



Association of Textile, Apparel & Materials Professionals

**AATCC Concept 2 Consumer Interest Group
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Research Triangle Park, NC**

Presiding: Louann Spirito, Chair
Stacy Chadwell, Secretary (not present)

1. Fall 2018 meeting minutes approved.
 - a. Motion: Harrie Schoots
 - b. 2nd: Andrew Frazer
 - c. All in favor
2. 2019 International Conference Report - *Innovating Today for a Challenging Tomorrow*.
 - a. April 9-11 in Downtown Ft. Worth, TX
 - b. One educational track with 23 presenters
3. 2020 International Conference
 - a. Greenville, SC
 - b. Sustainability theme – Going Green in Greenville
 - i. Day 1, one session
 - ii. Day 2, two simultaneous sessions
4. Student Design & Merchandising Competitions
 - a. Bliss Coleman reported on the various design and merchandising competitions.
 - b. Fashion for All, partnership with Runway of Dreams, challenged students to design Prom attire for students with various disabilities.
 - c. C2C Design: Splashing Around. Design a line of 3-6 apparel pieces for a specific outdoor activity that is both fashionable and functional to use in the rain. This new line should enhance the outdoor experience while being used in the rain.
 - d. C2C Merchandising (same theme)
 - e. An educational component has been included to make sure students are aware of AATCC outreach/engagement and are learning about test methods during these competitions.
5. Future Leaders Award
 - a. 2018 winners, Meredith McQuarrie and Ryan Stanley, were recognized and presented with their awards at the IC luncheon in April 2019
 - b. There were no nominees for 2019
 - c. A task group was formed to select nominees for the 2020 Future Leaders Award
 - i. Martha Carper, Andrew Frasier, Tammy Rollins, Louann Spirito
6. A call for speakers for future C2C meetings with 2 volunteers:

- a. Hasan Shahariar
 - b. Roland Connolly, Lighting topic
7. Mentorship Program
 - a. The group expressed interest in developing a mentorship program. Idea to have senior AATCC members mentor emerging young professionals so they feel comfortable in the meetings and gain a better understanding of how the association and technical meetings run
 - b. The task group reported strategies for recruiting mentors, creating a check list of objectives for mentors, having mentor information on AATCC portal, utilizing membership database for tracking new association members, regional section members and student chapter members, so they can be linked to a mentor.
 - c. Task group: Andrew Frazer, Debra Chronicle, Karen Muhlen, Apurba Banerjee, Maria Thiry, Louann Spirito
 - d. It was discussed that a US map indicating the section regions and student chapter locations would be helpful to see where members are located
8. New Business – Roland Connelly presented idea of holding a lighting conference in 2020 with a topic of Quality Control. It was discussed that this is an opportunity to partner with other industries for lighting.
 - a. A task group was formed to develop topics for the conference – Audra, Carol Revels, Barry, Andrew Frasier, Roland, Sandy Johnson, Ken Butts
9. Andrew Fraser presented quotations for a 3 day textile processing training including tours of gins, mills, dying, printing, finishing, cut & sew factories. Dates for tour need to be determined to secure firm prices, Peggy Pickett will provide
10. Louann gave a presentation What’s Happening in the Textile, Apparel & Home Furnishings Industries
11. Adjournment
 - a. Sandy Johnson motioned to adjourn
 - b. Andrew Fraser 2nd
12. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center, Research Triangle Park, NC