton, depending upon financial considerations.

(b) In the absence of Mr. Merck, Chairman of the Public Relations Policy Committee, Mr. McKeen reported on matters of budget and scope of activity. Mr. Hill then distributed copies of a memorandum to those present which reported on work done to date by Hill and Knowlton and included a summary of public relations expenditures to date and an estimated budget for the balance of the MCA fiscal year. The estimates supplied included provision for the salaries of Mr. Taylor and his secretary, formerly charged to the MCA New York office account.

Mr. McLaughlin presented a report on funds raised to date in connection with the public relations financing program.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Public Relations Policy Committee should (1) prepare a report covering scope and budget of public relations work for the balance of the current fiscal year and (2) prepare a similar report covering the 1952-53 fiscal year for presentation to members at the 80th Annual Meeting in June. It was the sense of those present that a unified budget should be presented for the next fiscal year to include the regular MCA operating budget, as well as the public relations budget.

Mr. Taylor reported on public relations activities during the past month and circularized a scrapbook of clippings descriptive of MCA activities which had appeared in the press.

VI. COMMITTEES

(a) General Safety Committee. Members were presented with copies of Chemical Safety Data Sheet SD-43 on Acetaldehyde.

(b) Metal Packages Committee. The appointment of Mr. A. R. Jasuta, J. T. Baker Chemical Co., as a member of the Committee was approved.

(c) Student Guidance Committee. The appointment of Mr. T. C. Fetherston, Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., as a member of the Committee was approved.

(d) Water Pollution Abatement Committee. The appointment of Mr. Kenneth S. Watson, General Electric Company, as a member of the Committee was approved.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Student Guidance Committee. This group, formerly the Scientific Manpower Committee, met approximately two weeks ago and considered recommendations relating to (1) interesting more high school students in technical courses and (2) outlining persuasive reasons for high school graduates to undertake chemistry and chemical engineering in college. The Committee proposes to accomplish the foregoing by (1) preparation of a kit containing material of assistance to individual companies in working directly with schools, (2) working the theme directly into the Association's public relations program and (3) establishing contacts with educational groups at the national level who already have established career guidance programs.

(b) Water Pollution Research Proposal. On January 22 Board members were mailed copies of report received by Mr. Crawford Greenewalt from the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences outlining work which the Academy has done concerning stream pollution and a proposal for the fundamental research program which the Academy hopes will be subsidized partly by MCA. It was agreed that the report and proposal should be referred to the Water Pollution Abatement Committee for study and recommendation. Following receipt of a Committee report, the Board will then give final consideration to possible MCA participation and financial assistance. Consensus of those present indicated that there should be a close working relationship with other concerned industry groups, and that a close tie-in should be established between such project and our public relations program.

(c) ACS Committee on Corporate Associates. In accordance with the previous Board recommendation, Mr. Semple submitted to the Research Advisory Committee a summary of the problem facing the ACS, and a meeting of the Committee was held on February 4. Recommendations of the Committee were then read to the Board by Mr. Semple as follows:

(1) The technical journals of the ACS especially Chemical Abstracts, are valuable to industry. Industrial concerns should bear with others who benefit from these publications an equitable share of the cost;

(2) In the opinion of the Committee, industry's share can best be distributed in proportion to the number of ACS members employed by the individual company;

(3) Much more information would be needed by the Committee before a recommendation could be made on industry's proper share of these publication costs.

(4) The Committee feels that a minimum fund to tide over emergency deficits in publication costs, rather than an endowment fund, should be the goal.

Following consideration, and on Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the MCA endorses the general principle proposed by ACS, and that industry should carry an equitable share of the cost of creative research journals published by the Society.

(d) Governmental Industry Advisory Committee. This matter was referred to the Defense Mobilization Committee for further consideration.

(e) Annual Meeting. Mr. McKeen reported that a joint meeting of the SOCMA and MCA Program Committees had been held the preceding day and that a tentative program had been agreed upon. The Board of Directors meeting and the MCA Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, and that evening there will be a showing of several industrial films. Tuesday, June 24, will be devoted to the joint Golf Tournament, and the Annual Banquet will be held that evening, with MCA acting as host. Preceding the banquet will be a reception and cocktail party jointly sponsored by the two Boards. The Annual Business Meeting on Monday will not include an outside speaker. A list of speakers for the banquet is now being considered. Our arrangements at The Greenbrier will be sufficient to take care of 500 registrants, which is approximately 75 more than last year.

(f) Government Chemical Publications. Additional information was presented showing that the U. S. Department of Commerce publication "Chemicals and Drugs" had a circulation in the neighborhood of only 2,000 at the time it ceased publication. In view of this it was the sense of those present that the matter should be removed from the agenda.

(g) ASA Committee A-60. Signs and Outdoor Display Structures. One member company and the ASA have suggested that the MCA appoint a representative to serve on the ASA Building Code Correlating Committee to assist in the revision of the ASA Standard for Signs and Outdoor Display Structures, inasmuch as plastics is an important engineering material for such use. At its January 31 meeting the Plastics Committee recommended that Mr. F. J. Rarig, Rohm & Haas Co., be the MCA appointee to the Committee. The appointment was affirmed by the Board.

(h) Tariff. In connection with the forthcoming Senate Finance Committee hearings on the Customs Simplification Bill, HR 5505, it was the sense of those present that the MCA Tariff Committee should meet promptly with the SOCMA International Affairs Committee in order to come to agreement on the joint presentation which will be made by Mr. R. W. Hooker, Tariff matters were discussed by Mr. Howard R. Huston, Chairman, MCA Tariff Committee, and consideration was given to the possibility of creating, at a later date, a joint Tariff Committee for both SOCMA and MCA.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was unanimously resolved to adjourn.

Approved: Charles S. Munson
Chairman

M. F. Crass, Jr.,
Secretary

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