

MINUTES of the seventy-second meeting of the Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held at The Union Club, New York City, on September 10, 1957, at 11:00 a. m. (EDT).

There were present:

Messrs.	Henry Bower	John E. McKeen
	John T. Connor	R. L. Murray
	Lee V. Dauler	Thomas S. Nichols
	David H. Dawson	S. B. Penick, Jr.
	C. B. Edwards	John A. Sargent
	Fred J. Emmerich	Robert B. Semple
	D. S. Frederick	R. W. Thomas
	Ernest Hart	Kenneth C. Towe
	John A. Hill	O. V. Tracy
	John E. Hull	M. F. Crass, Jr.
	Harry B. McClure	

Alternates: Lee H. Clark (for William P. Drake)
 Bert Cremers (for Robert B. Semple)
 F. O. Haas (for D. S. Frederick)
 Max A. Minnig (for Robert I. Wishnick)
 Charles S. Munson (for John A. Hill)
 Carl F. Prutton (for Ernest Hart)

Present by Invitation: Marx Leva - Fowler, Leva, Hawes & Symington
 C. S. Parke - The Harshaw Chemical Company

Chairman Hart called the meeting to order at 11:00 a. m. (EDT). He welcomed the new Directors to membership on the Board and called upon each individual present to stand and introduce himself.

Mr. Hart then announced that through the courtesy of Mr. Charles S. Munson the facilities of The Union Club (for Directors meetings) and the Links Club (for Executive Committee meetings) would again be available during fiscal 1957-58. A resolution of appreciation to Mr. Munson was unanimously voted.

I. MINUTES OF MEETING.

- The name of Mr. Joseph Fistere was inadvertently omitted from the attendance list of the June 5, 1957, meeting. With this correction, the Minutes were duly approved as submitted to the members.

II. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman McClure stated that a breakfast meeting of the Executive Committee had taken place at 8:30 a. m. and that items discussed would be reported upon in their respective places on the Board agenda. Unlisted items taken up at the Executive Committee meeting included the following:

(a) Staff Headquarters Office Space. At the present time, the Association utilizes approximately 7700 square feet on two floors of the Cafritz Building under a lease which will expire December 31, 1958. Reliable advice indicates that a substantial increase in rent will apply to a renewal. The Executive Committee discussed various proposals for future accommodations, including the purchase of space in a cooperative office building in a new Washington downtown development, Potomac Plaza. A subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Tracy, Chairman; Dawson; McClure; and Dauler was designated to study the matter, it being understood that these men would call upon their corporate real estate officers for expert advice and assistance.

(b) Tariff Study (Boggs Subcommittee). The Committee approved an expenditure on the part of MCA of up to \$5,000 to assist in financing a special National Industrial Conference Board study (see Item VI(d)(5) of these Minutes). Total cost of the project is estimated at \$28,000. Other contributors include six MCA member firms and two outside organizations.

(c) 1958 Regional Spring Meeting. It was recommended that this meeting again be held in California, with arrangements to be patterned after the successful 1956 meeting on the West Coast at San Francisco and Pebble Beach. An arrangements committee, consisting of Messrs. Hart, Colefax, and Parkhurst was appointed.

(d) Chemical Week Magazine. As an item of information, the Secretary called attention to inaccuracies which have appeared in recent issues of this publication. He was requested to send a documentation of these instances to members of the Executive Committee.

(e) The Chlorine Institute, Inc. The Association has received informal overtures from Chlorine Institute officers with respect to ultimate consolidation. It has been suggested that one of the first steps be the assumption by MCA of the Institute's public relations program. This will be discussed at an early meeting of the MCA Public Relations Advisory Committee and a subsequent report made to the Board.

Following consideration of the above items, it was

ON MOTION duly made and seconded,

VOTED: That the above actions of the Executive Committee be approved.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT.

(a) Financial Report, June - August 1957. The financial report for the three months ending August 31, 1957, was reviewed, and

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

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

(b) Financial Report, 85th Annual Meeting. The Treasurer reported total income of \$17,650 and expenses of \$7,825, leaving a balance of \$9,825. This balance has been transferred to general funds and earmarked for surplus.

(c) Revised Definition of Chemical Sales for Dues Purposes. In accordance with previous authorization, the Secretary redrafted Item 4 of the definition of chemical sales as related to primary metals. The redrafted paragraph, which was cleared and approved by the Finance Committee, reads as follows (new wording underscored):

"4. Primary Metals. Examples: Aluminum, magnesium, lead, zinc, etc., whose uses depend primarily on physical properties. Reactive metal products, such as calcium, sodium, lithium, titanium, zirconium, tantalum, ferroalloys, etc., are considered to be chemicals and are not in the excluded group, "

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the amended definition be approved.

(d) Status of Fee Collections. The Treasurer reported that three members were delinquent in the total amount of \$3,050. He was authorized to maintain these members in good standing until the next Directors meeting and, meanwhile, to endeavor to settle the accounts.

(e) Resignations. The following resignations from membership have been received:

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation
Sunkist Growers, Inc.

(f) Education Program Contributions. As of September 9, 88 member firms had contributed \$183,613 to the 1957-58 education program. During the previous year, 100 firms contributed \$179,321 to the program.

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(a) Appointment of Board Committees. The Chairman presented nominations for the personnel of the several Board committees for fiscal 1957-58, which were duly approved by those present. There follows a listing of the Committees:

Executive Committee

Harry B. McClure - Chairman
David H. Dawson
C. B. Edwards
Fred J. Emmerich
D. S. Frederick
Ernest Hart
John A. Hill
John E. Hull
R. L. Murray
Kenneth C. Towe
O. V. Tracy

Finance Committee

Lee V. Dauler - Chairman
David H. Dawson
Joseph Fistere
Ralph K. Gottshall
Kenneth H. Hannan
George L. Parkhurst
Mark E. Putnam
Rothe Weigel

Membership Committee

Robert I. Wishnick - Chairman
 Peter Colefax
 C. B. Edwards
 William I. Burt
 J. P. Remensnyder
 H. Greville Smith
 R. W. Thomas
 George R. Vila

Program Committee (86th Annual Meeting -- 1958 Semi-Annual Meeting)

John A. Sargent - Chairman
 Henry Bower
 John T. Connor
 William P. Drake
 Fred C. Foy
 R. W. KixMiller
 S. B. Penick, Jr.
 Charles Allen Thomas

Public Relations Policy Committee

Robert B. Semple - Chairman
 Curtis W. Cannon
 R. B. Fiske
 A. E. Forster
 John A. Hill
 R. C. McCurdy
 John E. McKeen
 Thomas S. Nichols
 Arthur Smith, Jr., ex officio

(b) Appointment of Alternates. The Chairman advised that the following Board members have requested the appointment of alternates:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Alternate and Company</u>
Henry Bower	Edward C. Page, Jr., Henry Bower Chemical Manufacturing Co.
John T. Connor	William H. McLean, Merck & Co., Inc.
Lee V. Dauler	Alan S. Evans, Jr., Neville Chemical Company
David H. Dawson	John F. Daley, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.
S. B. Penick, Jr.	A. D. Penick, S. B. Penick & Company
Mark E. Putnam	Leland I. Doan, The Dow Chemical Company
Charles Allen Thomas	John L. Gillis, Monsanto Chemical Company
Kenneth C. Towe	W. G. Malcolm, American Cyanamid Company
George R. Vila	E. S. Ebers, United States Rubber Company

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That all appointments be approved.

(c) Membership Committee. It was reported that applications had been received from the following and that, in the opinion of the Membership Committee, all are qualified for membership under the Association's By-Laws:

Delhi-Taylor Oil Corporation
 Gonzalez Chemical Industries, Inc.
 Humble Oil & Refining Company
 Interlake Iron Corporation
 Keokuk Electro-Metals Company

Ohio Ferro-Alloys Corporation
 Pilot California Company
 Tennessee Products & Chemical Corporation
 Vanadium Corporation of America

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the applications be approved subject to the 30-day notification to members provided under Article III, Section 4, of the By-Laws.

The application of Chromium Mining and Smelting Corporation was also approved, subject to clearance with the Membership Committee.

The reinstatement of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation was approved.

(d) 7th Semi-Annual Meeting. Chairman McKeen reported that the Honorable James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, had accepted an invitation to be the banquet speaker on November 26. He stated that a meeting of the Program Committee would be held immediately following conclusion of the Directors luncheon, at which time program details for the entire meeting would be finalized.

(e) November Directors Meeting. It was agreed that the November Directors meeting would be held on November 25, the day preceding the Semi-Annual Meeting, in the Board Room of Air Reduction Company, Inc., Socony Mobil Building, beginning at 4:30 p. m. The Executive Committee luncheon will be held at 12:30 p. m. in the Pinnacle Club, located in the same building.

(f) Niagara Falls Regional Meeting. Chairman Murray of the local arrangements committee referred to the tentative program in the Directors' folders and described the arrangements which have been made. All present agreed that the program and supplemental trips promised an interesting and worthwhile meeting. Mr. Hart offered to arrange plane transportation from New York to Niagara Falls Airport on the afternoon of Monday, October 7. Those interested should contact Dr. C. F. Prutton (FMC New York office) as promptly as possible.

V. TECHNICAL AND FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

- (a) Air Pollution Abatement Committee.
 A. B. Pettit, W. R. Grace & Co., as Chairman.
 Elmer P. Wheeler, Monsanto Chemical Company, as Vice Chairman.
- (b) Chemical Packaging Committee.
 C. A. Harlow, J. T. Baker Chemical Co., replacing Stephen Kuzma.
- (c) Education Advisory Committee.
 Emery N. Cleaves, Celanese Corporation of America, from an ex officio to regular status.
 David Morgan, The Dow Chemical Company, replacing S. L. Starks.

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- (d) Hydrogen Peroxide Technical Committee.
A. T. Hawkinson, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., as Chairman.
- (e) Industrial Alcohol Technical Committee.
Walter W. Carré, Jr., U. S. Industrial Chemicals Co., Division of National Distillers and Chemical Corporation, as Vice Chairman.
C. G. Smith, Tennessee Eastman Company.
- (f) International Trade and Tariff Committee.
John G. Tritzsch, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., replacing Fred G. Singer.
- (g) Tank Car Committee.
G. E. Fitzgerald, ACF Industries, Inc., as an Associate, replacing Philip Rushton.
- (h) Traffic Committee.
William D. Gordon, Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Company.
L. P. Nelson, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, replacing D. G. Ward.
- (i) Water Pollution Abatement Committee.
L. W. Roznoy, Celanese Corporation of America, as Chairman.
O. C. Thompson, Union Carbide Chemicals Company, as Vice Chairman.

VI. STAFF REPORT AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

(a) Public Relations. General Hull reported on the over-all PR program, including general publicity, Chemical Industry Activities Committee, publications, Information Service, and Chemical Progress Week 1958. The PR staff has been active in preparing plans to improve the continuing activities program in community areas. A basic guide for area committees under the National Organization Plan has been developed. Under general publicity, a monthly Women's Feature Service is now in operation, consisting of one general story per month on the benefits of chemical products to women.

The Public Relations Advisory Committee and PR staff have recommended that April 14 - 18, inclusive, be designated Chemical Progress Week for 1958; that observance of CPW be optional and be conducted as part of the continuing chemical industry committee program. Following discussion, it was the consensus that the recommendation be approved. Those present then discussed a proposal that Chemical Progress Week 1958 have as its theme the importance of chemical engineering. This proposal stems from the fact that the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will shortly celebrate its 50th Anniversary. It was the consensus that a theme such as this should not be adopted but that, instead, observance of the week include references to the importance of chemical engineering wherever appropriate. Further, that MCA cooperate with AIChE to an extent to be determined by the Public Relations Policy Committee (the PRPC to be advised accordingly).

(b) Education Program. General Hull reported on status of the education program, including both the junior and senior high school phases. With reference to the latter, teacher and student data for the first chemical experiment are now available, and data for seven other experiments are expected off the press within a week. The remaining 22 experiments in this series will be ready for issuance during early 1958.

Mailings have been made to over 50,000 educators relative to the two high school programs, including descriptive folders, sample experiments, order forms, etc. Criteria have been established for the senior high school films. Progress is being made on the 1958 teacher awards program, and draft of the vocational guidance pamphlet on community-education cooperation is being revised.

(c) Federal Legislation. Congress has adjourned. However, all bills will retain their active status into the next Session, which will convene on January 3. Pending legislation of immediate interest to MCA members was reported upon, including Robinson-Patman Act amendments, tariff matters, concentration, food additives, and precautionary labeling. During the summer months, two MCA spokesmen appeared before Congressional Committees (Mr. R. F. Hansen on antidumping; Mr. L. A. Coleman on food additives).

(d) Tariff Developments. The Secretary reported on developments as follows:

- (1) During its closing days, the 85th Congress approved an amendment to the Tariff Act, repealing the 3% processing tax on coconut oil until June 3, 1960.
- (2) Customs Simplification. The 1956 Act provided for evaluation of imports on the basis of their export value, except where this resulted in values 5% or more (for duty purposes) under those determined by the former law. The objective was to prevent any substantive change in tariff rates due to the newly approved customs procedures. The law provides that exceptions must be listed by the Treasury Department. In the MCA General Bulletin of August 28, the so-called "Five Percent List" of chemical products carrying exceptions was enumerated. Member firms should scrutinize this list in relation to their products. Prompt submittal of additional products to the Treasury Department should be made where indicated, accompanied by substantiating information.
- (3) Antidumping. Mr. R. F. Hansen presented an MCA statement on H. R. 6006 before the House Ways and Means Committee during late July. The House-passed bill contains a number of MCA recommendations, but not all. Senate action may be expected during early 1958.
- (4) Tariff Classification. The final MCA report on the classification of chemicals under the various paragraphs comprising the Tariff

Act of 1930 has been submitted to the Tariff Commission. This two and one-half year study by our Committee and the resulting report constituted many man-hours of work. The final report was checked by an expert, who was paid a fee of \$500 by the Association.

- (5) Boggs Tariff Study. A 30-page statement of policy, prepared by the International Trade and Tariff Committee, has been in preparation during the summer. The sixth and final draft will be considered at a meeting on September 11 and then submitted to the Boggs Subcommittee on September 13 for insertion in the compendium to be utilized by an experts' panel which will appear before the Boggs Subcommittee, beginning December 1. The Conference Board study, referred to under Item II(b) of these Minutes, will contain a number of case histories of injury which have been submitted by our member firms.
- (6) Retirement of Mr. Fred G. Singer. Mr. Singer's resignation from the International Trade and Tariff Committee, occasioned by his retirement from the du Pont Company, was received with regret. The Secretary was instructed to convey the sincere appreciation and good wishes of the Directors to Mr. Singer for his many years of valuable service on tariff matters in behalf of the Association and the chemical industry.

(e) Reactive Metals Activity. An organizational meeting of both member and prospective member reactive metals producers has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 10, in New York City. At the outset, an effort will be made to plan a program of activity for this new group within the scope of the existing technical and functional committees.

(f) Recruitment of Scientists and Engineers. Those present were handed copies of an eight-page pamphlet, "Principles and Practices of College Recruiting," disseminated under the aegis of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Culmination of this project, which was originally instituted by the MCA Industrial Relations Advisory Committee at the request of the Board, came with a nation-wide press release on September 8, followed by the mailing of pamphlets with individually-signed, personalized letters to 10,000 college presidents, corporation presidents, trade association executives, and college placement officials throughout the country.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Directors commends and approves the statement of principles for college recruiting as set forth in the attachment to these Minutes, and directs the Secretary to circulate copies of the statement to the membership with a recommendation that each member firm be guided by it in its recruitment activities.

ON FURTHER MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the commendation of the Board be extended to the Chairman and members of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for their prompt and effective efforts in carrying out this Board assignment.

(g) Staff Personnel. Mr. C. Alphonso Smith has resigned from the public relations staff and has been replaced by Mr. C. E. Wallace. An additional publicity man, Mr. Elkins Oliphant II, has been hired.

Mr. William Demarest has been employed as Director of Plastics in Construction. Mr. Demarest's salary and expenses will be paid from special funds collected from plastics producers.

(h) WOC Personnel. The Secretary discussed the new U. S. Department of Commerce policy whereby "WOC" employees on loan from industry will serve as Administrative Advisers rather than BDSA Divisional Directors effective January 1, 1958. Secretary Weeks is hopeful that industry will continue to supply high-grade WOC's for the new posts. A job description for the Chemical and Rubber Division Administrative Adviser has been prepared, and copy is attached to these Minutes. It was agreed that the matter of continuing MCA sponsorship and nomination of WOC incumbents will be taken up again during the early part of 1958.

(i) Chlorine-Alkali Statistics. The Association has again acted as intermediary between member chlorine-alkali producers and the Bureau of the Census with respect to the financing of the monthly industrial chemicals product report M-28A series. Arrangements have now been completed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958.

(j) C&EN Facts and Figures Issue. The Secretary and his Assistant again supplied the lead article for the Facts and Figures Issue of Chemical and Engineering News, published by the American Chemical Society on September 2. Much of the information contained in this article came from questionnaire forms and data supplied by Directors and executive officers of other member firms during the summer months. The Secretary expressed his appreciation to all of those who had supplied information.

(k) Plant Safety. Those present were handed copies of a flow sheet, illustrating the comprehensive and thorough manner of assembling and checking Chemical Safety Data Sheet drafts before publication.

(l) Dissolution of Ammonium Nitrate Technical Committee. On recommendation of the staff, following circularization of the Ammonium Nitrate Technical Committee,

ON MOTION duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Committee be dissolved.

This Committee was appointed immediately following the Texas City Disaster, and during the interim period has completed a comprehensive program involving safety,

disaster planning, financing of tests, transport and storage regulations, fire protection, and municipal code work.

(m) Carnegie Tech Research Project. The Secretary reported on recent organizational changes in connection with the MCA-sponsored research project. In order to assure permanence and adequacy of pay for the Assistant Project Director, supervision over the MCA project has been combined with that of API Project 44 and the Thermochemistry Project sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn.

M. F. Crass, Jr.
Secretary

APPROVED: Ernest Hart
Chairman

2 Attachments