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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE HELD IN THE FRENCH ROOM, BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th, 1919, 11:30 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. A. C. Bedford, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to organize a Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, and to take such other action as seemed wise and desirable.

First Session

On roll call the following members were present:

Attendance

A. C. Bedford
R. W. Stewart
J. E. O'Neil
H. M. Blackmer
R. L. Welch
G. I. Swency
C. L. Maguire
Dr. Van H. Manning
S. Messer
H. E. Felton
G. W. Crawford
T. A. O'Donnell
Frank Haskell
E. W. Clark
A. P. Coombe
J. H. Markham, Jr.
Judge M. J. Byrne
J. C. Donnell
W. C. Teagle
J. W. VanDyke
W. S. Farish

Chairman and Secretary Appointed

On motion, it was voted that Mr. A. C. Bedford act as Chairman and Mr. C. C. Smith, Secretary of the meeting.

Minutes of organization meeting held in Washington, D. C., on March 21, 1919, read and approved.

Minutes of Organization Meeting

On motion, it was voted that the Nominating Committee, composed of Messrs. Byrne, Blackmer and Markham, informally appointed at a meeting of the National Petroleum War Service Committee and its Advisory Committees, held at the Hotel Biltmore, March 14th, to recommend nominations for officers for the Institute, be confirmed, and that said Committee be requested to present nominations for officers, not including the General Secretary, at the earliest possible moment.

Nominating Committee on Officers

On motion, it was voted that a Nominating Committee be appointed to recommend a General Secretary,

Nominating Committee on General Secretary