

Minutes
of the General Meeting
Asbestos Textile Institute
Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York
June 5, 1964

In Attendance:

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.

J.W.Weber
J.L.Rainey
J.W.Christenbury
W.Maaskant
D.F.Quealy
H.H.Walter

ASBESTOS CORPORATION

G.F.Jenkins
A.C.Steele
E.L.Alexander

Bell ASBESTOS MINES LTD.

F.P.Smith
G.W.Smith
R.Dodds-Hebron

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP.LTD.

T.T.Tigert

H.K.PORTER COMPANY, INC.

J.T.Griffis
J.D.McCluer
D.E.Childers
A.P.Gouveia

CADWALADER, WICKERSEAM & TAFT

G.D. Reycraft

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

E.A.Schuman
W.C.Atkinson
I.Barnett
J.E.Connor
N.W.Hendry (Canadian J-M Corp.)

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

J.A.Bettes, Jr.
J.A.Brown, Jr.
L.C.Williams
J.P.Wronski
M.W.Oliver
J.W.Hawkins

TALLMAN-McCLUSKEY FABRICS CORP.

Ted D. McCluskey
J.H.Z. Jorgensen Z AHA

TURNER & NEWALL LTD.

Bernard Lincoln

UNITED STATES RUBBER CO.

S.J.Peele, Jr.
A.C.Link
D.T.Austin, Jr.
G.J.Sligh

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

H.E.Sunbury

GUESTS:

Mr. Wm.M. Segall ---- National Cotton Council of America
(Guest Speaker)
Mr.B.D.Pubbard ---- United States Rubber Company
Mr.J.L.Tucker ---- Retired (Guest of Honor)
Mr. Shepard ---- United States Rubber Company
Mr. Miller ----- H.K.Porter Company, Inc.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Peele with a brief address of welcome. Each person was asked to stand and identify himself, and his company affiliation.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were introduced for read- however, since all members had received copies of same prior to the date of this meeting, it was moved by Mr.Bettes and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the reading be omitted, and that the minutes be accepted as circulated. Agreement was unanimous.

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3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer J.A. Brown, Jr., who stated that the Board of Governors had instructed that the sum of \$5000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Savings Acct. Fund. It was moved by Mr. J.T. Griffis, and seconded by Mr. L.C. Williams, that the report be accepted as read, and made a part of these minutes. Agreement was unanimous.

4. Mr. George Reyecraft, legal Counsel for the Asbestos Textile Institute, then addressed the meeting and discussed the question of the applicability of the antitrust laws to standardization activities by trade associations. Mr. Reyecraft referred to the fact that an indictment had been returned recently against the major steel companies in the United States in which it was alleged that standardization activities formed a part of a general price fixing conspiracy. It was noted that in the Asbestos Cement Pipe case in Philadelphia, similar charges had been made.

It was pointed out by counsel that standardization activities by themselves, when they are limited to establishing technical guidelines for companies to follow, are perfectly legal under the antitrust laws. However, when standardization are made part of a price fixing conspiracy or are adopted for the purpose of facilitating a price fixing conspiracy, they can be unlawful. It was pointed out that price fixing is illegal, per se, under the antitrust laws and that there is no defense for such a conspiracy even though the prices agreed upon may be reasonable or may be even lower than would have obtained in a free market. The Supreme Court has said that price fixing is such inherently anticompetitive activity that it is illegal without more.

It was also pointed out that agreement by manufacturers to refrain from manufacturing products in particular categories could also violate the antitrust laws. Thus, while an industry might adopt standards which apply to only part of all the products which are manufactured by it if the members of the industry agree to manufacture only those limited products, such an agreement would be a probable violation of the antitrust laws.

The application of standards to products yet to be developed was also discussed. The adoption of standards of size, performance, or other objective criteria which could be met by all members of an industry was indicated to be consistent with antitrust laws. In fact, the adoption of size standards could have the effect of promoting competition since smaller manufacturers would have the opportunity to develop products interchangeable in size and performance with those manufactured by their larger competitors. However, an agreement to limit the development of products to particular types or categories could also violate the antitrust laws. Any standardization activity which resulted in an agreement not to manufacture products already being manufactured or to refrain from manufacturing products yet to be developed raises serious questions under the antitrust laws.

In conclusion, the charge of the District Court in the Asbestos Cement Pipe case was read to the meeting, in which the court made it quite clear that standards based on technical considerations rather than the elimination of competition would be upheld.

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5. The next part of the meeting was devoted to committee reports, and the chairmen of the several working committees reviewed the matters considered and actions taken by their committees since our last meeting, and also in session on June 4th. Their formal reports are attached.

a) The Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee Report was presented by Chairman L.C. Williams.

b) The Sales Promotion Committee Report was presented by Chairman J.W. Christenbury.

c) The Fiber Committee Report was made by Mr. N.W. Hendry of the Canadian Johns-Manville Corp., Ltd. No formal report is made by this committee, but Mr. Hendry's remarks were most interesting. He mentioned that business was brisk in most grades of fiber, - that Asbestos Corporation and Johnson's Co. had merged, - that the Munro Mine is to be closed. That California has become a producer of certain grades of fiber, and competition from Russian fiber is still a factor in the market. Foreign trade has held up very well. Regarding new uses for asbestos fibers, the experimental work for use in certain types of paint appears promising, to date. At conclusion of Mr. Hendry's remarks, Mr. J.T. Griffin paid tribute to the cooperation of the mining companies in reducing the dust content of spinning grades of asbestos fiber.

d) The Technical Committee Report was presented by its Chairman, Mr. Wm. Maaskant.

e) The Fiber Testing Committee Report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. I. Barnett.

6. President Peele said that the following men had recently received important and well deserved promotions within their respective companies, and extended congratulations and best wishes to:

G.V. Jenkins ----- Asbestos Corporation, Ltd.

M.P. Carson ----- "

J.W. Weber ---- American Asbestos Textile Corporation

J.L. Rainey ----- "

R. Dodds-Hebron ---- Fell Asbestos Mines, Limited

7. Mr. Peele announced that a special program had been decided on by the Board of Governors for our 20th Annual Meeting in October, and that he had appointed Mr. Jack Bettes as Chairman of the 20th Anniversary Committee to formulate plans and all necessary arrangements for this special occasion. The date is October 8-9, 1964. Plac-Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York City. It is hoped that we will have a record attendance at this, our 20th Anniversary Meeting. We plan to extend invitations to foreign visitors, as well as officials of member companies.

8. Mr. Peele referred to the planned symposium on "Asbestosis" now officially termed "Conference- Biological Effects of Asbestos" to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Oct. 19-21st, of this year. The conference is sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences, and Mr. Peele stated that A.T.I. would not be

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officially represented at the conference, but he asked member companies to seriously consider sending qualified personnel to it. Mr. Griffis requested that the Secretary of A.T.I. obtain and send to all members, full details of the coming conference, also, that our members should advise the Secretary who will attend from their respective companies.

9. The resignation of Johnson's Company, Ltd., as an Associate Member of the Institute due their merger with the Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., was mentioned by Mr. Peele. He expressed regret at the loss of this fine company, who for so many years has been a staunch supporter of the Institute and expressed the hope that we would continue to maintain contact with the personnel from Johnson's Company, who regularly did attend our meetings.

10. President Peele paid tribute to Mr. J.L. Tucker, our Honor Guest. Mr. Tucker, prior to his retirement from Johns-Manville Corp. last February had been a very active member of A.T.I. As Chairman of the Technical Committee, and in many other ways, Mr. Tucker has served the Institute well and faithfully for many years. At conclusion of his remarks, President Peele presented Mr. Tucker with a handsome plaque as a token of the Institute's appreciation. Mr. Tucker responded with appropriate words of thanks, and extended his best wishes to the Institute and to its members.

11. President Peele asked Mr. Bernard Lincoln, of Turner & Newall Ltd., to address the members, pointing out that this was the first meeting for Mr. Lincoln, and that he was a member of our Fiber Testing Committee, and that we hoped he could attend our future meetings regularly. Mr. Lincoln thanked Mr. Peele for the opportunity of addressing the meeting, and said they in England had been very conscious and appreciative of the work that our Fiber Testing Committee has been doing. He hoped and believed they could contribute something of value in the continuing efforts of that committee.

President Peele then introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr. Wm.M. Segall, Research Specialist, National Cotton Council of America. The subject of his talk was "Cotton Fights Back". This was a most interesting talk on the efforts being made by the cotton industry to combat the competition from synthetics, and developments in new finishes to expand the markets for cotton fabrics.

13. Date of next meeting, our 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting, is October 8-9, 1964, to be held at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York City.

14. Recessed for luncheon, and meeting adjourned immediately after luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Sunbury, Exec. Secretary

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Minutes
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
Asbestos Textile Institute
Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York, N.Y.
June 4, 1964

In Attendance:

S.J. Peele, Jr. - United States Rubber Company
J.W. Weber - American Asbestos Textile Corporation
J.A. Bettles, Jr. - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J.T. Griffis - H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corporation
T.D. McCluskey - Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company
G.D. Reycraft - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft (Legal Counsel)
H.E. Sunbury - Asbestos Textile Institute (Secretary)

1. The meeting was called to order by President Peele, who noted that Mr. E.A. Schuman, and Mr. Ted D. McCluskey had been properly accredited by their respective companies, in the absence of Messrs W.S. Hough and T.C. McCluskey.
2. The minutes of the last meeting of this Board, held on Feb. 6th, were presented for reading, but since all members had received copies and were familiar with same, it was moved by Mr. Bettles and seconded by Mr. Griffis, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Agreement to this motion was unanimous.
3. The Treasurer's Report as of May 8, 1964, was submitted and read by the Secretary. It was moved by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Bettles, that the report be accepted. Agreement was unanimous. Mr. Griffis suggested that \$5000.00 be transferred from the Gen. Fund, to the savings account fund, and there was unanimous agreement that this should be done at once. Mr. Reycraft questioned the method of reporting the previous transfer of \$5000.00 to the Savings Fund, as shown on the report of May 8, and the Secretary agreed to take this matter up with the Treasurer in order to arrive at the correct procedure in the handling of this current transfer.
4. Mr. Schuman suggested that a Special Program be considered for our Twentieth Anniversary Annual Meeting which will be held on October 9th. (The Institute was organized at a meeting held on November 16, 1944). There was general agreement that this should be done, and President Peele appointed Mr. Bettles as Chairman of the "Twentieth Anniversary Committee".
5. President Peele brought up the matter of the "Symposium on Asbestosis" to be held on October 19-21, 1964, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. He pointed out that the position of A.T.I. in respect to representation at this symposium should be settled. After discussion it was agreed that A.T.I. would have no official representation, but that member companies should try to have their company doctor, or their hygienist, attend. Further, that we should ask Dr. L.J. Cralley, of the U.S.P.H.S., if he would be agreeable to present certain data that he has accumulated to date from his industry survey of members plants.

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6. The Secretary reported on the project for printing up a pamphlet entitled "Method for Determining Asbestos Dust Concentration" as recommended by the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Comm. at the February meeting. This pamphlet is now in the hands of the printer, and it is expected to be finished in the later part of June. The cost of one thousand copies will be about \$370.00. Pamphlet has been priced by the Board of Governors to sell at \$1.00 each. The first publicity for this new pamphlet will appear in June issue of the Asbestos Magazine.

7. As agreed in our previous meeting, a plaque has been prepared for presentation to Mr. J.L. Tucker, who had served A.T.I. as chairman of the Technical Committee prior to his retirement from active business, and the Board was given a preview of the plaque. Comments were most favorable on its general appearance and the wording of the commendation.

8. President Peele introduced a letter from Johnson's Company, Ltd. dated May 5, 1964, in which they tendered their resignation as an Associate Member of A.T.I., due to the fact that they had been taken over by the Asbestos Corporation, Ltd. It was moved by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Weber, that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that, in view of the fact that dues for all of 1964 had been paid, that Johnson's Company had no further obligation in respect to membership dues. Agreement was unanimous.

9. President Peele quoted from Mr. Hough's letter of March 10th in which he suggested that Constitution of the Institute be amended to make provision for regular Legal Representation at both the Board of Governors and the General Meetings. Mr. Reycraft suggested this could be done under Article IV-Paragraph 4. It was agreed that Mr. Reycraft would draft the proposed change, and that it would be circulated to Board Members prior to the October Meeting, and voted on at that meeting.

10. Receipt of literature from Dr. S. Holmes, Secretary, Asbestosis Research Council, Turner Bros. Asbestos Co., Rochdale, England, in April of this year, was reported by the Secretary. This literature consisting of a dozen copies each of four different papers on the general subject of Asbestosis, has been turned over to the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee.

11. President Peele reported that Mr. Hough had been advised by Nicolet Asbestos Mines, Ltd., that they wished to table the matter of applying for membership in A.T.I. at this time.

12. Mr. Peele called attention to the appointment of Mr. Bernard Lincoln, Turner & Newall Ltd., as a member of the A.T.I. Fiber Testing Committee. It is felt that mutual benefit will be derived from Mr. Lincoln's attendance at meetings of the Fiber Testing Committee, and interim correspondence on committee matters.

13. A letter from Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd, dated May 4th, was noted; in which they informed us that Mr. R. Dodds-Hebron has been appointed a Director of their company. He is in charge of all milling operations, since the death of their Herbert Smith.

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14. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. L.C. Williams, Chairman of the Air Hygiene & Mfg. Comm., dated May 18, 1964, in which he set forth his views of the objectives of his committee, the value of their new pamphlet as mentioned in Paragraph 6 above, and his feeling that they should cooperate with the work that Dr. J.J. Cralley is doing.. Comments on this letter were favorable.

15. Letter of May 6th from Mr. J.T. Griffis to the Secretary raised the question of whether the A.T.I. should assist, or cooperate with, the Jessop Steel Company in furthering the distribution of a paper on "Asbestosis", same being a reprint from the Official Journal of the American College of Chest Physicians. It was decided that we would confine its distribution to our Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee.

16. Receipt of a card of thanks from Mr. J.T. Griffis and family for flowers sent by A.T.I. at the time of Mrs. Griffis funeral was noted.

17. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Clarence A. Fredell of the General Services Administration, dated June 1st, in reference Specification P-3-R3 which governs the purchase of raw asbestos for the stock pile. The point at issue is the specified Magnetic Rating of 0.75 percent, and whether this should be raised to allow for the drop in magnetite which occurs in textile processing. It was decided to accept the recommendation of the Fiber Testing Committee in replying to this letter.

18. President Peele appointed a Nominating Committee to bring in a slate of officers for election at our Annual Mtg. in October: namely; Messers W.S. Hough (Chairman), J.L. Rainey, L.C. Williams.

19. Mr. Schuman suggested that we consider the possibility of extending invitations to representatives of asbestos textile manufacturers in foreign countries who plan to attend the symposium on Asbestosis Oct. 19-21st, to attend our Annual Meeting on October 9th if they can so arrange their schedules. This would not be limited to our present Associate Members in England, and France. Further thought is to be given this suggestion.

20. The next meeting is October 8-9, 1964, at this same hotel.

21. The date and place of the first meeting in 1965 is to be recommended by committee composed of Messers Peele and Griffis. The possibility of a southern location, sometime in February, met with generally favorable reaction.

22. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Griffis and this motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

H.E. Sunbury, Exec. Sec'y

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ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
Report of Funds
May 8, 1964

Balance on Hand at Last Report (1/9/1964)

General Fund	\$10196.19
Savings Account Fund	7386.07
Petty Cash Fund	<u>10.77</u>

\$17593.03

Receipts

Handbook & Test Manual Sales	92.75
Assessments for 1964	<u>8749.00</u>
Total to General Fund	8841.75
To Savings Account Fund (by transfer from G.F.)	5000.00
To Petty Cash Fund (by transfer from G.F.)	<u>192.18</u>

14033.93

Total On Hand and Received

\$ 31626.96

Disbursements

Legal Expense (6 months ending 2/29)	756.35
Mimeograph Machine (used)	60.00
Subscriptions	4.50
Office Supplies	37.25
Telephone (4 months)	71.29
Transfer to Savings Account	5000.00
February Meeting Expense	566.23
Office Rent (4 months)	166.64
Secretary's Salary (4 months)	400.00
Printing	14.43
Florist	21.00
Stenographic	50.00
Transfer to Petty Cash Fund	192.18
Petty Cash Vouchers (#55-82 incl.)	<u>102.95</u>
Total Disbursements	

\$ 7442.82

Balance on Hand as of May 8, 1964

\$ 24184.14

Funds

General Fund (Bank Statmt 5/8/64)	\$11698.07
Savings Account Fund	12386.07
Petty Cash Fund	<u>100.00</u>

Total Funds

\$ 24184.14

Assets as of May 8, 1964

Cash in Bank (Checking Acct.)	\$11698.07
Cash in Bank (Savings Acct.)	12386.07
Petty Cash on hand	100.00
Postage on hand	.88
Accounts Receivable (1964 dues)	500.00
Furniture & Equipment (Nominal Value)	<u>1.00</u>

Total Assets

\$ 24686.02

Liabilities

none

Net Worth

\$ 24686.02

H. E. Sunbury

Respectfully submitted, H. E. Sunbury, Assistant Treasurer

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