

Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

MINUTES OF MEETING
PLASTICS COMMITTEE
MANHATTAN CLUB, NEW YORK CITY
November 15, 1951

PRESENT:

Bakelite Company	H. S. Bunn
Barrett Division, Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.	A. H. Dean
Celanese Corporation of America	W. S. Landes
Dow Chemical Company	A. E. Young, D. L. Gibb
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.	E. D. Ries
General Electric Company	J. L. McMurphy
B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.	J. R. Hoover
Metal & Thermit Corporation	Herbert Hirschland
Monsanto Chemical Company	F. A. Abbiati, J. R. Turnbull
National Starch Products, Inc.	A. A. Halden
Naugatuck Chemical, United States Rubber Co.	John P. Coe
Plaskon Division, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.	John A. Morse
Reilly Tar & Chemical Corp.	P. C. Reilly, Jr.
Shell Chemical Corporation	F. S. Swackhamer, T. G. Nock
Manufacturing Chemists' Assn.	R. L. Taylor, F. H. Carman

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. with Mr. Abbiati in the Chair.

The Chairman advised members that Mr. Milliken was convalescing from recent operations and would shortly be released from the hospital. It was the unanimous decision of the group that a note be forwarded to Mr. Milliken expressing regrets that he could not be present and to wish him rapid recovery. (This was handled by the secretary on November 16.)

CHEMICALS IN FOODS

The Chairman then called on Mr. R. L. Taylor, Executive Vice President of M.C.A. to advise the Committee and other representatives on the Association program on this subject. For background information, the history and the political aspects were detailed briefly and the plans of the Public Relations Committee and

Counsel as well as the Chemicals in Foods Committee were outlined. The Association is concerned about the possibility of restrictive legislation and the criticisms in the public press that are directed against the chemical industry as a whole.

As opposed to legislation for control of chemicals in foods (introduced by one or more members of the Congressional Committee), a less restrictive but entirely adequate proposal has been prepared by M.C.A. The group is taking the position that the responsibility for evaluation of new chemicals to be used in food should be on the industry and that government agencies should be permitted only to delay the use of new materials through legal channels when there is some question and following due notification by the producer. Mr. Taylor distributed copies of a release of the Chemicals in Foods Committee stating the position of the industry on this general subject.

It is apparent from legislation proposed to date that many plastic materials will be included in any definition of chemicals used in or in processing and handling of food. The plastics representatives were unanimous in the opinion that the legislation proposed by the Association was a constructive step and they were pleased to know that such a plan was to be sponsored by the chemical industry.

TECHNICAL DATA BOOK

The Technical Subcommittee has recommended that the revised edition continue the practice of listing all commercially available materials by their trade names and producers even though the company may not be an Association member. Following discussion and on motion unanimously approved, it was agreed that all sources of plastic materials should be included in the data book regardless of membership and that the various sections of the book should carry the listing of non-member's names and products differentiated in some manner from those of the regular members.

SAFETY FORUM

The Chairman and secretary reviewed briefly the safety activities of the P.M.M.A. and the suggestion of one member that safety forums on matters concerned with plastic materials be continued in the future. It was the consensus of the Committee that more aggressive action on the part of the material manufacturers and the M.C.A. in this respect would be helpful. On motion duly seconded and passed unanimously, the Committee approved a resolution urging the M.C.A. General Safety Committee to become more active on safety matters of general interest in manufacturing and that they seriously consider safety forums as were the practice in P.M.M.A. The Plastics Committee feels this is essential since this is one of the activities absorbed by the overall safety group acting as a functional committee.

MOBILIZATION PROBLEMS

The status of the first quarter allotments of structural steel and problems encountered with controlled materials were reported briefly to members. On recommendations of the M.C.A. Defense Advisory Committee, a survey of second quarter requirements of CMP materials and possible preparation of a form for certificate of necessity reports was being undertaken.

The recent amendments to the price order CPR-22 and action that must be taken by December 19 were explained to members. One of the major policy decisions now before O.P.S. Chemicals Division concerns a problem of the phenolic resin and molding powder producers who have requested relief for increases since July 26 (the cut-off date in the Capehart Amendment). Copies of the orders and general information on further amendments to be expected have been cleared to all members by the Washington office.

There is no major change in problems of N.P.A. concerning plastic materials. In discussion of allocation or limitation orders on plastic materials, members were again urged to endeavor at all times to take care of direct defense needs so that allocations or limitations to provide material for specific civilian uses can be properly resisted. This is the only way that pressure groups can be prevented from obtaining an unwarranted and more favorable position, but, more important it permits the manufacturers to continue distribution of their products to the proper end uses.

Following a report on recent industry advisory committee meetings, particularly those leading to the delay of a sulfuric acid order, members were questioned about the need for advisory committee meetings concerned with various plastic materials. It was the general opinion that there were no problems requiring a special meeting at this time.

The need for replacement personnel for WOC appointees in both O.P.S. and N.P.A. chemicals divisions was again stressed by the M.C.A. representatives. A limited number of suggestions have been received as a result of letters cleared by M.C.A. Chairman Charles A. Munson, and it is known that a number of members are still surveying their organization. It is possible that direct requests will be made to executive representatives for personnel if a sufficient number of suggestions are not forthcoming from the industry on a voluntary basis.

DECEMBER 12th MEETING

The next meeting of the Plastics Group will be held on the evening prior to the General M.C.A. Meeting of December 13, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Carman.

F. H. Carman
Assistant Secretary

FHC/mw
November 19, 1951

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MINUTES OF MEETING

PLASTICS COMMITTEE

January 31, 1952

Manhattan Club, New York CityPRESENT

F. A. Abbiati
 James L. Rodgers, Jr.
 John P. Coe
 D. S. Frederick
 Alan N. Mann
 Geo. C. Miller

W. S. Landes
 J. R. Hoover
 J. J. B. Fulenwider
 Dan M. Rigg
 Donald D. Pascal
 F. H. Carman

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. with Mr. Abbiati in the Chair.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The proposed draft of Terms of Reference for plastics activities had been circulated by the Washington Office to all members. Five of the Committee members had already approved the proposed draft; one of these approvals was with certain questions which it is believed have been resolved. Following a discussion of plastics activities by both the Committee and the Group that would be appropriate within these Terms of Reference, motion was made and duly seconded that the Terms be approved. This resolution was passed unanimously.

GROUP MEETING

It is the understanding that the next full meeting of the Plastics Group at which the Plastics Committee will report their activities will be at the time of the Annual MCA meeting at White Sulphur Springs, June 23 and 24. During discussion of a proposed outing, it was suggested that Messrs. Rodgers and Carman make arrangements for a full-day recreational gathering for golf and dinner in the latter part of April or possibly May 6. The Wingfoot Club, since it is fairly accessible to the New York area, was believed most desirable.

SAFETY PROGRAM

The General Safety Committee on January 17 considered the proposal of the Plastics Committee for a more aggressive safety program in the way of industry-wide safety forums. Five plastic materials manufacturers are represented on this General Safety Committee. This Committee re-affirmed the position taken in a meeting during 1951 that such industry-wide forums at the plant level could not be sponsored under present conditions.

Following explanation of the reasons for this position taken by the General Safety Committee, the Plastics Committee concluded it would be unwise to go ahead with further separate safety activities at this time and accepted the conclusions of the safety committee.

During discussion of a means of promoting more personal contact on safety matters, it was suggested that the names of the safety engineers in the various companies be circulated to the members. This will be considered by the Washington office.

AMERICAN STANDARDS
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

The ASA has invited the Association to name a representative for their Building Code Correlating Committee which is concerned with "Standard For Signs and Outdoor Display Structures". Following discussion on plastics problems concerned with this end use and the position of the Association, on motion duly seconded, the Committee unanimously recommended that Mr. F. J. Rarig of the Rohm & Haas Co. be suggested by the MCA for this Committee.

IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Messrs. Hoover and Carman commented on recent problems concerning Tariff paragraph classification of polyvinyl chloride resins and the general principles concerned with Customs Court cases now underway. Mr. John Lerch, representing the SOCMA, had requested the assistance of one or more members to present expert testimony and one member had asked about the MCA position on the case now in litigation. It was the consensus of the group that the Washington office should alert the members on the matter now before the industry but that a definite position on classification of such materials and assistance to the Government laboratory or Customs attorneys would be a matter to be handled by the individual membership rather than participation by the MCA group.

The case currently in question is Buffalo No. 144604-K in the New York Customs Court, now scheduled for hearing on March 5 at 10:30 A.M.

FLAMMABLE TEXTILE
FABRICS LEGISLATION

It was the opinion of all present that bills now in Congress did not apply to plastic materials nor products. Based on experience in the past with such proposed legislation, revisions could be made that would cover plastic films and other types of materials and products. For the industry, it was the opinion that legislative matters concerned with products should be handled by the SPI although the Washington office should alert members on any pending actions that would adversely affect the Plastics Industry.

GENERAL

In discussion of personnel for the plastics group in OPS, it was the thought of several that industry people on a loan basis should be provided to the Government for this important work. Also, it was brought out that one representative of the industry now on a salary basis might be able to handle the branch concerned with plastics and resins when the present WOC incumbent, Mr. W. R. Porter, has completed his length of service; Committee members promised to consult with their organizations on this proposal.

In the Plastics Branch of the NPA, Mr. Sollenberger is leaving on February 15 to be replaced by Mr. W. Crater on loan from the Naugatuck Chemical Division of U. S. Rubber Co. The most pressing problem in the plastics group of NPA at the present time concerns the critical position of Thiokol for which experienced personnel has not yet been obtained.

The Chemicals in Foods matters concerning the industry are believed to be well in hand with the MCA recommendations having a good chance of being accepted. At the present time there is no known threat involving unwarranted controls of plastic materials, particularly for packaging. Also, it is the general opinion that it would be unwise to stir up any agitation along this line since the Congressional Committee does not appear to be concerned in any way with these products and their use in packaging and/or processing foods.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Plastics Committee will be held on February 28, 1952, beginning with luncheon at 12:30 P.M. at the Manhattan Club, New York City.

WHEREUPON, adjournment was taken at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Carman

F. H. Carman
Assistant Secretary

FHC/mw
February 4, 1952

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MINUTES OF MEETING
PLASTICS COMMITTEE
MANHATTAN CLUB, NEW YORK CITY
February 28, 1952

PRESENT:

American Cyanamid Company
Bakelite Company
B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.

Hercules Powder Company
Metal & Thermit Corp.
Monsanto Chemical Company
National Starch Products, Inc.
Naugatuck Chemical
Nixon Nitration Works
Shell Chemical Corporation
M.C.A.

James L. Rodgers, Jr.
Howard S. Bunn
J. R. Hoover, J. C. Richards, Jr.,
Ira Needles, W. I. Burt
M. G. Milliken, J. T. Skelly, Jr.
Herbert Hirschland
F. A. Abbiati
D. D. Pascal
John P. Coe
S. Nixon, A. Baldwin
F. S. Swackhamer
F. H. Carman

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 P.M. with Mr. Milliken in the Chair. The minutes of the meeting of January 31, 1952 were approved without reading.

A.S.A. COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors has approved the Committee's recommendation that Mr. F. J. Rarig of Rohm & Haas Company be appointed as M.C.A. representative on the A.S.A. Building Code and Construction Standards Correlating Committee. This appointment has now been confirmed by the A.S.A. secretary.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms setting forth the activities of the Plastics Group and its Committee within the M.C.A. structure have been referred to the Board and it is expected these will be approved in the next meeting scheduled for early in March.

GROUP MEETINGS

Mr. Rodgers reported on tentative arrangements for the full-day golf outing at Baltusrol Country Club scheduled for May 6. The group approved the suggestion that Mr. Tracy, Director of the Chemical Division of NPA be invited as a guest.

Following consideration of all meetings now scheduled for the plastics industry in the next two months, it was agreed that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Plastics Committee should be held about 11:00 A.M. at Baltusrol Country Club immediately prior to the outing planned for the Plastics Group. Meetings will be held in March or April only at the discretion of the Chairman.

Members were advised of the tentative plans for the Plastics Group meeting during the Annual M.C.A. Conference at White Sulphur Springs, June 23, 24 and 25. Dr. Frederick is a member of the committee on arrangements and had planned a Plastics Committee meeting at 9:30 A.M. on Monday, June 23, with the Plastics Group dinner and meeting Monday evening in the Casino; the latter has adequate facilities for 125 and will permit the group to be separate from all other activities. These arrangements were approved by the Committee.

TECHNICAL DATA BOOK REVISION

Following review of the policy regarding complimentary distribution of the data book as determined in the March 8, 1951 meeting and the procedure with the 1948 edition, it was the consensus of the Committee that this distribution of the new edition be on a similar basis to that followed in 1948. Since it is possible the members approved the financing on the basis that complimentary distribution would be to qualified Government employees (all others being required to pay), it was the Committee's recommendation that this revised distribution plan be approved by the members and that this be done at the time the assessments for publication are made.

The Committee approved the following recommendations of the Washington office: (1) That members be requested to supply list of qualified engineering personnel who should receive the book in the name of the Association. These lists are to be correlated to prevent duplicate mailing. This was the distribution plan followed in 1948. (2) Assessments for the financing as agreed upon in 1951 are to be made before May 31. (3) Nonmembers manufacturing commercially available plastic materials will be invited to supply data but no great effort will be made if it appears they are not interested. The Committee suggested that counsel be consulted regarding coverage of the industry particularly in the case of these nonmembers.

WALSH-HEALEY WAGE DETERMINATIONS

Determinations by the Secretary of Labor in the chemical and other industries were reviewed briefly. On direct question as to industry policy with respect to north-south wage differentials, it was the opinion that this branch of the chemical industry had no problem and that there would be little point in the Washington office actively following Walsh-Healey problems in cooperation with other industries at this time.

PERSONNEL REPLACEMENTS

Mr. John Tokarz has been recommended for the post of deputy chief of the Plastics Branch of NPA. Following request to Committee members in the January meeting, three have approved the suggestion that Mr. Bossart, temporary employee in OPS, is qualified to follow up as chief of that Plastics Unit on the next rotation of personnel. During discussion of these problems, the point was made that it is desirable to continue to fill the WOC positions with new personnel having the same status; comment was also made that WOC personnel were not too busy and it was becoming progressively more difficult to persuade industry people to come to Washington to fill these important posts. The next OPS replacement on plastics will be discussed further with Mr. Drake, Director of the Rubber, Chemical and Drugs Division.

MOBILIZATION PROBLEMS

The DPA is currently undertaking preparation of an industry-wide expansion goals on plastic materials as a group to aid them in clearing amortization certificates. The Washington office has been called in as a consultant.

Activities of the Defense Mobilization Committee and its Washington Subcommittee pertaining to CMP allotments and certificates of necessity were enumerated for the group.

Ethyl Cellulose is to be removed from the list of chemicals now covered in NPA Order M-32, which places a ceiling on the percentage of defense orders that must be accepted.

WHEREUPON, adjournment was taken at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

FH Carman

F. H. Carman
Assistant Secretary

FHC/mw
March 3, 1952

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLASTICS COMMITTEE
 BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB, SPRINGFIELD, N. J.
 MAY 6, 1952

PRESENT:

M. G. Milliken	W. S. Landes
F. A. Abbiati	J. R. Hoover
D. S. Frederick	Louis Klein
Howard S. Bunn	H. M. Parsekian
E. D. Ries	Harry Dent
J. L. Rodgers, Jr.	Dan M. Rugg
	F. H. Carman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. G. Milliken at 11:15 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1952-1953

In keeping with procedure of previous years and PMMA, some Committee members appointed in June, 1951, should serve for another year; these are Messrs. Milliken, Abbiati, Bunn, Coe and Frederick. Messrs. Rodgers and Ries having served for two years would normally be replaced as regular Committee members unless designated as chairman or vice chairman.

After consideration of members available to serve, to obtain wide coverage of plastic materials, and to comply with the terms of reference for the Plastics Committee, the group was unanimous in suggesting Mr. Dan M. Rugg of Koppers Co. be appointed as a new member of the Committee, and that Mr. W. W. Knight, Jr. of Plaskon Division or Mr. Roger Firestone of Firestone Plastics Co. be considered in that order as a replacement for the second member. It is the understanding that Mr. Milliken would consult with Mr. Knight and then Mr. Firestone regarding acceptance of Committee membership. The results of his contacts will be made known to the Committee for further consideration in the June meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

The augmented public relations activities of MCA and other matters pertaining to the budget and dues for the forthcoming year were discussed informally. It was the unanimous agreement of the group that all

Executive Representatives interested in plastic materials be urged to study the public relations program when the particulars are cleared for consideration by the Washington office. It is the desire of the Committee that every member have a full understanding of the Association's plans in this respect and be prepared to take constructive action thereon in the Annual Meeting. In this respect, it was suggested that the Washington office determine how many plastics group representatives are planning to attend the White Sulphur meeting in June so that Group meeting arrangements can be made.

COATING RESINS

The Committee was advised of the desire on the part of some Association members to establish a coating resins committee operating somewhat similar to that now in effect for the Plastics Group and under the terms as now provided for the latter.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board of Directors of MCA approved the Terms of Reference for the Plastics Committee in its meeting of March 11, 1952. Counsel has advised of the comments of two members, one suggesting that statistical reports be approved by MCA counsel before distribution, and the other regarding concern with the formulation of voluntary standardization programs. Counsel argued against making any change in the terms since it is understood that these results could be accomplished administratively as has always been the practice of the Committee and the Washington office in the past. The following was presented from Counsel to the Plastics Committee: "Please express to the members of the Plastics Committee my appreciation for their cooperation and patience in getting the Terms of Reference in final form."

ASME PLASTICS STANDARDS

A proposal of this Association covers mainly the fabrication of plastic products. It was agreed that this proposed standard should be taken up with the Technical Subcommittee to determine if any action on the part of the MCA was warranted.

MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS

A request from S.P.I. to consider listing of compositions meeting certain military specifications is to be taken up with the Technical Subcommittee to determine the feasibility of such activity and general value of this to industry and government.

PLASTICS EXHIBIT

Members were advised of the success of the plastics exhibit set up within NPA during the previous week. The Association's Washington office cooperated in procuring samples and setting this up; the Bakelite Company very graciously supplied tables, lighting and other props which contributed materially to the success of the exhibit. Mr. Carman received a letter of appreciation from Mr. O. V. Tracy, Director of the Chemical Division.

NFPA COMMITTEE ON WEARING APPAREL

The National Fire Protection Association has invited Mr. F. H. Carman to accept appointment on their Committee on Wearing Apparel. It was explained that this is the outgrowth of the recent proposed legislation on wearing apparel (plastic film is now included) and general awakening of the public to hazards in connection with synthetics used in clothing. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the group that MCA should approve the acceptance of this committee membership.

GROUP MEETING

Mr. Rodgers, in charge of arrangements for golf and other activities during the day, outlined the plans for luncheon, afternoon and evening entertainment.

WHEREUPON, adjournment was taken at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Carman

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Assistant Secretary

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