

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 1977
Washington Hilton (Map Room), Washington, D. C.

- I. Opening Remarks and Introduction of Guests
- II. Minutes of Meeting of April 12, 1977
- III. Business Items:
 - (a) Appointment of Director's Alternate
(Sheldon R. Salzman for Joseph P. Flannery)
 - (b) Report of Membership Committee
The C. P. Hall Company
 - (c) Budget and Financing for Fiscal Year 1977-78
(Proposal mailed to Directors 4/20/77)
 - (d) Report of Nominating Committee
 - (e) Appointment of Committee Members (Attachment)
- IV. Report on Energy Conservation Legislation - Ronald S. Wishart
- V. Report on Implementation of Toxic Substances Control Act -
Richard E. Heckert
- VI. Report of Director of Government Relations
- VII. Reports of Committees (Attachment)
 - (a) Insurance Committee
R. R. (Dick) Balotti, Chairman
Discussion leader: Tom K. Smith, Jr.
 - (b) Solid Wastes Management Committee
P. A. (Phil) Palmer, Vice Chairman-elect
Discussion leader: Robert L. Mitchell
 - (c) Transportation and Distribution Committee
F. E. (Fred) Allen, Jr., Chairman
Discussion leader: John S. Coey
- VIII. Report of the President

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors - Wednesday, June 8, 1977, at 5:30 p.m.
in the West Virginia Room, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia,
followed by cocktails at 6 p.m. in the Tyler Room and Dinner at 7 p.m. in the
Fillmore and Van Buren Rooms.

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alternatives which might be suggested without damaging the overall objective of energy conservation.

V. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

Mr. Heckert, as the Senior Advisor to the Executive Committee on this subject, reported on the current status of EPA's regulatory developments, identifying those elements which are of particular concern. He observed there is a tendency to over-regulate, and plans to meet soon with Administrator Costle to discuss this aspect as well as to emphasize the limited availability of testing facilities to conduct toxicological evaluation.

VI. REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Mr. Stover's report is attached as Exhibit E. A tabulation of the status of legislation of interest to MCA as of May 6, 1977, was distributed.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports presented by the following committee chairmen are attached as indicated:

Mr. R. R. Balotti, Chairman Insurance Committee (Discussion leader: Mr. Smith)	Exhibit F
Mr. P. A. Palmer, Vice Chairman-elect Solid Wastes Management Committee (Discussion leader: Mr. Mitchell)	Exhibit G
Mr. F. E. Allen, Jr., Chairman Transportation and Distribution Committee (Discussion leader: Mr. Coey)	Exhibit H

VIII. MCA/SOCMA LIAISON

In introducing Mr. Blanchard, Dr. Barnes referred to the suggestion made some months ago that consideration be given to merging SOCMA into MCA. This matter having been studied jointly by the MCA Executive Committee and SOCMA Board, a merger has been abandoned for the present. Instead, closer liaison is to be maintained through cross visitation at meetings of the official bodies of the two organizations.

IX. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Driver's Staff Report is attached as Exhibit I. He told

of the meeting yesterday of a delegation from the European Council of Chemical Manufacturers' Federations (CEFIC) with members of the MCA Executive Committee with discussion of the scope and purposes of the two organizations, the recent performance of the chemical industry in Europe and in the United States and the uncertain potential for continued growth. Also covered were governmental regulation of air and water pollution control and of toxic substances, as well as a preliminary assessment of energy conservation in the United States. A return visit is in prospect on October 26 in conjunction with the observance in Berlin of the 100th anniversary of the West German federation (Verband der Chemischen Industrie).

Mr. Driver commented as well on:

(1) Liaison with EPA staff through MCA Air Quality and Water Resources Committees whom Administrator Costle will address on May 11;

(2) MCA's environmental management survey, response to date on which has been disappointing -- 89 companies compared to 130 in a similar survey two years ago -- with the hope expressed that additional returns will be forthcoming;

(3) OSHA's cancer policy proposal, regarding which he reported having written again to the chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health urging the establishment of a review committee of cancer experts from academia, government, labor, toxicology, and industry groups; and

(4) OSHA's announced emergency temporary standard on occupational exposure to benzene in relation to the project being administered by MCA with 15 companies participating. Convening a meeting of experts to review the scientific literature and other available information is under consideration. Mr. Pickering spoke of applying, under the Freedom of Information Act, for access to the data on which OSHA based its action and, in the name of the companies involved, seeking a stay of the effective date of compliance. He reported that some of the companies individually are contemplating litigation, and that the MCA Executive Committee earlier today had approved MCA participation in hearings or litigation if so recommended by the benzene project group. The rationale for doing so is that benzene is widely produced and/or used within the chemical industry and the circumstances involved are potentially precedent-setting.

George E. Best

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Chairman of the Board