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HISTORY AND PROGRESS REPORT
ASBESTOS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION/NORTH AMERICA

HISTORY

1. In December 1966, a proposal for the formation of an industry association to work on the asbestos/health problem was made to the Policy Committee of the J-M Environmental Health Task Force. The proposal was tabled at that time.
2. In June 1970, in light of the growing national concern over supposed general public asbestos/health hazards, a proposal for the formation of an industry information association patterned after the British Asbestos Information Committee was made to the J-M Policy Committee. The proposal was approved in principle by the Policy Committee at that meeting.
3. In September 1970, C. B. Burnett and Malcolm Meyer, Chairman of the Board of Certain-teed Products Corp., met and agreed on the desirability of forming such an association. Six additional companies were contacted either by Mr. Burnett or by Mr. Meyer to join the association.
4. On November 5, 1970, an orientation meeting was held in New York to acquaint the prospective member companies with the need for and objectives of such an association.

5. On December 4, 1970, the Asbestos Information Association/North America was formally organized at a second meeting in New York. A Board of Directors was elected and an Administrative Sub-Committee formed to carry on the day to day activities of the Association.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Asbestos Information Association/North America, as presented to the J-M Policy Committee in June 1970 and to the member companies at the November 1970 orientation meeting, are to:

1. Provide an authoritative channel of communication to all publics.
2. Publicly rebut irresponsible and uninformed criticism.
3. Propagate the benefits and indispensability of asbestos through advertising, publicity, speeches, etc.

It was agreed early in the formation of the AIA/NA that its primary activity would be to answer unjustified or uninformed criticism of the health effects of asbestos, and to communicate

to various interested groups, both public and private, the true facts about this problem and about industry efforts and accomplishments in identifying and controlling asbestos/health hazards. This would involve communicating not only with the press, but also with local, state and Federal government bodies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the first five months of operation, the following activities have been undertaken by the Association:

1. Spokesmen representing AIA/NA have testified at asbestos spray insulation hearings in New York City, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Albany (New York State). Similar situations developing in Washington (state), Illinois and California are being monitored.
2. A press briefing on asbestos/health was held in New York City on March 2. Approximately two dozen members of the press attended.
3. A meeting was held with Dr. John Middleton and three associates from the Federal Environmental Protection Administration in Washington on April 12 to discuss ways in which the industry might assist the government in the drafting of Federal emission

standards and also to discuss the exaggeration contained in the EPA news release listing asbestos as a hazardous air pollutant.

4. A seminar for Washington representatives and public relations people from the various member companies is set for May 19 in Washington.
5. An AIA/NA "source file" for science writers and editors was prepared, containing AIA/NA versions of approved J-M position papers, and appropriate supplementary medical and technical papers.
6. The J-M corporate advertising campaign on the indispensability of asbestos during the second half of 1971 will appear under an AIA/NA signature.
7. Work is presently in progress on three pieces of AIA/NA asbestos/health literature.
 - (a) History of Industry Sponsored Research
 - (b) General Asbestos/Health Booklet
 - (c) Facts "card" for salesmen and other member company personnel

8. Letters of rebuttal have been sent to the LADIES HOME JOURNAL and to THE WASHINGTON POST concerning articles on asbestos/health that appeared in those publications. Telegrams were sent to the EPA by the various member companies concerning the news release on asbestos.
9. Monthly mailings to directors of important asbestos/health medical papers, news clips, etc., have been instituted.
10. "Devil's Advocate" sessions, at which a hearing before a hostile and well informed government body is simulated, were conducted for Fred Pundsack, Sid Speil and Ed Fenner.
11. One minute TV clip on asbestos in brake linings produced for distribution to TV stations as "public service" material.

W. P. Raines
Secretary
Asbestos Information Association/North America

CURRENT STATUS
ASBESTOS SPRAY SITUATION
AS OF
MAY 18, 1971

1. LOCATION: New York City

STATUS: AIA/NA, NIMA and ACPA, and Sprayed Mineral Fiber Manufacturers Association testified before City Council Environmental Control Sub-Committee on January 28 . Dr. Selikoff testified at special hearing approximately one month later. According to last report from Hill and Knowlton, City Council is still considering new air pollution code, which contains the spray ban. At AIA/NA request, Bert Levine of SMFMA is investigating possibility of members of his association being able to bring pressure to bear on City Council.

COMMENT: Despite Selikoff testimony, it appears likely that City Council will pass spray ban.

2. LOCATION: City of Chicago

STATUS: AIA/NA (F. L. Pundsack) testified before Chicago Committee on Environmental Control on March 3. Dr. Selikoff testified at same hearing. Second hearing was held March 23. Dr. G. W. Wright and Dr. Lewis J. Cralley testified. AIA/NA has complete transcripts of both hearings. An additional day of hearings was held on May 11.

COMMENT: Indications are that Chicago will decide to regulate sprayed asbestos rather than ban it. A final decision is due May 20.

3. LOCATION: City of Boston

STATUS: AIA/NA, NIMA and ACPA, and SMFMA testified before the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission on March 5. We have heard nothing from the Boston group as to their decision, nor have we seen any stories on the subject from the Boston papers.

COMMENT: Based on the general attitude of the members of the Commission at the hearing, it appears likely that they will elect to ban asbestos spray.

4. LOCATION: City of Los Angeles

STATUS: On April 13, Cliff Sheckler of J-M, representing AIA/NA, NIMA and ACPA, participated in a round table discussion of a proposal by the City of

Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to ban sprayed asbestos by the unique method of cancelling the general approval for sprays containing asbestos. No decision has yet been reached on this matter. We have a Hill & Knowlton man on the coast keeping an eye on developments for the AIA/NA.

COMMENT: Indications are that Los Angeles will probably not ban sprayed asbestos.

5. LOCATION: State of Washington

STATUS: A bill was introduced into the State legislature that would have banned the use of all "asbestos slurries" throughout the state. We later learned that by slurry, they were specifically referring to sprayed asbestos. Our latest information is that the bill was not brought up for a vote before the end of the recent legislative session. It could, however, be reintroduced next session. A Hill and Knowlton representative in the state is watching this situation for the AIA/NA.

COMMENT: A decision on what should be done about this bill will be made if and when it is reintroduced into the state hopper.

6. LOCATION: City of San Francisco

STATUS: The City of San Francisco decided not to ban sprayed asbestos, but to regulate it. A series of regulations were put into effect in January of this year. Reports from the coast indicate that the City is pleased thus far with the regulations, and presently has no plans to go to a ban.

COMMENT: We have been able to use the San Francisco decision to good advantage in our presentations to other city and state governments looking to ban or regulate sprayed asbestos. Thus far, we have used it in Los Angeles, in the State of Washington and are planning to use it in the State of New York hearings.

7. LOCATION: City of Philadelphia

STATUS: AIA/NA, NIMA and ACPA, and SMFWA testified before the Philadelphia Board of Health on April 19 re a proposed ban. A number of people from Johns-Manville have worked long and hard with Philadelphia health officials on the problem, so we had some hopes of being able to influence their decision. At the end of the hearing it was announced that those who presented testimony would be notified of the Board's decision or

of additional hearings, if the Board felt more were needed.

COMMENT: As in New York, political considerations have played a major role in the decision to ban in Philadelphia. While it is not certain, indications are that Philadelphia will elect to ban.

8. LOCATION: State of Illinois

STATUS: On April 20 a bill was introduced into the legislature of the State of Illinois that would prohibit the "spraying of loose asbestos to fireproof or insulate buildings, or other use where its fibers are uncontained or allowed to pollute the air." The sponsor of the bill is state Representative Robert M. Terzich, Sr.

COMMENT: We are seeking more information on this bill --- will there be a public hearing? when? at what step in the legislative process is the bill? etc.

9. LOCATION: State of New York (i)

STATUS: On April 2 the New York State Senate passed a bill that would require the obtaining of a state permit for spraying. This bill has not yet passed the State House of Representatives.

COMMENT: Because of the greater importance of the proposed N.Y. State Environmental Conservation Department ban on sprayed asbestos, it was decided not to bother trying to influence this bill.

10. LOCATION: State of New York (ii)

STATUS: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has proposed an addition to the existing air pollution code that would ban the use of asbestos-containing sprays throughout the state. Hearings on this proposal were held in New York City on May 4 and in Rochester on May 6. The AIA/NA and NINA and ACPA presented testimony at a third hearing in Albany on May 10.

COMMENT: Impression based on Albany hearing is that New York State will elect to ban sprayed asbestos.

11. LOCATION: State of California

STATUS: The AIA/NA received a postcard request from the California Air Resources Board asking for information on the health effects of asbestos.

COMMENT: Under investigation.

12. LOCATION: State of Connecticut

STATUS: On April 13 Assemblyman Yedziniak introduced a bill into the State of Connecticut house of representatives that would have prohibited the use of fiber glass or asbestos on the inside of air duct systems. This would include sprayed plenums. C. L. Sheckler testified on behalf of NIMA at a public hearing on the bill on April 26 in Hartford.

COMMENT: According to Sheckler, the bill has been killed.

13. LOCATION: City of Cleveland, Ohio

STATUS: The AIA/NA learned through A. H. Fay of National Gypsum that the City of Cleveland instituted last year regulations governing the application of sprayed insulation. We are now trying to obtain a copy of the complete regulations.

COMMENT: If officials in Cleveland are convinced that spraying can and is being regulated, the AIA/NA may be able to use their experience as a good example of the effectiveness of control as opposed to bans.

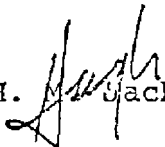
Matthew M. Swetonic

May 12, 1971

W. P. Raines

ASBESTOSIS RESEARCH COUNCIL

Attached is a recent communication from the Council
which will be of interest to the members of the
Policy Committee.


H. M. Jackson

Attachment

ASBESTOSIS RESEARCH COUNCIL

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CONFIDENTIAL

29th April, 1971

To : ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ASBESTOSIS RESEARCH COUNCIL FOUNDATION

For some time past, the Council has been conscious that its practice of supporting research work at a number of independent centres has inherent disadvantages in that exchange of ideas between the research workers has been limited and cross-fertilization has been lacking.

A sub-committee of the Research Committee was asked by the Management Committee to consider the problem in detail and put forward its recommendations for consideration. After investigating a number of research centres, the sub-committee recommended that the Council's research work should be concentrated in the Institute of Occupational Medicine, Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh, an establishment set up in 1969 under a trust deed by the National Coal Board. The recommendation of the sub-committee was accepted by the Management Committee of the Council and by the governing body of the Institute and the formal Agreement was signed on 6th April, 1971, establishing an Asbestosis Research Council Foundation within the framework of the Institute. It is intended that the Foundation shall be built up over the next three years, during which time the Council will be terminating as far as possible its outside research commitments. The director of the Institute is Dr. J.M. Rogan, Chief Medical Officer to the National Coal Board and the head of the A.R.C. Foundation will be Dr. D.C.F. Muir, a member of the Institute's staff.

This notice should be regarded as confidential advance information pending the issue of an official announcement jointly agreed by the Institute and the Council.



S. Holmes,
Secretary to the Council.

CALENDAR OF MEDICAL MEETINGS RELEVANT TO ASBESTOS-HEALTH

Printed May 1, 1971

DATE	MEETING AND PLACE	IMPORTANT PAPERS	SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION
15-19	American Thoracic Society Los Angeles, California	"Asbestos Pleural Diffusion," E.A. Gacinsler and A.L. Kaplan (May 17)	
28	American Industrial Hygiene Conference Toronto, Ont., Canada	"A Study of Exposures in the Spraying of Asbestos Fire-Proofing Material," G.M. Rama and L.C. Curley (May 27) "The Generation and Characterization of a Respirable Aerosol of Chrysotile Asbestos for Chronic Inhalation Studies," D.K. Craig and A.P. Wehner (May 28) "Health in Asbestos Textile Processing -- Progress Report," R. Knight, H. Raymond, R. Iiso, R. Weidner and L. Cradley (May 24) "Good Practices -- A Substitute for TLV's in the Shipbuilding Industry," D.A. Holada; Mount Sinai School of Medicine (May 24) (Many other papers of general interest)	J-M Environmental Control personnel will cover for technical information. H&K will monitor for news interest, obtain papers from press room.
24-27	International Symposium on Identification and Measurement of Environmental Pollutants Ottawa, Ont., Canada	"The Determination of Asbestos in the Ambient Air," E.J. Thompson (Preliminary program)	

CALENDAR OF MEDICAL MEETINGS RELEVANT TO ASBESTOS-HEALTH

Updated May 1, 1971 (continued)

DATE	MEETING AND PLACE	IMPORTANT PAPERS	SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION
May 20-24	American Medical Association Annual Convention Atlantic City, N.J.	No program as yet	
May 27 - June 1	Air Pollution Control Association Atlantic City, N.J.	"Philadelphia's Experience in the Control of Emissions from Asbestos Spray Fireproofing Operations," C.A. Lazenka, W. Reilly and P. Voigt (June 29)	
August 29-30	American Medical Association Congress on Occupational Health Jackson Lake Lodge, Grand Teton National Park, Wyo.	No program as yet	
Sept 30 - Oct 2	International Symposium on Safety and Health in Shipbuilding Helsinki, Finland	No program as yet. Several papers on asbestos expected.	British Asbestos Research Council will cover. W.B. Reitze will cover for J-Y and for Mount Sinai.
Nov. 30 - Dec 2	Occupational Health Conference (Ontario-Quebec) Montreal, Canada	No program as yet	

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TO: POLICY COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF MEETING
PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE
JUNE 2, 1970

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ATTENDEES: F. J. Solon, Jr. - Chairman
W. P. Raines
M. M. Swetonic
Carl Thompson - Hill & Knowlton
Bert Goss " "
Jim Callaghan " "

1. Raines reported on the May 27-28 hearings held by the New York City Environmental Protection Administration on the recently established regulations on sprayed asbestos. Raines reported that he believes the City plans eventually to completely ban the use of asbestos in spraying. The thrust of questioning also indicated the city is concerned about the use of asbestos in all types of construction materials, even so-called bound-in products, because of the "danger" of air pollution when the building is eventually demolished. The use of fiber glass in some applications, such as for duct lining, was also questioned.

The City's basic air pollution control code is being revised, and will be ready for hearings by July 1. The Sub-committee agreed that J-M needs to develop a position on demolition by or before that time. Thompson commented that there are existing City regulations on demolition to reduce dusts, but that asbestos is not specifically mentioned.

ACTION

Raines to contact City to determine what the next moves are re demolition and fiber glass, and to offer J-M and NIMA cooperation in the drafting of the new code. J-M people such as Fred Pundsack, Ed Fenner and Dr. Davison, among others, could prove valuable in this regard. Because of the very strong possibility that any code developed in New York could be adopted by other cities, it is essential that J-M and NIMA take a strong stand in the areas of demolition and fiber glass.

2. Raines reported on a recent newspaper article describing a six month "crash study" being undertaken by the National Air Pollution Control Administration to develop standards for asbestos pollution control. Thompson commented that this study is one of 17 similar

studies being conducted through the National Academy of Sciences by the NAPCA. Solon said that he understood Mount Sinai had the contract to study the air samples for NAPCA.

ACTION

Hill & Knowlton to get more information on this particular "crash study."

3. Congressman Ottinger, who is running for the Democratic nomination for Senator of New York, testified at the EPA hearings on asbestos. He called for a Federal study of asbestos uses, including but not limited to spraying, and attacked the Federal Government for its failure to act faster in the area of asbestos air pollution.

ACTION

It was agreed that there is no benefit to be gained in trying to see Ottinger before the primary, but that it would probably be a good move to arrange a meeting with him once it is over. (Political observers generally think that Ottinger will lose the primary and will probably not be able to run for his Congressional seat in November. However, Ottinger is a smart politician and will most likely, in one way or another, remain active on the political scene.)

4. In recent months, numerous people, including Ralph Nader, in commenting on the asbestos/health problem have quoted from the so-called Litton Report as to a "potential worldwide epidemic of cancer from asbestos exposure." This quote is taken from the "Summary & Evaluation" section of the report. This section was not accepted by HEW, which sponsored the study, and was not included in their published version of the report. The Department of Commerce, however, published the entire report including the "Summary & Evaluation" section, and it is this version which is being continually quoted.

ACTION

Raines to draft a brief statement explaining that the quote was not accepted by the Federal agency sponsoring the report, and quoting Dr. Wright (from the soon-to-be-published "Today's Health" article) to the effect that the man upon whose work the Litton quote is based (Dr. J.G. Thompson) is an "alarmist." This statement will then be submitted to

Dr. George Wright for his review. If approved, it will be used in countering the Litton quote, which is being used more and more.

5. The Underwriters Laboratory, which approves insulation materials for fireproofing, has scheduled a meeting on June 17 to look into the health aspects of asbestos-containing insulations.

ACTION

Bill Raines to attend this meeting together with J-M's listed representative, Bob Neisel of the Research Dept.

6. Plans for the establishment of a U.S. Asbestos Information Committee were discussed. It was agreed that the organization and objectives of the US-AIC should be based upon the highly successful British AIC. It was also agreed that for purposes of speed in rebutting erroneous statements in the press and elsewhere, it is essential that there be a small (two or three man) committee authorized to make such statements. It was also agreed that experts in various areas of the asbestos problem, such as Dr. Wright, Fred Pundsack, Ed Fenner and other people from member companies, should be available as "technical consultants" to the US-AIC. Solon has discussed the basic plan with K. V. Lindell and they have agreed that C. B. Burnett should advise on those companies to be invited to join us in an AIC effort.

ACTION

- a) Solon to confer with H. M. Ball as to legal ramifications of setting up such a Committee.
- b) Swetonic to prepare membership list of major asbestos trade associations, such as Asbestos Cement Products Association, Asbestos Textile Institute, and National Insulation Manufacturers Association.
- c) Thompson to supply organization of British AIC as model for US-AIC.
- d) Swetonic to collect samples of types of rebuttal activities which have been carried on so successfully by the British AIC.
- e) Solon to present proposed plan to upcoming Policy Committee meeting.

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7. Hill & Knowlton has prepared an outline of a newspaper advertisement that could be used in cities in case the question of air pollution attracts considerable publicity. The ad would have a question and answer format, and could be tailored to fit any particular situation, such as spraying, demolition, etc.

ACTION

Hill & Knowlton to proceed with preparation of ad copy, based on the outline discussed.

8. A list of upcoming medical meetings was distributed and discussed.

ACTION

Solon to coordinate J-M monitoring of Dr. Selikoff's "Post Graduate Course on Asbestosis," to be held this month.

Solon to ask Dr. Wright if he will monitor American Medical Association Meeting (June 21-25).



F. J. SOLON, JR.
CHAIRMAN

M. M. Swetonic

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SECRETARY

MEDICAL MEETINGS CALENDAR OF IMPORTANCE TO JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION

Start June 1, 1970

DATE	MEETING AND PLACE	RELEVANT PAPERS	SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION BY PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
6-1-70	Air Pollution Control Association St. Louis, Mo.	No specific papers on asbestos scheduled this year, however subject might come up in discussion.	MAN alert for reports.
6-5-70	Post-graduate Course, "Asbestosis" Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York City	Entire program of interest. Will cover asbestosis, asbestos-related cancers, dust control and industrial hygiene, and "non-occupational asbestos-associated disease."	
6-11-70	American Medical Association Chicago, Ill.	"The Method of Asbestos Distribution in the Body," M. C. Godwin and J. Jagatic (June 24). "Techniques for the Diagnosis of Occupational Pulmonary Diseases: Their Use and Misuse," G. W. Wright (June 24).	MAN will attempt to get copies of papers.

Head of Mental Clinic Is 'Physician of Year'

WASHINGTON, June 13 (UPI)—The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped today named Dr. Gerald R. Clark, the president of a Pennsylvania mental institution, as "physician of the year."

Dr. Clark, 52 years old, has been head of the Elwyn Institute in Elwyn, Pa., since 1965. He will receive his award at the American Medical Association's Congress on Occupational Health in Los Angeles on Oct. 1.

The award, co-sponsored by the committee and the medical association, is the physician's highest tribute to his contribution to the welfare and employment of the handicapped.

Dr. Clark won the award for his work at Elwyn, where from windows and locks taken off doors when he became its superintendent in 1960. The physician also introduced programs to let patients earn money for their learning work and set up various activities that healthy citizens enjoy.

MINUTES

MEETING TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF
ASBESTOS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION/NORTH AMERICA*
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1970

SUMMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was opened at 10:00 A.M. by Malcolm Meyer, Chairman of Certain-Teed serving as Chairman pro-tem. He stressed the need for an organization of this type to inform the public concerning the facts about the asbestos/health problem. He stressed that this organization is not intended to replace existing industry groups, such as the Asbestos Cement Products Association, Asbestos Textile Institute, etc., or to supplant the efforts of individual companies in the asbestos/health area.

F. J. Solon, Jr., of Johns-Manville gave an illustrated presentation (script attached) ^{**} on the background and need for an AIA/IA.

Mr. Raines briefly described some of the working materials used by Johns-Manville in its public relations efforts on behalf of the asbestos industry.

* This name (vs preliminary suggestion of "Asbestos Information Committee/North America) will avoid confusion between this group and the British organization called "Asbestos Information Committee."

General discussion followed:

James Moran of Flintkote asked why the proposed group should not be a sub-committee of the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association. Mr. Meyer replied that this did not appear to be advisable, based upon the experience in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Moran asked about the make up of the proposed organization; specifically why it did not include manufacturers of flooring tile. Mr. Meyer replied that he and Mr. Burnett had started with a list of 125 companies and had sought to pick out eight that were representative of the industry, in order to get this new-association started. There is no intention to limit it, ultimately, to this number.

Al Fay of National Gypsum asked whether the plan was to broaden the base of membership in the future, admitting additional companies. Mr. Meyer replied that this was, indeed, the plan.

Referring back to the previous question concerning the QAMA, Mr. Solon pointed out that the chief area of press volatility is in the United States, not in Canada. It would be difficult to carry out an effective information program in the name of an organization based in Canada.

Mr. Moran asked how the organization would be funded in 1972.

Just what would be the basis for assessments. Mr. Meyer replied

that this has yet to be worked out.

Mr. Fay again emphasized the desirability of building up the organization to include many more than eight members, before 1972, so that the amount of money to be raised from each member would be lower.

In answer to a question of where the proposed organization would get its input of scientific information, Dr. Wright stated this was a most important matter. He said it is vital that scientific information from many sources flow into the AIA/NA before it is published. He hopes that this will be accomplished, in part, through his travels around the world and contacts with various medical and governmental groups. He offered to attend the meetings of the AIA/NA voting members and share with them the information he has gained. This was enthusiastically received.

Dr. Wright further underlined the disadvantages of there being any visible link between the QAMA and the AIA/NA. He pointed out that the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, while funded by the QAMA, has successfully maintained its "arm's length" distance from the QAMA, and that it should maintain the same type of distance from the AIA/NA in order to keep its credibility in government and medical circles.

Messrs. Fay and Moran asked whether the organization should

have a consumer representative (like Ralph Nader) on its board.

This was discussed but not resolved.

Mr. Moran asked whether associations such as ACPA could have associate memberships in the proposed AIA/NA so that companies that belong to these associations could obtain the information and services of AIA/NA without having to pay additional dues or assessments. Mr. Fay suggested that while the proposed AIA/NA should communicate with trade association groups such as ACPA, memberships in the new organization should be on the basis of individual companies, rather than associations. This was the consensus of the group. Mr. Meyer emphasized that we will want to get information from and feed information to the ACPA, the ATI and all similar groups.

Mr. Moran asked whether Johns-Manville plans to stop its individual efforts in the asbestos/health front, such as its ads.

Mr. Solon replied that Johns-Manville will continue its advertising. There followed a discussion of who should sign the ads in 1971 -- Johns-Manville or AIA/NA or, possibly, "Johns-Manville ... a member of the AIA/NA." This will be resolved after further discussion with legal counsel. Mr. Solon pointed out that Johns-Manville actually plans to spend about \$200,000 on this advertising in 1971, although the proposed budget for advertising for the AIA/NA (which Johns-Manville will underwrite in 1971) shows \$100,000 for advertising.

Mr. Moran asked whether each company's in-plant industrial hygiene program would remain the same and Mr. Meyer replied that they would.

Davis Weaver asked whether questions from municipalities, concerning the safety of asbestos products, should be fed into the administrative committee of the new organization. The consensus was that this was indeed one of the services that the new group could render its members.

Mr. Moran then moved and Mr. Fay seconded, the nomination of Harold McNabb, Executive Vice President of Certain-Teed as Chairman of the Asbestos Information Association/North America. There being no further nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Mr. McNabb.

Mr. Meyer then moved and Mr. Zimmerman seconded, the nomination of W. P. Raines, Director of Public Relations for Johns-Manville, as Secretary of the AIA/NA. There being no further nominations a unanimous ballot was cast for Mr. Raines.

The question of legal counsel was discussed and it was decided to have the member companies provide this service, at least initially. At the beginning it will be provided by Herbert Morton Ball, Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of J-M.

It was unanimously agreed by the group that Hall & Knowlton

be selected as the public relations counsel for the AIA/NA. It was also agreed that the mailing address of Hill & Knowlton (201 East 42nd Street) be used as the mailing address for the AIA/NA.

There was then discussion of a list of proposed functions of the Administrative Sub-Committee (see attachment). All were tentatively approved with the proviso that considerable additional detail should be added as the organization gets into operation.

Mr. Meyer requested each company present to let him know, by Friday, November 13, who its voting member will be. Mr. Solon informed Mr. Meyer that he will be the voting member for Johns-Manville.

Mr. Ball suggested that we consider having the AIA/NA set up as a non-profit corporation. It was agreed that this should be done and that papers should be drawn up before the next meeting.

Each company present was requested to furnish to Mr. Meyer, also by November 13, the name of its Public Relations Director or its Public Relations Counsel.

It was decided that the formal organizational meeting of the AIA/NA would be held on Friday, December 4, 1970, at 10:00 a.m., in the fourth floor conference room of the Johns-Manville headquarters, 22 East 40th Street, New York City, followed by luncheon in the Johns-Manville Board Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Raines
Secretary

ASBESTOS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION/NORTH AMERICA

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held pursuant to notice on August 24, 1971 at 10:15 A.M. at 22 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. The following members were present by their indicated representatives:

Atlas Asbestos Company	---	George Barge
Cerain-teed Products Corporation	---	Harold McNabb
Flintkote Company	---	J. A. Rishel
GAF Corporation	---	Frank Campagna
Johns-Manville Corporation	---	F. J. Solon, Jr.
National Gypsum Company	---	A. H. Fay
Panacon Corporation	---	E. W. Swain
Raybestos-Manhattan Corporation	---	E. P. Stefl

Also present were W. P. Raines, M. M. Swetonic, E. M. Fenner and G. Earl Parker, Johns-Manville Corporation; Larry Woodward, Certain-teed Products Corporation; and Carl Thompson and Jim Callaghan of Hill & Knowlton, Inc. Mr. McNabb acted as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Swetonic acted as secretary and kept the minutes thereof.

Present by special invitation of the Board were: Bradley Walls of Burns, Van Kirk, Jube & Kafer; Herbert Sunbury, Asbestos Textile Institute; Isaac Weaver, Raybestos-Manhattan Corporation; C. L. Sheckl who represented the National Insulation Manufacturers Association and the Asbestos Cement Products Association; and Jack Barnhart of NIMA.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board were approved as presented. Mr. McNabb informed the Board that because of a recent change in job assignment at his company, he would no longer represent Certain-teed Products Corporation on the AIA/NA Board of Directors.

Mr. McNabb's position will be filled by Wes Gatewood.

The Chairman asked Mr. Fenner to report on the meeting of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency advisory committee on asbestos held August 17 in Atlanta to review the proposed National Emission Standards for Asbestos. Mr. Fenner distributed the following four documents as part of his presentation:

1. Comments and Suggestions from the AIA/NA relative to the proposed standards --- this document was distributed to the participants at the Atlanta meeting and reflected the discussion on the proposed standards held at the AIA/NA Board of Directors meeting on August 11.
2. A listing of the attendees at the Atlanta meeting.
3. A summary report on the Atlanta meeting, indicating which of the AIA/NA Comments & Suggestions appear likely to be incorporated into the next version of the EPA regulations.
4. A copy of a letter from Mr. Fenner to Dr. George W. Wright setting forth the major ideas and comments expressed by Dr. Irving J. Selikoff at the Atlanta meeting.

It was generally agreed that Dr. Selikoff's efforts to bring about an occupational TLV of 2 fibers per cc under the Occupational Safety & Health Act could, if successful, have a disastrous effect on the industry. It was agreed that industry efforts should be undertaken to push for a 5 fiber level. Mr. Sheckler agreed to work through Dr. Lewis Cralley and the ATI to put data from the Public Health Service Study on the asbestos industry in the hands of Dr. Marcus Key of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which will recommend the new occupational standard.

Mr. Fenner outlined the following calendar for the Federal asbestos emission standards:

1. Revised standards to be published in Federal Register on or before September 28.
2. Public hearings to be held on the proposed standards within 30 days of their publication in the Federal Register. --- this would place the hearings probably sometime in late October.
3. Additional written evidence may be submitted up to 30 days following the hearings.
4. The standards, as revised based on testimony presented at the hearings, will go into effect 180 days after the September publication in the Federal Register. The standards would thus become effective on or before March 25, 1972.
5. They will apply immediately to structures under construction and to existing structures within 90 days (around the end of June).
6. Extensions of up to 2 years can be applied for under the 1

Mr. Fenner said that the participants at the Atlanta meeting were told that they could submit additional evidence to the EPA up to September 1. Dr. George Wright is preparing a letter refuting aspects of Dr. Selikoff's comments at the meeting. Mr. Fenner will submit this letter along with the results of asbestos-asphalt paving wear tests to the EPA. Mr. Fenner is also planning, if at all possible, to meet with Dale Slaughter of the EPA, who will be responsible for rewriting the standards, to discuss the revisions with him. This meeting, if it takes place, will be between Sept. 1 and Sept. 7.

With regard to the October hearings, Mr. Fenner commented that the general practice at such hearings is for individual companies, rather than associations, to present testimony. The AIA/NA will hold a "coaching session" for industry executives who might testify at the hearings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned.

Pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded at the August 11 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Annual Meeting of members of the AIA/NA was held on August 24 at 2:00 P.M. at the Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street, New York, N.Y.

Those in attendance were the same as at the morning meeting of the Association, with the exception of Mr. Sunbury, Mr. Sheckler, Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Parker, who did not attend.

The Chairman called for a motion on the election of a Board of Directors for the coming year, to serve beginning as of the time of their election. A motion was duly made and seconded that the Board of Directors of the AIA/NA should consist of the following nine companies:

Atlas Asbestos Company
Certain-teed Products Corporation
Flintkote Company
GAF Corporation
Johns-Manville Corporation
National Gypsum Company
Panacon Corporation
Raybestos-Manhattan Corporation
Cement Asbestos Products Company

The motion was carried by voice vote.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Fay, Chairman of the Dues Committee, to report on the recommendations of his committee as to the dues structure for the coming fiscal (calendar) year. Mr. Fay reported that based on the tentative minimum budget of \$285,000 drawn up by Mr. Raines, and on the asbestos consumption figures submitted in confidence to Mr. Walls by each of the member companies (the total being 343,000 tons), the cost to each member company would be \$3 1/3¢ per ton. Each Board member was asked to seek authorization from his company so that the dues structure could be formally approved at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned, and the regular meeting of the Board resumed.

The Chairman called on the AIA/NA nominating committee, consisting of Mr. McNabb, Mr. Rishel and Mr. Swain. They moved to nominate the following slate of officers to serve for the coming year, beginning at the time of their election.

President	---	A. H. Fay
Vice President	---	E. P. Stefl
Vice President	---	J. A. Rishel
Secretary	---	W. P. Raines
Treasurer	---	Bradley Walls

The motion, after having been seconded, was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Fay, as the new President of the Association, succeeded Mr. McNabb as Chairman of the meeting.

Mr. McNabb then moved that the following individuals be re-appointed to the Administrative Sub-Committee, with Hill & Knowlton to serve as public relations counsel.

M. M. Swetonic

Larry Woodward

E. M. Fenner

The motion, after having been seconded, was carried by acclamation

The Chairman outlined the budget of \$285,000 as drawn up by Mr. Raines and recommended that any additional funds generated by the adding of new members to the association should be kept in reserve for contingency purposes. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the \$285,000 minimum budget for fiscal 1972, and was carried by voice vote.

A motion was made that dues be collected on a quarterly basis, the first installment covering January 1, 1972 to March 31, 1972 to be due on January 1, 1972. The motion, after being seconded, was carried by voice vote.

A motion was duly made and seconded to have Mr. Walls set up a bank account in the name of the Association. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Mr. Raines asked for comments on the letter and prospectus proposed for sending to potential new members for the Association inviting them to attend an orientation seminar in New York in September. Several comments were made and discussed.

A general discussion was held on various aspects of the new membership drive. A motion was made and seconded to hold the seminar along the same lines as discussed at a previous meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion was carried by voice vote. It was recommended by Mr. Barge that the Association also invite, as observers, representatives of various asbestos trade associations to the September seminar. September 21 was approved as the most convenient date for the seminar.

A suggestion was made that a representative from QAMA be invited to participate in the seminar by outlining for those attending the medical research being sponsored by QAMA through the IOEH.

The procedures for inviting companies to the seminar were approved as follows:

1. A letter of invitation together with the prospectus will be sent to each potential new member, the letter to be signed by a representative from each Board company.
2. Personalized follow-ups, either by phone or in writing, will be made by executives in AIA/NA member companies who are familiar with executives in the potential member companies.
3. Each AIA/NA Board member will be sent a copy of the list of potential new members. Any suggested additions to the list should be communicated to Mr. Raines so that they may be sent an invitation.

Mr. Swetonic reported that, final approvals and orders having been received, the AIA/NA "Question & Answer" card is now in production and will be available in about three weeks. The cost to the individual member companies for the cards they ordered will be 3½¢ apiece. A reserve of 5,500 cards will be available for those member companies that wish to order additional cards.

Mr. Swetonic reported that approval from Dr. Wright on the "History of Industry Sponsored Asbestos-Health Research" is expected daily, and that once it is received, copies will be sent to the members of the Board for their approval.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned.

M. M. Swetonic

Secretary for the Meeting

INTER ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

Raybestos Manhattan

Corporate Trumbull
DIVISION and LOCATION

TO: AIA/NA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 20, 1977

SUBJECT: REPORT OF MEETINGS OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GOVERNING COUNCIL OF
INTERNATIONAL ASBESTOS ASSOCIATION
LONDON - APRIL 13 - 15, 1977

All members of the Executive Committee and Representatives of all member countries were present.

ORGANIZATION

Quarters for the organization have been leased at 68 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HL and will be occupied commencing May 1. Initially the office will be staffed by two secretaries/assistants with Mr. Cross on hand three days per week. Commencing June 1, Mr. Cross will be on duty full time. As Mr. Cross does not wish to continue with this assignment beyond the end of 1978, Dr. Gaze will institute at once a search for a full time assistant capable of taking over upon Mr. Cross' retirement.

It was agreed that the name of the organization should be changed to International Asbestos Association (IAA) for the sake of simplicity and to avoid confusion with the AIC, the AIA and the IARC.

It was also agreed that the Association will be incorporated as a limited liability company under the U.K. Company's Act. Although this will involve some additional administrative work and in corporation expenses of approximately £500, it is felt that this action is essential in view of spreading litigation.

MEMBERSHIP

Austria, Spain and Switzerland were admitted as new members. Mr. Palfreyman (Australia) reported interest from asbestos industry representatives in Malaysia, Indonesia and New Zealand. Dr. Costa (Italy) reported he had been approached

by associates in Yugoslavia and other Eastern European countries concerning membership. Concern was expressed by some members because of inferior plant conditions believed to exist in some Eastern European factories and because of lack of appreciation of health hazards.

It was the consensus of the Governing Council that since the organization is an international one it would be difficult to exclude such countries providing they subscribe to the objectives adopted by the Conference at Hamburg in November, 1976 and the points outlined by Mr. Van der Rest in his memorandum of January 14, 1977 as revised (to be distributed). As a further condition, the Association will insist that delegates from Eastern European countries come from industry management rather than from the governmental bureaucracy.

It was also reported that Thailand, which has a growing and well controlled industry, might also apply for membership.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Medical Advisory Committee

Because of pressure of his duties at J/M, Dr. Kotin was not able to accept the Chairmanship of the Medical Advisory Committee as suggested by Dr. Gaze. Dr. Wright, however, will be available on a consulting basis. For the Chairmanship of what will be referred to as a Medical Advisory Panel, the Governing Council accepted the recommendation that Dr. Robert Murray be asked to form this Panel and to report as soon as possible as follows:

1. To summarize all information currently available on the incidence of asbestos related disease in all countries using this material;
2. To make a critical appraisal of the criteria for diagnosis used in these countries;
3. To include such information as is available on the general incidence of cancer and lung cancer in these areas;
4. To comment on the information.

He will also be available to the Association as a consultant in discussions with union, governmental and scientific bodies. In recent months he has assisted in discussions with government officials in Sweden and the Republic of Ireland and with members of the Health and Safety Commission of the European Parliament.

It has been explicitly stated to Dr. Murray that it is the desire of the Governing Council that in addition to reviewing published data, he is to seek information from industry medical officers who may have unpublished data of great value.

Dr. Murray is presently an independent consultant to labor, government and industry. Previously he was Medical Consultant for 10 years to the Trades Union Congress after having served with the International Labor Organization and as a Medical Inspector with the Department of Employment in the U.K. His approach to the asbestos health issue is eminently practical and fair and his particular background, worldwide contacts and reputation will be especially helpful in establishing the creditability of the report of the Medical Advisory Panel.

Historical Dust Exposure Data

Dr. Robock has accepted the task of developing data on past dust exposure in various segments of the asbestos industry. Obviously this is an enormous task. However, Dr. Robock believes it can be accomplished as it is compatible with the work in which he and his associates are presently engaged. The historical exposure data must then be related to the conclusions of the Medical Advisory Panel.

Workshop for Dust Measurement and Counting Techniques

At the suggestion of Dr. McCullagh of James Hardie, Dr. Robock will organize an international workshop with the objective of standardizing methods of dust measurement and counting techniques. The initial workshop will be limited to 20 persons probably on the Technical Director or Laboratory Director level. Dr. Robock also plans to ask Dr. Gibbs of McGill University to participate.

Recommendations for Safe Handling of Asbestos & Asbestos Products

Preliminary reports were given by Executive Committee members on assignments handed out at the January meeting. The objective is to develop information on methods of dust control in the manufacture and use of asbestos which can be distributed in booklet form to countries and organizations seeking authoritative information on the safe handling of asbestos. The information should be particularly helpful to the Governments of developing countries where regulations presently do not exist.

The specific subjects to be covered are as follows:

Asbestos Cement Industry	Mr. Alexandre (France)
Textiles	Mr. Verrill (U.K.)
Friction Materials (handling only)	Mr. Marsh (U.S.A.)
Bag Opening Techniques	Mr. Piuze (Canada)
Fibre Handling & Packaging	Mr. Angellotti (Italy) & Mr. Dorner (Switzerland)

INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

As a result of a meeting in Lyon in December, 1976, an IARC monograph on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Man - Asbestos was published early this year. The monograph raises questions concerning potential public health risks and refers to certain highly questionable extrapolations concerning future mortality rates. The document in question is a revision of one produced by a working group following the International Conference on the Biological Effects of Asbestos organized by the IARC in 1972 at which there was significant industry participation. There was no industry representation at the meeting in December, 1976 and it is believed that the monograph does not represent the opinions of all scientists present. On March 22 Mr. Cross wrote to Dr. John Higginson, Director of the IARC requesting that the International Asbestos Association have an opportunity to make a contribution at future meetings of the working group.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

The European Parliament debated in March the question of health risks from asbestos in the general environment. This has been the subject of a report prepared by a U.K. socialist member (Evans) for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection. Member Associations in Europe have endeavored to counter this very biased report by presentations to suitable members from their own countries, and the IAIC has also prepared briefing notes for the members and is seeking personal contact where this may be helpful, including with the Commissioner responsible for Consumer Affairs etc., Mr. Richard Burke from Ireland.

The IAA Executive Committee is seeking to develop effective liaison with the Commission officials concerned with occupational and environmental health at Luxembourg and Brussels including the Secretary of the conservative group, Margaret Jackson.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONS

International Metalworkers Federation

Through the efforts of Dr. Robock and German representatives of the IMF, a meeting has been arranged for May 26 and 27 at Geneva with representatives of the IMF and the Executive Committee of the International Asbestos Association. The agenda will include three items:

1. Handling of the asbestos resolution-Oslo August, 1976;
2. Mutual information on planned investigations and actions;
3. Aspects of possible cooperation.

International Chemical & Plant Workers Federation

Dr. Charles Levinson, Secretary General of the Union, has been ruthless in attacking the asbestos industry, taking the position that asbestos has to be banned. He attended the IARC working group meeting in Lyon in December and subsequently reported that he had "successfully included a number of the policies of (ICEF) on the question of protection of workers against the hazards of asbestos". He recently appeared in a Canadian television program in which he bitterly attacked the industry. He has stated publicly that both the AIC (U.K.) and the AIA/NA have been forced to retract untrue statements and has been quoted as saying he is planning to launch an all-out attack on the International Asbestos Industry through his International Unions. He has refused to meet with representatives of the International Asbestos Association because it is a "public relations organizations". Arrangements are being made, however, through Dr. Stephan Schmidhiny of Swiss Eternit for a meeting with the President of the union to discuss Dr. Levinson's charges of untrue statements.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Sweden

The Chairman of the Swedish Asbestos Information group organized a series of meetings at the end of March with Swedish doctors concerned with asbestos, from industry, the trade union organization and workers protection board. Dr. Smither and Mr. Cross participated in the meetings. Present permissible exposure limit is 1.0 fiber/cc. but will probably be lowered to 0.5.

Norway

Although the current permissible exposure limit is 2 fibers/cc., there are regulations in proposal form which could be very dangerous for the industry. The proposals include the following provisions:

Asbestos substitutes to be used where-ever possible;

Asbestos not allowed for electrical insulation;

Blue asbestos to be banned;

Brake lining shall be pre-fabricated (no grinding, drilling, etc. in the field);

Employment of smokers to be prohibited;

Smoking to be prohibited where asbestos dust is created.

Mr. Knutsen reported that his plant had been in operation since 1942 and that there was no evidence whatsoever of asbestosis or an excessive cancer rate. Despite no evidence of asbestos related disease in this plant, radical doctors are using the cases of cancer in Sweden (8 cases of mesothelioma among insulation mechanics heavily exposed in a Swedish locomotive plant many years ago) to impose severe restrictions on the Norwegian industry.

Holland

Regulations which have been under discussion since early 1975 are expected to be issued shortly but may not become effective for approximately one year. The legislation is understood to be based on selective prohibition with a system of exemptions. An advisory group composed of representatives of industry, labor and government has been set up to deal with problems arising from these proposals.

Belgium

A television program of discussion on asbestos and health problems was presented on April 1 with the cooperation of the Benelux Information Committee on Asbestos. It included interviews with industrial representatives and was considered by the industry to be a reasonably balanced program.

A working group has been set up by the Government Department concerned with occupational health to study the problem of asbestosis. The asbestos industry was well represented including the Chairman of the International Asbestos Association,

Mr. Van der Rest. The trade union organization (FGTB) has submitted its views which includes a proposal for a 0.1 fiber/cc. standard for all types of asbestos. A three page questionnaire on asbestos and health matters has been circulated to the asbestos trade by the Department of Hygiene.

France

Present indications are that proposed regulations will remain at the 2 fiber level. The French Asbestos Association has organized a one day medical meeting to be held on May 4. Over 125 doctors have been invited including quite a few from the U.S.A.

United Kingdom

The Advisory Committee on Asbestos set up by the Health and Safety Commission issued an interim statement in January saying that further research is needed before definite recommendations can be made whether more precautions are needed in the use of asbestos. In the meantime, exposure to all forms of asbestos dust should be reduced to the minimum reasonably practicable. The Committee has set up several Working Groups to accumulate the data needed to formulate specific recommendations.

The British Trade Union Congress has made a submission to the Asbestos Advisory Committee calling for an eventual ban on asbestos and its replacement by substitute materials, though it also demands that all substitute materials be thoroughly tested to insure that they contain no risk to the health of workers or the public. The TUC's action has aroused strong criticism among various groups of workers who see their employment threatened and who resent the absence of any consultation with them. An emergency resolution disassociating themselves from the TUC's "evidence" is being put to the next TUC conference by employee representatives of major asbestos manufacturers. The Association of professional, executive, clerical and computer staff has decided to set-up its own advisory committee in opposition to the TUC's main recommendations.

Submission of certain asbestos manufacturers to the Advisory Committee on asbestos will be published on May 12. It is expected these submissions will generate publicity.

The Asbestos Sub-Committee of the Health and Safety Committee of the BOHS which disbanded in January over disagreements concerning interpretation of the Rochdale data has been

re-established under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. A. Roach. Steps are being taken to resolve the disagreements over interpretation of the statistical data so that a useful submission can be made to the Advisory Committee. A resolution of this controversy will also be helpful in supporting the AIA/NA submission to OSHA.

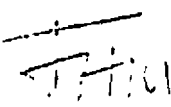
A member of the Advisory Committee, Professor E. D. Acheson, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Southampton University has been given the assignment of reviewing the literature and making recommendations to the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee does not expect to make any statement for at least six months.

BUDGET FOR 1977

As anticipated, the initial budget prepared at Hamburg is not adequate to support the activities essential in protecting the industry from the risk of being regulated out of existence. The industry must be able to respond, on an international basis, to an increasing number of politically motivated, irresponsible and emotional attacks, with creditable and convincing scientific and medical data. The major item of additional expense will be the cost of supporting the data collection activities of the Medical Advisory Panel and the addition of a thoroughly qualified individual to assist and eventually replace Mr. Cross.

To cover anticipated costs for 1977 and provide a modest reserve for contingencies, dues were established at £3,000 per share. The shares were apportioned as in the past; 3 each for Canada, Japan and the U.S.A.; 2 each France, Germany, Italy, the U.K and South Africa; 1 each Australia and Spain and fractional shares for smaller countries.

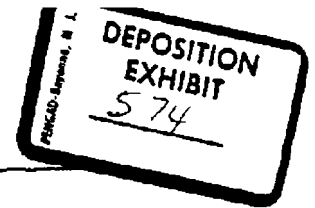
It was the consensus of the Governing Council that the International Association must make a vigorous effort now, to achieve the objectives set forth in the Hamburg resolution. Further delay in getting on with the task could lead to disastrous consequences.


John H. Marsh

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EXPECTED ATTENDEES - ORGANIZATION MEETING

AIA/NA - DECEMBER 4, 1970



CERTAIN-TEED	Harold McNabb	Executive Vice President
FLINTKOTE	James Moran	Executive Vice President
	A. R. Hooker	Assistant to the Executive Vice President
GAF	Frank Campagna	Director of Marketing, Industrial Products
JOHNS-MANVILLE	F. J. Solon, Jr.	Vice President for Advertising and Public Relations
	H. M. Ball	Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel
	Earl Parker	Attorney and Assistant Secretary
	W. P. Raines	Director of Public Relations
	M. M. Swetonic	Coordinator, Special Projects Public Relations
NATIONAL GYPSUM	A. H. Fay	Vice President
PANACON	E. W. Swain	Director of Communications
RAYBESTOS	S. R. Zimmerman	Chairman of the Board
WOODWARD IRON	Davis Weaver	Vice President

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1970

SUMMATION OF PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was opened at 10:00 A.M. by Harold McNabb, Executive Vice President of Certain-teed, and President of the Association. He thanked the Board of Directors for having elected him Chairman at the November 5 formation meeting of the AIA/NA (Mr. McNabb did not attend the formation meeting due to a death in his family), and reiterated the objectives and planned activities of the Association, as contained in the AIA/NA Prospectus.

A. H. Fay of National Gypsum moved that the minutes from the November 5 meeting be accepted. The motion was second by F. J. Solon, Jr., of Johns-Manville and approved by voice vote.

Mr. McNabb made three new appointments to the Administrative Sub-Committee. They were:

1. Public Relations Member --- Larry Woodward, Certain-teed
2. Project Coordinator --- M. M. Swetonic, Johns-Manville
3. Environmental Control Member --- E. M. Fenner, Johns-Manvil

James Moran of Flintkote asked about the purpose and activities of the Administrative Sub-Committee. W. P. Raines of Johns-Manville

explained that the Sub-Committee would handle the day-to-day activities of the Association, within the parameters of action as approved by the Board of Directors. Mr. Solon commented that the Sub-Committee will be effective only if the parameters are flexible enough to permit swift action. Mr. McNabb then read from "Suggested Functioning of the Administrative Sub-Committee", which had been distributed and discussed at the November 5 meeting. S. R. Zimmerman of Raybestos suggested that individual company statements on asbestos-health be limited to local plant or situations peculiar to a particular company. Mr. Solon commented that even in these situations the Administrative Sub-Committee could be of assistance in helping member companies draft statements. It was agreed that the position and background papers on asbestos-health prepared by Johns-Manville and distributed at the November 5 meeting could be used by the member companies in local situations. Mr. McNabb called for a motion to approve the parameters of action of the Administrative Sub-Committee as those outlined in the "Suggested Functioning" statement. Mr. Moran so moved, seconded by S. D. Weaver of Woodward Iron, and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Moran asked about adding new members to the Administrative Sub-Committee. It was generally agreed that additional qualified people could be nominated, providing that the Sub-Committee did not become so large as to inhibit its effectiveness.

Mr. McNabb informed the Board that according to the laws of incorporation under which the AIA/NA will function, it would be necessary for the Board to elect a Vice President. Mr. Moran nominated Mr. Solon for this position. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Mr. Moran moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Solon was then elected Vice President of the Association by voice vote.

Mr. Fay asked about adding new members to the Association. He said that there are a number of other companies with a vital stake in the asbestos-health problem, and that it would be to the benefit of all concerned for these companies to be allowed to belong to the Association, but not necessarily as members of the Board.

Mr. Fay also commented that increasing the Association membership would have the effect of decreasing each member company's individual dues after the first year of operation.

A. R. Hooker of Flintkote asked if any guidelines has been set for membership. Mr. McNabb replied that none had yet been set because it was felt that it was more important to begin operations first, and worry about adding new members later. Mr. McNabb then appointed Mr. Fay as Chairman of a Membership Committee to draft recommendations by the next meeting for criteria for membership as well as for assessing dues. Mr. Moran and Mr. Zimmerman were appointed to the Committee. Mr. Solon suggested that "manufacturers of finished asbestos products" be used as the criteria for

membership. Mr. Zimmerman asked whether floor tile manufacturers would be asked to join. Mr. Swetonic commented that if demolition becomes a problem, then even floor tile manufacturers might start to have problems in the health area.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Association would be held in New York at the Johns-Manville offices in February.

Mr. Raines will poll the membership for a suitable date. Mr. Solon suggested that the Association hold bi-monthly meetings. This was accepted in principle.

Mr. Raines distributed copies of a Hill & Knowlton recommendation for a press conference to announce the formation of the AIA/NA. Mr. Swetonic discussed the Media Source File which Johns-Manville had originally put together for its own use, but which will now be distributed under the name of the Association. It contains background and position papers, as well as medical papers and speeches of interest to science writers and editors. The source file can be distributed at the planned press conference, as well as being sent to editors.

Mr. Swetonic commented that the source file originally contained a rather extensive paper on Johns-Manville Health Research. It was agreed that a similar paper should be prepared for the Association. Copies of the J-M paper will be sent to all Board Members. They will add to the paper any independent research conducted by their

companies in the health area, will indicate which of the projects mentioned in the paper they participated in, and will return the paper, with the additional materials, to Mr. Swetonic for incorporation.

Mr. Solon commented that the press conference needs a good news peg to attract wide coverage. He suggested that an Association statement on asbestos spraying might do the trick, because New York City may be starting hearings on its new Air Pollution Code around the time of the press conference (early in January).

Earl Parker of the J-M legal department explained the process of incorporating the Association as a non-profit corporation, and distributed copies of the incorporation papers. Each voting member will clear the incorporation papers with his legal department and return them to Mr. Parker with comments by December 21. January 1 was set as the tentative date for incorporating the Association. Mr. Moran asked if the proposed by-laws would place the member companies under a legal obligation to pay dues as determined by the Board of Directors. Mr. Parker said that they would not.

Mr. Solon spoke on the idea of having a medical advisory board to review statements made by the Association. Dr. George Wright has offered the services of the medical advisory board of the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, of which he is the chairman.

as an unofficial review board. No fee would be paid for this service, and the IOEH board would comment only when requested. It was agreed that this service would be most beneficial to the AIA/NA. Mr. Solon will convey this to Dr. Wright and ask him to attend the next Board of Directors meeting to discuss with the members how this service will function.

Mr. Raines spoke on communications within the Association. Important developments in the health area --- new codes governing asbestos, important press contacts, etc. --- will be relayed to the members immediately. Other, less urgent information, will be distributed on a monthly basis. Mr. Solon asked the members to consider whether they wish to have their company medical people receive this information.

Mr. Raines reported on the developing situation with regard to asbestos spraying, and distributed copies of a draft statement on the subject for Association consideration. Asbestos spraying is now legally banned in the city of Philadelphia. The proposed new New York City Air Pollution Code calls for the banning of asbestos-containing sprays, and according to legal counsel for the National Insulation Manufacturers Association (NIMA), can be interpreted as banning any use of asbestos, with the exception of brake linings, which results in the emission of asbestos dust into the ambient air. Hearings on this code will be held shortly, probably in the middle of January. NIMA has already filed with the city to be

heard at the hearings. A general discussion of this problem then followed. It was agreed that the Association should also file to present a statement at the hearings. Mr. Raines is to clear the statement with Dr. Wright and then send a copy of it to each board member, who will review it and return it to him as soon as possible with comments.

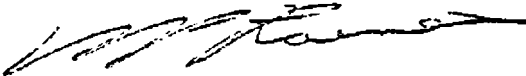
A discussion was then held as to a possible spokesman for the Association to appear at the hearings. Dr. F. L. Pundsack, Johns-Manville Vice President for Research and Development, was suggested. Other names were also discussed, but no decision made. Mr. Raines said that he has instructed Hill & Knowlton to give him a report on how the hearings will be organized, so that the Association will have more information upon which to base its actions.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch. After lunch, Mr. Swetonic showed a film entitled "Why Asbestos?" produced by the Asbestos Information Committee in Great Britain on the various uses of asbestos. A general discussion of the film followed. It was agreed that a similar film could be of considerable value to the Association in its activities in North America. Mr. Raines said that he will have J-M look into the various product applications shown in the film to find out if asbestos is used for all of these purposes in the United States as well.

Mr. McNabb recommended that Mr. Raines visit Great Britain to learn more about the manner in which the AIC operates in that country, and also to establish a close working relationship between the two organizations. It was generally agreed that this would be most useful.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Raines', written over a horizontal line.

W. P. Raines
Secretary

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