I. Welcome & Introduction
Nancy PeBenito, NW Chapter Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

The fall 2006 AATCC meeting was held at the REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.) headquarters location in Kent, WA. (REI is a renowned supplier of specialty outdoor gear and clothing. REI is the nation’s largest consumer cooperative with more than 2.8 million members.) The meeting was hosted by the REI Product Research and Testing Department. Forty-six people were in attendance.

II. Old Business
A. Meetings notes from the March 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

B. Elections
Elections will be held in October. A nominating committee has been formed with Jessica Taylor as the chairperson. Please contact Jessica Taylor or another officer in the section if you are interested in any positions. A sheet with the summary of the officer positions and the responsibilities is available for review.

C. Section Interests Survey
For any new attendees, a “Fields of Interest” survey was distributed in order to solicit ideas for upcoming meeting topics.

III. New Business
A. Officers Meeting Update
Nancy shared a summary of the NW Section Officers meeting held in August. The primary goals for the next year are to increase awareness and encourage participation in the section by providing topics of interest and networking opportunities.

B. International Conference and Exhibition Student Paper Competition
Each section is required to provide a judge for the Student Paper Competition. If you will be attending IC&E this year and are interested in representing the Northwest section, please contact Nancy PeBenito (nancy.pebenito@nike.com).

C. Upcoming AATCC Programs & Events
Christina Jensen, Program Chair announced the following:
1. NW AATCC Chapter Program Chair provided updates about the upcoming CALL FOR PAPERS: AATCC/ISCC INDUSTRIAL COLOR CHALLENGES SYMPOSIUM in conjunction with the Inter-Society Color Council (ISCC). The program will be held on February 22-23, 2007 at the Hilton University Place in Charlotte, North Carolina.
3. IC&E/Megatex Show in October 31-November 2, 2006.
D. Membership Update
   Susan Matter-Membership Chair reported current membership is 40 with 3 new members added.

E. Speaker
   Steve Nagode-(REI) Research Engineer presented an overview of REI’s moisture management testing.

F. Tour of REI Laboratory
   Tour of testing lab with highlights including: sleeping bag testing, pack testing, stove and pot testing, trekking poles, climbing equipment, and textiles.

   After presentation and lab tour, dinner and networking occurred at the Ram Restaurant and Brewery.

IV. Treasurer’s Report
   Treasurer was not in attendance. Confirmed account balance is $669.54

V. Adjournment