

Communications with Manville Representatives

The March meeting with Manville representatives has still not taken place. Ron Mathewson, Sr. V. P. Schuller, resigned recently and under his successor, Ken Jensen has assumed responsibility for Retiree Benefits.

Although an informal informational meeting was held with Mr. Jensen, no official meeting regarding the health care issue has been agreed upon by Manville. We hope that a full agenda meeting can be arranged soon.



discussion period during which there was some discussion about the Association's funding and the decision not to collect dues for the '94-'95 year unless our needs increased significantly during the year. It was explained that the Association had ample funds in the bank for the current operations. (The May 1994 issue of the Association's Newsletter, *the Manville Retiree*, showed that we had over \$77,000 in the bank and were spending at the rate of about \$13,000 per year.)

Another subject of discussion was the possibility of Schuller International Corp. being separated

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from Manville Corp. Those speaking said they could only speculate on the impact to retirees of such a separation. Manville had publicly stated in the press that they were considering an initial public offering of Schuller. Your Association Officers stated that they would attempt to explore this with Manville.

There was no old business.

Under new business was the election of officers and directors. Since there were no contested positions, the President

directed the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as listed on the Ballot/Proxy card sent to all members in April of this year. Those elected and their positions and terms are:

Dan Gallagher - President and Member of the Bd. (2 yr.)

Bill Snyder - Secretary and Member of the Bd. (2 yr.)

Fern Bengtson - Member of the Board (2 yr.)

Hugh Jackson - Member of the Board (2 yr.)

Emma Lee - Member of the Board (2 yr.)

Hugh Jackson then addressed the meeting and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the membership to Ed Bettinardi for his able leadership during the first two years of our organization.

There was no further new business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

1994 Annual Meeting

Bill Snyder, Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Manville Retirees Association was held at the Littleton Center in Littleton, CO on June 3, 1994. Nineteen members attended in person. Valid proxies were received from 1,427 members and 4 members who were in attendance had not returned proxies, so the total votes available were 1,431.



The meeting was opened by President, Ed Bettinardi, at 2:00 pm. There was an open

Board Appointments

Fern Bengtson

According to the procedure detailed in the MRA By-Laws, the new president of our organization, Dan Gallagher, called a Board meeting on July 21, 1994, at which time he appointed John Leasher as Vice President of the Association for a period of two years.

This left a vacancy on the Board (John's former position) which was filled by appointing Al Moore as a Board member for two years.

A unanimous decision was also made by the Board of Directors to designate Ed Bettinardi as President Emeritus. This is an honorary position in which Ed will sit on the board but will not vote. If Dan Gallagher should resign in two years, Ed could retire and Dan could then be President Emeritus.

New Board Member

Al Moore has joined the MRA Board of Directors.



Al's career was spent in the Industrial Products Division at Los Angeles and later at Headquarters. He held various positions in the Division including District Manager, Market Manager and National Sales Manager.

**Our Appreciation
The Board of Directors**

In early 1992, the Manville Retirees Association was formed during a meeting of Denver retirees. Interim officers were chosen by those present and Ed Bettinardi was unanimously chosen as the Interim President. He reluctantly accepted this position with the new organization with the understanding that he would serve until we were established. Then he would be off to run his new company which was, even then, growing by leaps and bounds.



As you know from his "Passing the Gavel" piece in February '94 newsletter, the time came for Ed to leave the office of President in 1994.

Ed, the Board of Directors is very grateful for the time and effort you have given to all Manville retirees in helping to get us organized, keeping us focused on the issues affecting all of us and directing our efforts in a constructive way.

We are proud of this organization of Manville folks and you are a great part of our success. We all appreciate your tremendous effort on our behalf. As President Emeritus, we hope you will continue to support and assist us in our efforts to deal with current issues. Thank you very much—and best wishes in growing your new business.

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Billerica/Nashua Regional Representative

Tom Winter

Charlie Barry of Merrimack, NH has agreed to help out on an interim basis as an MRA regional representative for the Billerica/Nashua region. Charlie was a foreman in the finishing department at Nashua and retired in 1981 with 47 years of service.

Retirees in the Billerica/Nashua area can call Charlie at (603) 424-7588.

Questions

Q: Why can't we get a copy of our life insurance policy?

A: All retirees are covered under a blanket policy. You can request a copy of this policy and it will be sent to you, however, it will not be personalized with your name, address, beneficiary, etc.

No Dues in 1994??

Fern Bengtson

The Board of Directors made a decision about 1994 dues just as the May newsletter went out. A small note was inserted in the newsletter at the last minute to tell you there would be no dues for 1994.

To clarify: We are not requesting 1994 dues because we have an adequate amount of funding from initial membership fees and last year's dues. However, if we should have need of additional funds, we will notify each of you in a special mailing.



New Members

Fern Bengtson

When the retiree association was established and meetings were held initially with Manville representatives, we discussed how to contact new retirees. We submitted a letter and membership form to the Manville representatives with the hopes it would be given to all new retirees with the other materials they receive upon retirement.

We recently learned that this may not be possible. So we need your help. One way for new retirees to learn of our organization is by current members contacting them and giving them information and an enrollment form. The good news is that there is no membership dues for this year. Of course, when dues are resumed, they will need to pay at that time.

Please contact any new retirees you know and urge them to join us by completing the membership enrollment form below and mailing it to Manville Retirees Association, P. O. Box 3336, Denver, CO 80217.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed,

A belated note to thank you and all the folks who have worked so hard to launch the "Manville Retiree" and the Association. You, the officers and directors, can't be thanked enough by those of us out in the boobies for carrying the torch and keeping us informed.



I wish you and the new officers and board the best in their endeavors.

Again, Ed, many thanks for looking out after our interests, too. It's very much appreciated.

Best regards,

*John B. Dorsey
Irvington, Virginia*

... I think the Association is on the right track.

*Bob Ford
Cincinnati, Ohio*

... Keep up the good work. You are all doing a great job.

*Jim Williams
Milwaukee, WI*

... Thank you for all the work you have done on behalf of all retirees and their spouses ... We are quite dependent on the health benefits as promised.

*Eunice & Albert Feininger
Sarasota, FL*

... We appreciate your efforts very much, on behalf of all Manville retirees.

*Mildred Seeber
Englewood, CO*

... Your group is really doing a first rate job.

*G. E. Hamilton
Englewood, CO*

... I wish to commend you and the group of active retirees in your area on the very effective, positive association you have developed to support all of us far flung retirees ... For example, Ann Henley's article on the

"Retirement Plan Trust," February '94 issue, was extremely helpful...

*Norm Adams
Longmeadow, Mass.*

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