

MINUTES OF MEETING

PLASTICS COMMITTEE

The Chemists' Club

New York City

November 24, 1969

PRESENT:

Messrs.

T. B. Nantz (Chairman), B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.
R. L. Schuyler (Vice Chairman), E. I. du Pont de Nemours
& Company
H. D. Allick (for R. E. Workman) Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
C. E. Denoon, Jr., Rohm and Haas Company
E. S. Ebers, Uniroyal, Inc.
C. H. Hantho, Canadian Industries Limited
M. H. P. Morand, The Dow Chemical Company
C. M. Neher, Ethyl Corporation
F. E. Reese, Monsanto Company
C. R. Scott, Phillips Petroleum Co.
W. E. Sholl, Jr., and John J. Lenahan, Hooker Chemical
Corporation

H. C. Wechsler, Borden Inc.
D. C. Williams, Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.
G. E. Best, MCA
H. E. Robbins, MCA
F. H. Carman, MCA
M. E. Woodruff, MCA

Following introductions of all present, Mr. Sholl reported a change of assignment in his company would prevent his serving on the Committee in the future. After thanking Mr. Sholl for his diligent service, the Committee nominated Mr. John J. Lenahan of Hooker Chemical Corporation to fill Mr. Sholl's unexpired term. This nomination will be referred to the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL PACKAGE

Estimated expenditures for Fiscal Year 1969-70 based on 5-month operations were supplied the Committee per Appendix "A".

WEATHERABILITY RESEARCH PROJECT - NBS.

Mr. W. F. Bartoe, Chairman of the Liaison Committee for the NBS project had prepared a report as set forth in Appendix "B". Since he was away on a business trip, the various proposals and comments had been relayed by phone to the Secretary who in turn reported to the Committee.

Following extended discussion, the Committee agreed:

- (1) The program supporting Research Associates at NBS be terminated at the close of the present contract year, i.e., March 15, 1970. The NBS is to be advised of this in writing.
- (2) The proposal for a minimal testing program be considered by the Steering Committee in its meeting December 9, 1969 and their recommendation be forwarded to the Plastics Committee.
- (3) If the Steering Committee recommends a minimal testing program at a cost under \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 is believed to be ample), the Plastics Committee will be asked to act on this by mail ballot.

FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research at MIT and Case Western Reserve University is currently being supported with annual grants of \$7,500. In view of the success of this "seed money" in establishing plastics research laboratories at these institutions, the length of time this support has been supplied by MCA, and the relatively low percent of total financing now supplied by the Plastics Group, the Committee voted unanimously

- (1) to terminate the financing of MIT and Case Western Reserve projects
- (2) requested the Technical Committee to look for other and appropriate institutions where plastics research projects could be initiated, and
- (3) make recommendations as to location and minimum funding that would be required.

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SOLID WASTE SURVEY

A program for subject survey had been supplied with the agenda and Messrs. M. H. P. Morand and C. M. Neher recommended that DeBell & Richardson, Inc. be retained to initiate the study as outlined in their October 13, 1969 letter, namely, B Waste Disposal, II. Broad Complete Study estimated to cost \$25,000, requiring 4 months, and III. Continued current study on the Broad Complete study estimated at \$5,000/year.

On their recommendation, the Committee by unanimous vote authorized the staff to arrange for DeBell & Richardson to proceed as soon as practical with the broad study as outlined above, it being understood that MCA can only make firm financing commitments to the extent funds are currently available. The Committee also approved the continuing current study on a year-to-year basis.

The Washington staff will confer with DeBell & Richardson, Inc. as soon as feasible.

MAY 7, 1970 GROUP MEETING

Although installation of automated water system may necessitate some revision in the golf tournament, no change in arrangements was deemed necessary at this time.

The Chairman was authorized to appoint an Arrangements Committee to the extent necessary for this session.

The Club Manager will be requested to arrange for a tennis tournament to be played at a nearby location.

JUNE 1970 ANNUAL MEETING

In view of the change to Thursday evening for the MCA Banquet, the Committee voted unanimously to schedule the Plastics Group Dinner on Wednesday evening; if this is not practical then it was agreed the dinner meeting should be cancelled.

EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY ON PVC MANUFACTURE

The Secretary advised that the Occupational Health Committee (OHC) in a recent meeting:

- (1) Resolved that the case registry and surveillance program be continued at the University of Michigan

and be financed by participating companies, and further,

(2) Resolved that proposals for additional research on causes of AOL not be accepted at this time.

The OHC was of the opinion that studies by various companies of tank residues will vary so greatly that the information will be of little value and that these companies would not favor release of qualitative data in case it revealed proprietary manufacturing information.

On the research proposals submitted by four organizations, the OHC feels these should be held in abeyance.

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USPHS- CINCINNATI - PVC COMBUSTION PRODUCTS

The Secretary commented briefly on the research now underway and its possible contribution of useful information for the current solid waste disposal problems.

Chairman Nantz then pointed out that industry representatives had provided excellent advisory services to the PHS unit.

F. H. Carman
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Secretary
Plastics Committee

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Attachments
December 3, 1969

cc: Plastics Committee
All present