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MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held December 11, 1952 at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
J. A. Marcotte

ASTEN-HILL MFG. CO.
D. R. Holmes
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
S. V. Dillon
J. L. Tucker

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. L. Bettes
J. A. Brown
G. W. Marshall
J. H. Weaver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel
G. J. Harris

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
A. R. Byrnes
R. E. Cryor
A. W. Summers
S. Gass

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer with an address of welcome to all members present.

2. The first order of business called for the reading of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on October 10, 1952, however, since these Minutes had been previously distributed to all members, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by R. E. Cryor and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted and the Minutes be approved as in the form distributed.

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3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan. (Copy attached). Following the consideration of this report, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

A second report presented by the Treasurer concerned the budget for 1953. President Widmayer, during the quarter just passed, appointed Mr. Scanlan to serve on the budget committee with Mr. G. S. Fabel and Mr. J. G. Schoepf, with Mr. Scanlan serving as Chairman.

The budget committee met on November 11, 1952 in the offices of Mr. J. G. Schoepf and the budget provisions resulting from that meeting were submitted to the Board of Governors at the meeting held December 10, 1952. After consideration at this latter meeting the following budget for 1953 was recommended for submission to the General meeting for approval.

General Fund	
Secretary's Salary	$ 3,045.00
Secretary's Travel	300.00
Office Expense	800.00
Legal Expense	2,000.00
Legal Travel	100.00
Auditing Expense	250.00
Meeting Expense	1,200.00
Visual Aid Expense	600.00
Incidental Expense	230.00
	8,525.00
Fellowship Fund	
Fellowship Renewal	11,475.00
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Publicity Fund	
Handbook Publication Expense	3,500.00
	$ 24,000.00

Following the discussion regarding the proposed budget for

1953, it was moved by R. E. Cryor, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the budget be approved.

In further consideration of the budget, with particular reference to the item "Fellowship Renewal", it was unanimously agreed that this expenditure should be reviewed in an effort to ascertain whether or not 1) any reduction in expense can be made or 2) it might be possible to obtain further benefits with the same expenditure under conditions other than those now prevailing. To study this problem in order that a report may be given at the next meeting, the President appointed the following committee: Mr. G. J. Harris, Mr. J. L. Tucker and Mr. H. C. Shaw.

4. The Secretary's Report was read by H. C. Shaw and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes. Included in this report were the proposed meeting dates for 1953 and a discussion of this calendar indicated unanimous approval of the general program.

5. Legal Counsel, H. I. Ruddock, addressed the meeting and reviewed the various O.P.S. regulations which were or might be applicable to this industry or to any company in it which was being injured by the greatly increased cost of imported asbestos fibre. He pointed out that O.P.S. could not act under the Industry Earnings Standard unless an industry presented the necessary cost and project information to it, and that O.P.S. could not act in the case of an individual company under GOR 29 unless that company presented the necessary information.

6. The first committee report covered the activities of the Air Hygiene Committee. Mr. Luttenberger, Chairman of this Committee

was not present at this meeting and since the committee did not meet during the past quarter, no formal report was made. Mr. D. R. Holmes, Aston-Hill Mfg. Co., a member of this committee, spoke briefly in reference to his own work in connection with dust control.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by Mr. G. J. Harris, Chairman of that Committee. Mr. Harris reviewed the work in which this committee engaged during the session held on Dec. 10th. On this occasion the asbestos textile handbook was given prime consideration and Mr. Howard Bain who had previously been selected to serve as editor-in-chief for the publication was in attendance. Much of the material to be included in this handbook has been assembled and is now being edited for the copy. Mr. Harris has obtained permission to insert the asbestos textile section of A.S.T.M. in this publication. Mr. J. L. Weaver has furnished the committee with a section pertaining to fundamental considerations of the asbestiform minerals. Much technical information is being taken from the comprehensive report submitted by J. L. Tucker. Mr. S. V. Dillon has offered the assistance of the advertising group of Johns-Manville Corp. in developing a suitable cover for the publication.

It is now planned to have the first draft nearly completed by the time the next General Meeting is held.

In the discussion covering this work, the question was raised regarding the method of distribution which will be applied in circulating the finished handbook. There are some who feel that

circulation should be made at no cost to the recipients while others believe that a reasonable price should be charged for each book. There was no attempt made, at this time, to resolve this problem since there appeared to be a rather wide divergence of opinion. The President, therefore, directed the Sales Promotion Committee to consider this question before the next General meeting and prepare specific recommendations in this regard for presentation and consideration at that meeting.

8. The Technical Committee report was presented by Chairman J. L. Tucker. (copy attached). In consideration of the section of this report wherein the Fellowship projects are discussed there was some discussion relative to the pursuance of certain investigations by the Fellow. Following this discussion, it was unanimously agreed that 1) the Fellow should not engage in fundamental studies of asbestiform minerals and 2) the study to determine the significance of iron in chrysotile asbestos, in cooperation with A.S.T.M., D-13, A-4, be continued as an active project.

The Technical Committee will meet prior to the next General Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the Fellowship work for the coming year.

9. The Fiber Procurement Committee Chairman, G. S. Fabel, reported no activity during the quarter just passed, and asked Mr. J. A. Marcotte to speak regarding the fiber supply situation in Canada. Mr. Marcotte spoke briefly and advised that progress is being made in expanding the Canadian mining operations, however, noticeable improvements will probably not be apparent until the latter part of 1953.

10. The Fellow presented the Fellowship report #23 and discussed the significance of the information there set forth.

11. The final matter of business to come before the meeting concerned the appointment of committee members and chairmen. The following appointments were made.

Air Hygiene Committee

H. H. Jackson--Johns-Manville Corp., Chairman
J. W. Weber--American Asbestos Textile Corp. (1st active)
E. C. Cutler--American Asbestos Textile Corp.(2nd active)
D. R. Holmes--Aston-Hill Mfg. Co.
Thomas Schmidt--Keasbey & Mattison Co.
D. W. Luttenberger--Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J. D. Beatty--Southern Asbestos Co.
E. T. Johnson--Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

Sales Promotion Committee

G. J. Harris--Southern Asbestos Co., Chairman
A. J. Scanlan--American Asbestos Textile Corp.
J. G. Schoepf--Aston-Hill Mfg. Co.
S. V. Dillon--Johns-Manville Corp.
A. E. Whitfield--Keasbey & Mattison Co.
J. A. Bettes--Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
A. R. Byrnes--Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

Technical Committee

J. L. Tucker--Johns-Manville Corp., Chairman
E. C. Cutler--American Asbestos Textile Corp.
D. V. Aston--Aston-Hill Mfg. Co.
C. R. Frederick--Keasbey & Mattison Co.
J. L. Weaver--Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
J. D. McCluer--Southern Asbestos Co.
A. W. Summers--Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

Fiber Procurement Committee

G. S. Fabel--Southern Asbestos Co., Chairman
A. J. Scanlan--American Asbestos Textile Corp.
J. G. Schoepf--Aston-Hill Mfg. Co.
G. W. Marshall--Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
R. E. Cryor--Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

12. There being no further business to come before this session, it was moved by A. J. Scanlan, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Cyril C. Shaw,
Secretary