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Minutes - BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING - February 3, 1971

The RED CARPET INN, Charlotte, N.C.

In attendance:

L.E. Moody - H.K. Porter Company, Inc.
 M.Q. Scowcroft - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
 Alex. Kuzmuk - Garlock Inc.
 E.A. Schuman - Johns-Manville Corp.
 N.D. Brown - Johns-Manville Corp.
 J.W. Christenbury - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
 E.A. Morris - Uniroyal, Inc.
 S.J. Peele, Jr. - Uniroyal, Inc.
 H.C. Roosevelt - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft (Attorney)
 H.E. Sunbury - Secretary, A.T.I.

Absent:- Geo. Griswold, Jr. of Nicolet Industries, Inc. (Came to Charlotte for the meeting, developed a temperature, confined to bed)

**** Minutes ****

1. Chairman Moody called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion by E.A. Schuman, seconded by E.A. Morris, it was voted to omit.
3. Mr. Moody reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. E.A. Schuman dated January 4, 1971, stating that he no longer had responsibility for Johns-Manville's asbestos textile line, and consequently was tendering his resignation from the A.T.I. Board of Governors. Mr. Morris moved that the resignation be accepted with deep regret. Motion seconded by Mr. Kuzmuk. So voted.

Mr. Moody stated that Mr. M.J. Cowan, Vice President and General Marketing Manager of Johns-Manville had written him under date of January 4, 1971 expressing their wish that J/M be represented on the Board of Governors of ATI by Mr. Norman D. Brown. On motion by Mr. Kuzmuk, seconded by Mr. Morris, it was voted unanimously to elect Mr. Brown to the Board.

4. Mr. Moody said that he had a letter from Mr. J.L. Rainey, President of American Asbestos Textile Corporation, dated January 7, 1971, tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Governors due to the increasing pressure of his corporate responsibilities. Mr. Scowcroft moved that the resignation be accepted with deep regret. Motion seconded by Mr. Kuzmuk, and so voted.

In his letter, Mr. Rainey nominated Mr. J.W. Christenbury to represent American Asbestos Textile Corporation on the Board of Governors. Mr. Scowcroft moved that the nomination be approved, motion seconded by Mr. Kuzmuk, and it was voted unanimously to elect Mr. Christenbury to the Board of Governors.

President Moody welcomed the two new members to the Board, and said their counsel and advice on matters affecting the Institute would be of great value in the days ahead!

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entitled "Recommended Health Safety Practices for Handling and Fabricating Asbestos Textile Products" had been approved by the member companies, and a preliminary survey indicated that the printing order could be about 25,000. He recommended that the Board approve the final draft, and authorize the printing of same.

Mr. Morris said that on January 12, 1971 Messers Scowcroft, Christenbury and himself, met with the Navy Dept. representatives at the Naval Ship Engineering Center, Hyattsville, Maryland, to discuss the present attitude of the Navy to continued use of asbestos cloth. The Navy has acknowledged that high asbestos dust concentrations do constitute a hazardous environment. Accordingly they stipulate that when asbestos fabrics are used certain precautionary measures must be taken. Apparently the use of either fiber glass fabrics or asbestos fabrics is left to the discretion of the shipyard, and whether use of asbestos textiles will be phased out at some future time is a matter of conjecture. Mr. Moody suggested that some thought be given to a series of advertisements, sponsored jointly by all members, for the purpose of combating adverse developments, or harmful publicity, on asbestos textiles. No action was taken on this suggestion.

Environmental Health Committee, Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman.

Mr. Sheckler referred to the new Federal "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" and said he had spent a good deal of time in analyzing its effect on the operations of his company. The new law becomes effective on April 28, 1971. Said that Common Law product liability suits are proliferating in the Thermal Insulation Industry. Thinks that our industry must give serious consideration to labeling asbestos products, i.e., a warning label. Date label use began could indicate whether a manufacturer had been negligent in case of a law suit.

Mr. Sheckler read excerpts of the new Safety & Health Act, and outlined the penalties for violations. Said that the threshold limit value's content in the Federal Register of the Walsh-Healy Act would become law on April 28, 1971. These (TLV) are not the same as those set forth by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). The current threshold limit value for asbestos dust, as recommended by the ACGIH is 5 million particles per cubic foot of air. The current Walsh-Healy Act threshold limit value is 12 fibers per cubic centimeter of air - 5 microns and longer, or 2 million particles per cubic foot of air. Some States have adopted the ACGIH standard, and others such as Massachusetts, have adopted the Walsh-Healy standards. The City of Philadelphia is currently holding public hearings on legislation that will reduce the level of exposure for places of employment within that city to 5 fibers per cubic centimeter! It is apparent that there is presently "total confusion" concerning the threshold limit value for asbestos!

10. Chairman Moody reported with deep regret the sudden passing of Ralph B. Smith on January 21, 1971, A donation, in lieu of flowers, has been sent to the Franke Home, Charleston, S.C., and a letter of sympathy will be sent to Mrs. Smith on behalf of Institute members.

11. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury
H.E. Sunbury, Sec'y

Minutes - GENERAL MEETING - February 4, 1971

The RED CARPET INN, Charlotte, N.C.

In attendance:AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.

J.W. Christenbury
Wm. Maeskan
H.H. Walter

GARLOCK INC.

Alex. Kazmak
W.F. Brainerd

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION

N.E. Brown
K.A. Roberts
E.A. Schuman
C.L. Sheckler

H.K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.

L.E. Moody
D.E. Childers
J.W. Echard
E.C. Bratt
J.D. McCluer (Retired)

NICOLET INDUSTRIES, INC.

GEO. Griswold, Jr.
E.W. Russell

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

M.Q. Seowcroft
J.W. Hawkins
Dr. J.L. Goodman
J.W. Frampton (Guest)

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED

G.F.A. Brink
P.E. Leclerc

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LIMITED

W.H. Smith
Walter H. Smith

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC LTD.

C.E. Stieken

TURNER BROS. ASBESTOS CO., LTD.

W.M. Deckman
H.J. Corson

UNIROYAL, INC.

E.A. Morris
R.C. Hunt
H.M. Willingham
Dr. J.H. Wolfsie
S.J. Peele, Jr.
T.H. Newby
L.F. Dieringer (Guest)

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT

H.C. Roosevelt (Legal Counsel)

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

H.E. Sunbury (Secretary)

**** Minutes ****

1. President Moody called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.
2. Those present were asked to stand and give their name and company.
3. President Moody asked that a moment of prayer be observed in memory of Ralph B. Smith who passed away on January 21, 1971 at his home in North Charleston, S.C. Mr. Smith had attended A.T.I. meetings regularly for nearly twenty years, and served as Chairman of our Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee during 1960 and 1961.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion by Mr. E.A. Schuman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was voted to omit the reading of same.

5. Treasurer Kuzmuk presented the Financial Report dated 1/11/71. Mr. Christenbury moved that it be accepted, Mr. Scowcroft seconded the motion, and so voted unanimously. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Kuzmuk stated that the Secretary had advised him that the Reserve Fund would be depleted by at least \$4200.00 to meet A.T.I. expenses in the year 1971, in order to take care of the present level of expenses. \$1900.00 of this deficit is due to the 20% special discount applicable to members 1971 dues. While there are ample reserve funds at the moment it is plain that the time is approaching when expenditures must be brought in line with our yearly income!

6. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from MANUFACTURAS MULTIPLES S.A., Caracas, Venezuela, dated December 3, 1970, saying that they were the only manufacturers of asbestos textiles in Venezuela, and were interested in "subscribing to the Asbestos Textile Institute as a membership". As their letterhead indicated they were a distributor for Johns-Manville the Secretary inquired thru the Fibre & Sales Dept. of J/M if Manufacturas Multiples S.A. actually did qualify as a manufacturer of asbestos textiles, and was assured they did. Information was sent Manufacturas Multiples S.A. on December 8, 1970 relative to requirements for Associate Membership in the Institute, with the promise that their interest in becoming a member of the Institute would be submitted to the Board of Governors at this meeting. They did not reply to this letter.

Mr. Scowcroft expressed doubt as to whether Manufacturas Multiples S.A. were interested in Associate Membership in ATI and moved that the matter be tabled until such time as the Secretary could clarify the extent of their interest. Mr. Kuzmuk seconded this motion and it was so voted.

7. Mr. Moody reported that he had ~~written~~ asked Mr. Wm. J. W. Smith, Vice President & General Sales Manager of Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd., to accept appointment as Public Relations Director for the A.T.I. as voted by the Board at their meeting on October 8, 1970, and that Mr. Smith had declined the appointment saying that ~~it~~ acceptance would place both he and his company in embarrassing position relative to their competition.

8. Locations and dates for ATI meetings in 1971 and 1972 were discussed:

June 9-10, 1971 - Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, NJ (Approved)
October 6-8, 1971 - Savannah Inn & Country Club, Savannah, Ga. (Approved)
February 2-3, 1972 - The Mills-Hyatt House, Charleston, S.C. (Approved)
June 7-8, 1972 - Marriott Key Bridge Hotel, Arlington, Va. (Wash.) (Tentative)
October 1972 - Secretary is to check with Fluid Sealing Assoc. as to their dates for October meeting. The QAMA meets on Oct. 3-6, 1972. Following week has Columbus Day. Suggested for an ATI meeting in the 3rd week of Oct. were Country Club of N.C., Pinchurst, or Hilton Head. Further discussion is necessary.

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situation for asbestos textile manufacturers in the U.S.A. because there is no alternative low iron fibre except Cassiar. The U.S. Government has a sizeable stockpile of low iron fibre but apparently is not willing to release any of it.

10. Committee Reports were given by the respective Chairmen:

Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee - H.M. Willingham, Chm.
Technical Committee - J.W. Hawkins (Acting chairman)
Asbestos Advisory Committee - E.A. Morris, Chm.
Fiber Testing Committee - D.E. Childers, Chm.

✓ Their reports are attached to these minutes.

11. Dr. J.L. Goodman, North Charleston, S.C., associated with Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., speaking as a member of the A.T.I. Environmental Health Committee, reported that he had attended a seminar on Asbestos, arranged by Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, that was held on June 15-18, 1970 at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York City. Said that he was surprised to find a goodly number of representatives of labor in attendance. Dr. Selikoff's staff members presented the program, which turned out to be a diatribe against industry. At the opening of the meeting it was announced that spraying of steel framework with asbestos fiber, in new buildings under construction, had been discontinued in New York State. Dr. Goodman was critical of Dr. Selikoff's presentation and accusations against industry. When questions were directed to various (staff) speakers Dr. Selikoff spoke up to answer the question - sometimes quite rudely!

The second day of the Seminar was devoted to mesothelioma, which Dr. Goodman said was a very controversial and debatable form of cancer (as to cause). He does not agree with many of Dr. Selikoff's statements and/or conclusions on this subject.

Dr. Goodman feels that Dr. Selikoff is a "dangerous" man, and the asbestos industry is going to have to learn how to combat his tactics! We cannot, and should not, take Dr. Selikoff lightly as he has the facilities for getting his version of the "facts" widely distributed, and the only way he can be rebutted is by being faced with the overwhelming weight of objective scientific and factual data.

When asked if something could be done thru the American Medical Association (to control Dr. Selikoff) Dr. Goodman expressed doubt. There is a grievance committee of the AMA but it was very difficult to get it to act. Thought that perhaps pressure on the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine might be effective.

In regard to mesothelioma Mr. Wm.J.W. Smith asked if Dr. Selikoff differentiated between Crocidolite and Chrysotile fibre. Dr. Goodman said that Dr. Selikoff inferred that Chrysotile was suspect as well as Crocidolite.

Following Dr. Goodman's report, Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman of A.T.I.'s Environmental Health Committee, commented that Dr. Selikoff was going to be around indefinitely and we might as well resign ourselves to that fact, even though Selikoff might be prone to deal with "half-truths".

Mr. Sheckler mentioned the excellent promotional-type English film entitled "WHY ASBESTOS" that was shown to members the previous evening, and said there is now an Asbestos Information Association of North America. Members of this new association are some of the

leading manufacturers of asbestos products in the U.S.A. No further information was given regarding the new association.

Mr. Sheckler then discussed the new Federal "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" (PL91-596) that will become effective on April 28, 1971, saying that Industry and its customers can well face new exposure to penalties after the law becomes effective. Outlined some of the penalties, and discussed standards under the new law. For example, the present standard for noise is 90 decibels maximum, and he doubts that any textile plant can show such a low noise level.

Under the new law the government inspectors will have free access to plants and records. An employee or employee group may request the government to make inspection at any time. The employer is required to post conditions that exceed standards. All penalties are to be final unless contested within 15 days.

In regard to medical & health research Mr. Sheckler said that a "National Institute of Safety & Health" has been (or will be) set up within the framework of the Health, Education and Welfare Department. Dr. L.J. Cralley's group will be part of it.

Concluding his remarks Mr. Sheckler said that warning labels on products were now voluntary but probably will become mandatory at some future date. Thinks that our industry must give serious consideration to the use of warning labels on asbestos products. Mentioned that Common Law product liability suits are proliferating in the Thermal Insulation Industry. Date that label use began could indicate whether a manufacturer had been negligent, if law suit arises.

12. Locations for A.T.I. Meetings in 1971 were announced:-

June 9-10, 1971 - Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J.

October 6-8, 1971 - Savannah Inn & Country Club, Savannah, Ga.

The June meeting schedule will call for arrival Wednesday afternoon or evening, committee meetings Thursday morning, and GENERAL MEETING from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday afternoon. This shortened program will enable most attendees to be back at their respective offices on Friday morning.

The October meeting is our ANNUAL MEETING to which company officials and their wives, also members' wives are specially invited. The meeting schedule in October will suggest arrival on Wednesday afternoon or evening, the committee meetings will be on Thursday, and the GENERAL MEETING on Friday morning.

13. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H.E. Sunbury
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Secretary