

A G E N D A

M.C.A. Executive Committee Meeting
11:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 14, 1944
Room 517, The Chemists' Club, 52 East 41st Street, N.Y.C.

- I. Minutes of February Meeting
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - B. Business Conditions Report No. 52
- II. Manpower - Chemical Alliance Survey
- III. Federal Explosives Act
 - A. Regulations on Ingredients
- IV. Liability Suits - Conference
- V. Postwar Trade- Mr. G. W. Merck
- VI. Report of Committee on Economic Development
- VII. Annual Meeting
 - A. Program Committee - Mr. H. O. C. Ingraham
 - B. Appointment of a Nominating Committee
- VIII. Miscellaneous

WARREN N. WATSON

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association of the United States was held in Room 517, The Chemists' Club, 52 East 41st Street, New York City, on Tuesday, March 14, 1944, at 11:00 A.M.

The following members were present:

Messrs. H. L. Derby, Acting Chairman
L. T. Beale
R. H. Dunham
C. F. Hosford, Jr.
H.O.C. Ingraham
C. D. Marlatt
J. W. McLaughlin
George W. Merck
Charles S. Munson
W. N. Watson, Secretary

Absent: Lamot du Pont
H. M. Hooker
August Kochs
W. S. Landes
P. T. Sharples
Charles Belknap

In the absence of the Chairman, Lamot du Pont, Mr. H. L. Derby acted as Chairman.

I. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the February meeting were duly approved as sent to the members.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer for the period February 1, to February 29, 1944 was reviewed, and

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the report be accepted and placed on file.

III. BUSINESS CONDITIONS REPORT NO. 52

Business Conditions Report No. 52 was reviewed.

IV. MANPOWER - CHEMICAL ALLIANCE SURVEY

The survey by the Chemical Alliance of professional employees and key operating employees between 18-22 and 22-25 years of age was reviewed. The reports from 160 firms show that a loss of professional and key plant men below 26 would cripple many operations and would shut down others. This summary was placed in the hands of the Chairman of the WPB last week. It was agreed that the matter should be submitted through the Chemical Advisory Committee to concerned officials in the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

It was suggested that a similar survey be prepared for the following age brackets, 26-30 and 30-38.

V. FEDERAL EXPLOSIVES ACT

The Secretary reported that the Administrator of the Federal Explosives Act now has under consideration an amendment to the regulation on ingredients whereby an exemption from license requirements will be granted to certain classes of users of nitrates, fluorates, perchlorates and phosphorons, according to specific quantities. At present the exemption for ingredients is limited to four ounces. The effect of the contemplated regulation will be to eliminate a substantial burden of paper work

now required of the producers, distributors and users of ingredients.

VI. LIABILITY SUITS - CONFERENCE

The Secretary reported that a substantial number of firms strongly favored a conference on adequate labeling in response to the Secretary's letter of February 17, and he was directed to proceed and arrange for the holding of a conference on April 12.

VII. POSTWAR TRADE

A draft on "Attitude of the U. S. Chemical Industry on Tariff" was read, and each member was requested to submit his comments to the Secretary for review at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary was also requested to submit a paragraph in regard to American valuation.

The Secretary was directed to request the patent committee to prepare a statement on "The Attitude of the U. S. Chemical Industry on Patents" for consideration at the April meeting.

VIII. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A request for statistics from the Committee on Economic Development, using Census years up to 1939 and current estimates for 1940-41, was reviewed. A formula, as set up in the CED form for the year 1947 on the assumption of a certain gross dollar volume for all industry, was reviewed. It was the feeling of the Committee that they could not take an estimate on the dollar volume of chemical business in 1947 because it involves so many unknown factors.

IX. ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Ingraham reported progress on the program for the Annual Meeting, and members agreed to his suggestion of inviting Mr. Matthew Woll to talk at the afternoon meeting. A price of \$7.50 was agreed to as the price for the tickets for the evening program and dinner. Mr. Ingraham advised that he would report on other speakers at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee was requested to appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers and members of the Executive Committee for election at the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was

On motion, duly made and seconded,

VOTED: To adjourn

Adjourned accordingly

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WARREN N. WATSON

APPROVED:

Secretary

Lamot du Pont

Chairman

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