

Manufacturing Chemists Association

PLASTICS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Baltusrol Golf Club Springfield, N. J.

May 6, 1971

MEMBERS PRESENT

R. L. Schuyler, Chairman	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
C. M. Neher, Vice Chairman	Ethyl Corporation
Henry Avery	USS Chemicals
C. E. Denoon, Jr.	Rohm and Haas Company
F. P. Ducatman (for E. W. Phares)	Dart Industries Inc.
E. S. Ebers	Uniroyal, Inc.
J. E. Eger	Enjay Chemical Company
G. M. Hale	Gulf Oil Canada Limited
T. B. Nantz	B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company
F. E. Reese	Monsanto Company
C. R. Scott	Phillips Petroleum Company
J. G. Temple, Jr.	The Dow Chemical Company
D. C. Williams	Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.
George E. Best, Secretary	MCA Staff

BOARD LIAISON PRESENT

H. E. Hirschland	M&T Chemicals Inc.
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MEMBERS ABSENT

J. J. Lenahan	Hooker Chemical Corporation
H. C. Wechsler	Borden Chemical Division of Borden, Inc.

1. Minutes of November 23, 1970 Meeting

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Membership

The Membership Committee consisting of Messrs. Nantz (chairman), Scott, and Williams, having been appointed by Mr. Schuyler by

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Mr. Williams emphasized it was clear the membership strongly favored an active program of research, rather than a stand-by existence merely designed for reacting to problems that might arise. Many mentioned the environment and ecology -- mainly solid waste problems, i.e., incineration, reclamation, re-use -- as the area most justifying current attention, with flammability and weatherability less prominently cited. Surveillance of imports and legislative developments and the possibilities for improving public acceptance and appreciation of plastics were also among the general interests. There was complete agreement that MCA's program should be planned so as to complement that of SPI and any others having like objectives.

Mr. Williams indicated the task group was not ready to present specific recommendations, and Mr. Schuyler asked that their study be continued toward this objective. Mr. Reese suggested attempting to define what kinds of information are needed as the basis for selecting program projects.

6. Epidemiologic Study (Acroosteolysis)

The secretary reported MCA has a continuing contract with the University of Michigan, funded by a group of companies with interests in polyvinyl chloride in support of an Acroosteolysis Registry and Consultation Center to follow the history of employees examined in the extensive program conducted earlier. Dr. Dinman (U of M) has advised submission of case registry data has been slow; it is expected there will be sufficient interest to continue this data recording and radiograph interpretation service beyond the present contract term ending in August.

Reprints are now available on three technical papers describing the major study:

OCCUPATIONAL OSTEOOLYSIS

- I. An Epidemiological Study
Bertram D. Dinman, M.D.; Warren A. Cook;
Walter M. Whitehouse, M.D.; Harold J. Magnuson, M.D.;
and Theodore Ditchcock, M.D.
- II. An Industrial Hygiene Study
Warren A. Cook; Paul M. Giever, MPH;
Bertram D. Dinman, M.D.; and Harold J. Magnuson, M.D.
- III. A Clinical Study
Vernon N. Dodson, M.D.; Bertram D. Dinman, M.D.;
Walter M. Whitehouse, M.D.; Ahmed N. M. Nasr, M.D.;
and Harold J. Magnuson, M.D.

These papers were published in ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 22 No. 1 (January 1971).

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As a related matter, the secretary mentioned Dr. P. L. Viola of the Regina Institute for Cancer Research, Rome, Italy, has published findings of cancer inducement in experimental animals from inhalation of vinyl chloride monomer vapor. Arrangements have been made through MCA to have Dr. Viola visit with interested members of MCA's Occupational Health Committee for further elaboration of his experimental data.

7. MCA Liaison to ANSI Committees A60, Z26, ISO/TC61

Mr. Schuyler announced he would confer with the secretary to designate liaison representatives to be named from among the considerable number of candidates nominated by various companies.

8. Commercial Standard CS147-47 - "Colors for Molded Urea Plastics"

The secretary reported having written to the National Bureau of Standards on March 1 to request continuation of this standard after having been assured by two companies it is serving a useful purpose commercially. In the same letter NBS was notified that standard color chips are not now, and have not for some years been, available from MCA as stated in the printed document.

9. Plastics Group Functions

9.1 Golf Outing, Baltusrol Golf Club, May 6, 1971

Advance registrations - 170.

9.2 Dinner, The Greenbrier, June 9, 1971

9.3 Conference and Outing, Seaview Country Club, September 7-11, 1971

Mr. Schuyler announced appointment of Mr. Scott as chairman of the Arrangements Committee, who in turn named Messrs. Avery (last year's chairman), Temple, and P. J. Weaver (Goodrich) as the other members.

Economics and ecology were generally regarded as the two subjects of prime interest in connection with Conference speaker considerations.