

MINUTES of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at The Union Club, Park Avenue and 69th Street, New York City, on April 11, 1950, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

There were present:

Messrs.	William M. Rand
	Charles S. Munson
	George W. Merck
	L. T. Beale
	W. B. Bell
	W. M. Billing
	H. O. C. Ingraham
	W. S. Landes
	C. D. Marlatt
	J. W. McLaughlin
	W. S. Richardson
	M. F. Crass, Jr.

Alternates:	Walter Dannenbaum (for W. H. Ward)
	Paul Kendall (for P. T. Sharples)
	John E. McKeen (for John L. Smith)
	J. G. Park (for H. W. Fisher)

Absent:	L. I. Doan
	H. I. Young

I. AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 1950, MEETING

Inasmuch as a quorum was not present at the March 14, 1950, meeting of the Board of Directors

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Minutes of the March 14 meeting be affirmed and that all actions recorded therein be approved as set forth.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) The report of the Treasurer for the period March 1 to March 31, 1950, was reviewed, and

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

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

(b) Progress Report on Dues and Assessment Policy. The Secretary reported that 80 member firms had submitted payroll data in response to the Treasurer's letter of February 15, 1950, and the follow up letter dated March 21; that 10 firms had reported their inability to separate chemical from non-chemical payroll data; and that 17 firms had not responded.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the matter be left in the hands of the Treasurer; that he be directed to establish dues and assessments on the new basis; and that in the case of those firms not responding, suitable estimates be utilized.

(c) Budget for Fiscal Year 1950-1951. A tentative budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, based upon Association operations during the month of April 1950, was presented and discussed. To be added to this budget will be (1) provisions for plastics activities in case the merger with P.M.M.A. is consummated and (2) provision for a New York office and executive officer, provided the Association's public relations program is approved.

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) Association Activities. Mr. Rand advised that personnel of a public relations advisory committee would be presented for consideration at the next meeting.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That definite and prompt arrangements be made with reference to the public relations program and an executive officer.

(b) Annual Report. The Secretary was directed to present draft of Annual Report for the current fiscal year at the May 9, 1950, Board meeting. Mr. Marlatt was designated to review this report.

IV. COMMITTEES

(a) General Safety Committee. Members were presented with copies of Revised Chemical Safety Data Sheet SD-1 on Formaldehyde. The February Injury Report was reviewed.

Proposed Annual Safety Award. In an effort to improve the injury frequency rate among member companies, the General Safety Committee proposes that an annual safety award system be set up among member companies, with an annual award or awards to be made at the Association's Annual Meeting each year. Mr. Lammot du Pont has agreed to finance the award system, provided the plan meets with the approval of the Board of Directors.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That an annual safety award system, formulated by the General Safety Committee, be approved as an Association activity; that such award be made at the Annual Meeting of the Association each year; and that it be known as the Lamot du Pont Safety Award.

(b) Air Pollution Abatement Activities. The Secretary reported that Dr. Mark E. Putnam, Vice President, The Dow Chemical Company, had agreed to represent the Association as an honored guest and to present a paper at the President's Conference on Air Pollution to be held in Washington, D. C., on May 3-5, 1950.

The next M. C. A. Air Pollution Abatement Conference will be held in New York City at the Hotel New Yorker, on May 18 and 19. Final plans have been completed for this Conference, the program arranged, and announcement will be made to the membership within a week's time.

State legislation in this field was briefly reviewed.

As a matter of information, the Secretary presented details of the forthcoming manual program to be sponsored by the Air Pollution Abatement Committee.

(c) Tariff Committee. A change in the name of the I. T. O. Committee to Tariff Committee was approved. It was agreed that Mr. Howard Huston be designated as M. C. A. spokesman in case the proposed Customs Reform Bill is introduced in Congress and comes to hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee.

(d) Water Pollution Abatement Committee. The Secretary reported that the M. C. A. Water Pollution Abatement Committee met with U. S. Public Health Service officials in Washington on March 23 to discuss the M. C. A. Model State Act. This Model is now the subject of discussion in the State of Washington where a revision of the current law is contemplated.

Membership of Mr. Lyman Cox as Association representative on the National Technical Task Committee on Industrial Waste was approved. Mr. H. D. Lyon was appointed as Mr. Cox's alternate.

Members were presented with a compilation of papers presented at the February 9, 1950, M. C. A. Water Pollution Abatement Conference.

V. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(a) Appointments of Dr. C. W. Humphreys, Shell Chemical Corporation, and Mr. E. W. Evans, Phillips Petroleum Company, as members of Air Pollution Abatement and Water Pollution Abatement Committees, were approved.

(b) Appointment of Mr. W. F. Schoenthaler, Shell Chemical Corporation, as member of Glass and Wood Packages, Metal Packages, Miscellaneous Packages, and Tank Car Committees, was approved.

(c) Appointments of Dr. P. W. Tucker, Phillips Petroleum Company, as member of Metal Packages Committee, and Mr. R. W. Thomas, Phillips Petroleum Company, as member of Tank Car Committee, were approved.

(d) Appointment of Mr. L. M. Roberts, Shell Chemical Corporation, as member of General Safety Committee, was approved.

(e) Appointment of Mr. G. E. Brewer, Shell Chemical Corporation, as member of Labels and Precautionary Information Committee, was approved.

VI. RETIREMENT PLAN

Mr. Marlatt reported that the Association's Pension Plan had received the approval of the Treasury Department, and that it was therefore operative.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Possible Merger of Plastic Materials Manufacturers Association with M. C. A. Mr. Landes presented the Liaison Committee report and read supplementary correspondence from Dr. D. S. Frederick, P. M. M. A. President. Following a discussion of the P. M. M. A. - M. C. A. merger terms outlined therein,

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the report with its recommendations be approved; and that with reference to the supplementary correspondence assurances be given that the terms outlined therein will be met in principle; that the Liaison Committee be instructed to carry out the details necessary to the merger; and that Mr. Landes be authorized to convey this action to the P. M. M. A. Board.

(b) Chemicals in Foods - Investigation of Chemical and Allied Products Industry - National Research Council. The Secretary reported that a meeting of the Task Subcommittee would be held at 2:00 P. M. on April 11 and that Dr. Ernest W. Reid would be present to report on the first meeting of the National Research Council Organizing Committee to be held that morning.

(c) 1950 Annual Meeting. In Mr. Fisher's absence, Mr. Marlatt reported that Admiral Louis L. Straus had accepted an invitation to speak on the subject of Atomic Energy at the afternoon Business Session on June 19. In addition, there will be the President's address, plus one other paper -- possibly on public relations. It was the sense of the meeting that (1) the same type of identification badge be utilized as in previous years and (2) that S. O. C. M. A. and M. C. A. representatives be seated together at the evening banquet on

June 20, tables to be numbered and seats to be assigned as in past years. A brief report concerning facilities of the Monmouth Hotel was made as a result of the Secretary's visit, and due to the increased accommodations available, it appears that for the time being it will not be necessary to limit representation from member firms.

(d) Questionnaire - President's Committee on Business and Government Relations. On March 30 Board members were mailed copies of a report prepared by the Legal Advisory Committee with reference to the questionnaire received from Secretary of Commerce Sawyer in behalf of the President's Committee on Business and Government Relations.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Legal Advisory Committee be requested to draft an acknowledgment to Secretary Sawyer, pointing out our inability to execute the questionnaire in view of the fact that the Association's activities are strictly of technical nature. Copies of this letter are to be sent to the Executive Contact of each member firm.

(e) Product Liability. Members discussed the Secretary's letter of March 22 with attachments relating to a cooperative effort with the National Agricultural Chemicals Association to bring up to date the M.C.A. publication on "Adequate Labeling," originally issued in 1936, and participation in a program designed to keep member firms informed on matters pertaining to product liability.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Secretary be, and he hereby is, authorized to retain Messrs. George Lamb and Sumner Kittelle -

- (1) to prepare a comprehensive report concerning chemical manufacturers' liability for the safety and efficacy of their products;
- (2) to investigate and advise as to the practices of other associations in collecting and disseminating information as to claims made against their members based on dissatisfaction with or alleged injuries or damage resulting from the use, handling, packaging or labeling of their products; and
- (3) to prepare and submit for the consideration of this Board, a recommended program for adoption by this Association covering the collection and dissemination of data relating to claims made against manufacturers of chemical products,

with the understanding that the report and program referred to in items (2) and (3) will be made available to this Association without cost and all fees and expenses of the work involved in item (1) shall be shared equally by this

Association and the National Agricultural Chemicals Association, the total cost to this Association not to exceed the sum of \$3,000.00.

(f) Participation of M. C. A. Patent Committee with Coordinating Committee of National Council of Patent Law Associations for Purpose of Considering Proposed Revisions to the Patent Law. On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That such participation be approved.

(g) Chemists' Club Library. Mr. Rand reported that he had received a request from The Chemists' Club for a contribution to the Club's Library. It was the sense of the meeting that this was not an Association activity, but one for individual action on the part of member firms.

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

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary