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Background

- Formed in 1953.
- In addition to the national association, there were regional associations. Washington was part of the Association of Insulation Contractors of the Western States (AICWS).
- Held board meetings twice a year and annual member conventions once a year.

Brower/Tacoma Asbestos roles

- Saberhagen was president from 1961-62, immediately thereafter he was appointed representative for the Far West members. (Bates 119-120)
- Boscovich appointed representative for AICWS on the safety and standards committee in 1963-64 (Bates 151-154).
- Saberhagen appointed member of the Annual national meeting committee in 1963. (Bates 151-54)
- Saberhagen registered as present at the 1964 Annual meeting. (Bates 431).
- In 1966 the representatives for the AIWCS were William Kay (EJ Bartells) and Kenneth McCaffree (employed by AIWCS). (Bates 701, 778).
- Nov. 1969 board meeting notes that Saberhagen is attending his first board meeting in several years.

Knowledge of asbestos hazards

1964

- Dr. Kenneth Smith from Johns-Manville speaks regarding asbestosis at the annual meeting. (Bates 407)
- 1964 letter from IDCNA executive secretary to Baldwin-Ehret noting
    - The IDCNA newsletter contained an article entitled "ASBESTOS SUSPECTED AS CANCER CAUSE."
    - That Dr. Selikoff is a new comer to the asbestos disease field and has the support of the unions because of his opinion that employers are to blame for asbestos-related diseases.
    - Dr. Kenneth Smith, medical director of JM, should be relied on to provide a rebuttal to Dr. Selikoff. (Bates 2026).

1965

- 1965 Selikoff speaks at the annual meeting on lung disease among insulation workers.

1966

- February 1966 Board meeting:
    - Labor Relations Committee reports on "The Selikoff Recommendations (Lung Disease)." (Bates 700)
    - Announcement that the International (union of asbestos workers) had hired an attorney to represent workers seeking compensation for lung disease. Sixty-five suits were presently in litigation. (Bates 704)

- In 1966 the IDCNA formed a new committee on special projects for "the health hazard." (Bates 816)

1967

- In 1967 the AICWS began an occupation health plan with Drs. Cooper and Tabershaw to "minimize asbestos and other related problems in the construction industry." Reported that Cooper & Tabershaw have been surveying job sites throughout the western states monitoring asbestos dust (Bates 1998-1999). (Reported in the 1972 issue of the IDCNA's newsletter *Outlook*)

1968

- At the 1968 board of directors meeting, Dr. Tabershaw was present to discuss asbestosis and lung cancer; there was a discussion of the costs to implement a safety program to eliminate these hazards. (Bates 730-733).
- 1968 letter to all IDCNA directors from their Health & Safety Chair reporting a meeting of representatives from all segments of the insurance where Selikoff spoke. "The subject covered the, by now, acknowledged problems associated with asbestos, its use and application." (Bates 760)

1969

- 1969 Board meeting – agreement that they need asbestos-free products to solve the occupational health problems. (Bates 919)