

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Meeting
MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Offices of American Cyanamid Company
Wayne, New Jersey December 7, 1962

Present:

Dr. T. W. Nale, Chairman	Union Carbide Corporation
Dr. A. J. Fleming	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Dr. H. H. Golz	American Cyanamid Company
Dr. L. C. Haslam	Canadian Industries Limited
Dr. R. E. Kelly	Monsanto Chemical Company
Dr. J. F. Osterritter	Celanese Corporation of America
Dr. H. B. Snyder	Humble Oil & Refining Company
Mr. F. G. Stephenson, Secretary	Manufacturing Chemists' Assoc.

1. Minutes of the May 15 meeting were approved
2. Report on meeting with representatives of the MCA Policy Study Committee

Dr. Nale reported that the secretary and he had met with Messrs. H. S. Bunn, D. S. Frederick and R. K. Gottshall on October 30. Dr. Nale had described the functions and activities of the Committee as being largely concerned with the preparation of the "medical management" sections for chemical safety data sheets; operation of a medical advisory service; and maintenance of appropriate liaison with other MCA committees.

No specific recommendations had been made for changes in the Committee's organization and operation, but it had been suggested that written rules of organization be prepared.

3. Committee organization and membership

In accordance with the request of the representatives of the MCA Policy Study Committee it was agreed to prepare written rules of organization.

After some debate it was resolved to reconfirm the decision recorded in the minutes of the May 19, 1960 meeting to limit membership to 8 (although other company representatives are invited to be present as guests at any meeting). The possibility of introducing some system of membership rotation was discussed, though members generally thought that the number of qualified

physicians available for committee service is very limited.

The chairman then appointed a task group composed of Dr. Sutton (chairman), Dr. Golz, and the secretary, to prepare written rules of organization. It was recommended that the task group should hold a meeting at some convenient time and that copies of its recommendations be mailed to all members prior to the next meeting.

4. Chemical Safety Data Sheets

The secretary reported on the status of the current program as follows:

SD-86	Methylene Chloride	- Published July 1962
SD-87	Acetone	- Published August 1962
SD-88	Maleic Anhydride	- Published October 1962
SD-15	Acetic Anhydride (revised)	- Published November 1962
SD-89	Chloroform	- For December publication

Sheets in Preparation

SD-20	Sulfuric Acid	- for publication January 1963
SD-17	Aniline	- for publication February 1963
SD-3	Carbon Tetrachloride (revised)	- for publication March 1963
SD-4	Phenol	- Medical sections complete but technical sections not complete.
SD-13	Ammonia Aqua (revised)	- Medical sections complete but technical sections not complete.
SD-18	Ethylene Chloride (revised)	- Medical sections complete but technical sections not complete.
	n-Butyllithium	- draft prepared by Metals Safety Subcommittee to be reviewed by Dr. Sutton.
	Methyl Chloroform	- No progress to report

It was then agreed, in accordance with the Committee's policy to review existing data sheets for possible revision, that members should give consideration to the following:

SD-21	Nitrobenzene
SD-22	Methanol
SD-23	Calcium Carbide
SD-24	Perchloroethylene
	(Revision of SD-25, Hydrofluoric Acid (revised 1957) not necessary)
SD-26	Phosphorus Oxychloride
SD-27	Phosphorus Trichloride
SD-28	Phosphoric Anhydride

SD-29 Ethyl Ether
SD-30 Sodium Cyanide
SD-31 Acrylonitrile

It was also agreed that the secretary should notify the Committee whenever it becomes necessary to reprint any existing data sheet so that essential minor corrections can be made.

5. Advance Planning for Legislation

It was agreed that advance planning is desirable and that the Committee will cooperate with the MCA staff by (a) nominating persons prepared to appear as MCA representatives at hearings, and (b) preparing background material from which statements can be prepared.

Action on the two subjects brought to the Committee's attention was then resolved as follows:

- (a) Bills on humane treatment of experimental animals: no action to be taken since other medical groups will be actively engaged in presenting the medical viewpoint.
- (b) Radiation workers' compensation: this subject primarily concerns the MCA Nuclear Committee but Dr. Kelly undertook to discuss with Mr. Howard K. Nason the status of the bill, the Nuclear Committee's proposed action, and the possibility that assistance from the Medical Advisory Committee may be desirable.

6. General Discussion

(a) Dr. Nale expressed some disappointment with the panel session on environmental health at the MCA semi-annual meeting. It had not adequately called attention to the problem. Perhaps more effort should be made to clearly convey to panel participants the intended theme of the program and the part that each is intended to play.

Dr. Nale wondered if a panel session on "Executive Health" would be appropriate for the next MCA semi-annual meeting.

(b) "Silent Spring"

During discussion of the effect of this book on public opinion and on the chemical industry, opinions were expressed that it should not be MCA policy to attempt (in print) to counter the various allegations made, since the effect of such action is to draw even more attention to Miss Carson's conclusions. It was, however, considered that the situation should be given careful "full-time" Association attention. MCA's co-operation with the National Agricultural Chemicals Association in this matter was briefly described.

The secretary agreed to forward copies of "Pesticide Dangers -- The Fears, The Facts" to all Committee members.

7. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be called at the discretion of the chairman.

Minutes subject to approval

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