Northwest Section Meeting
October 6, 2009

I. Welcome & Introduction – Nancy PeBenito
   A. Northwest Section Meeting & Dinner held at The Old Spaghetti Factory, Portland, OR. There were 17 attendees. Section officers not in attendance were Dana Parnello and Debbie Blalock.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes (April 2009 Meeting)
   A. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan Matter and seconded by Tifani Andre

III. Membership Report – Susan Matter
   A. 57 current members, 3 corporate members
   B. Washington State University is interested in joining as a student chapter but are waiting until a program is established within the Northwest Section (see VII. New Business)

IV. Treasurer’s Report - Nancy PeBenito
   A. $429 in annual dues was just received for a total account balance of $1,689.77.
   B. The Board of Directors is meeting in November to determine if the sections will or will not continue to receive a percentage of the membership dues. This may be eliminated and the section will become self-funded.

V. Program Announcements – Nancy PeBenito
   A. Technical Meetings, November 10-12 in Research Triangle Park, NC
   C. Denim and Garment Wet Processing, December 9-10 in Long Beach, CA

VI. Old Business
   A. By-Laws – Nancy PeBenito
      1. 17 ballots were returned; 15 were affirmative; there were 2 comments
      2. Based on the comments, revisions/amendments will be made and the ballots will be sent again for a revote by email

VII. New Business – Nancy PeBenito
   A. Student Scholarship
      1. The membership is interested in developing a scholarship fund through section fundraising to be managed by a foundation in order to provide scholarships to student members based on agreed upon criteria. Nancy is drafting a list of possible requirements for the scholarship description and application for the membership to vote on at the next quarterly meeting (January 12, 2010, Seattle).
      2. Once this is in place, it will be a tool for Nancy and Susan to use in recruiting student chapters from the local schools.
   B. Outerwear Technical Supplement
      1. We would like to tie in more technical development discussions into this section. An option proposed was the use of student projects issued to them by section companies to help research current test methods and determine where improvements could be made. The results could then be presented by a member at the technical committee meetings. This could be a criteria point within the scholarship proposal.
      2. Water repellency and durability test methods do not describe if the tests are good or bad and are generally not detailed enough. We would like to investigate why moisture management is important and describe what all the different methods are and list what criteria is missing.
      3. Our section has a lot of expertise in technical outerwear that needs to be tapped into to provide updates to the test methods. This may need to be a joint documentation process with ASTM.
      4. Dana Parnello, Tifani Andre, Val Glenn, and LaShurya Wise have been nominated to draft an outline to be sent around to the section membership for review.

VIII. Officer Vote – Nancy PeBenito
   A. Ballots collected at meeting for in-person vote of 2010-2011 Northwest Section officers
   B. LaShurya Wise is willing to plan the Portland meeting events as the Vice Chair, but the Seattle counterpart is still needed.
IX. Future Proposed Meeting Dates
   A. January 12, 2010, Seattle
   B. April 20, 2010, Portland
   C. June 15, 2010, Seattle
   D. October 12, 2010, Portland
   E. Meeting topic ideas: down and feather testing, color workshop

X. Adjournment & Program
   A. Pratik Ichhaporia, Technical Knowledge Manager at Intertek, spoke on CPSIA Compliance