AATCC MIDWEST SECTION SPRING 2003 TECHNICAL MEETING MINUTES
“Protective Textiles”

The meeting was held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) on East Campus on April 25, 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Midwest section chair Dr. Christine Ladisch. The meeting started with a special thank you to Carol Easley and Lisa Woeppel for helping organize the meeting and a thank you to the Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design (TCD Dept) at UNL for hosting the meeting. Marjorie Kostelnik, Dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, and Carol Thayer, Acting Chair of the TCD Dept of UNL gave the attendees a warm welcome, and a brief introduction of the College and the Department.

New officers were elected and approved unanimously by the members moved by Patricia Crews. The new officers were:

Chair: Gita Ramaswamy.
Vice Chair: Elizabeth Eggert
Secretary: Yiqi Yang
Treasurer: Bob Lattie
Councilors: Ken Kaiser, Christine Ladisch
Program Chair: Elizabeth Eggert

Introductions of all in attendance followed. The attendants agreed unanimously to donate $1000 to the AATCC Foundation. The meeting also discussed the possible topics and host locations for the Spring 2004 meeting. Topics of barrier fabrics, military fabrics and the current transition of US textile industry were suggested by members. Places such as hotels near a major airport were also recommended.

After the announcement of meeting arrangement by Carol Easley, the morning session continued with three presentations.

1. “Comfort vs Safety: The Protective Clothing Dilemma” by Dr. Elizabeth McCullough, Professor and Co-Director, Institute for Environmental Research, Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interiors, Kansas State University.
2. “Firefighter’s Protective Clothing: Materials and Garment Performance” by Dr. Richard Young, Senior Research Chemist, duPont.
3. “Sun Protective Clothing: Observations about AATCC and ASTM Tests” by Dr. Patricia Crews, Professor and Director, International Quilt Study Center, and Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After lunch, members visited the textile digital printing laboratory, the Textile Testing Services, the International Quilt Study Center and Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery of the TCD Dept hosted by the students and faculty of the TCD Dept at UNL.

Respectfully submitted,
Yiqi Yang
Secretary, Midwest Section