Northwest Section Annual Report 2011

Summary of Activities in 2011

A. Section Meetings

I. April 11, 2011
   o The Northwest Section Meeting and Lunch was held at the BJ’s Restaurant & Brewery in Tukwila, WA. Prior to the meeting and lunch was a tour of the Nordstrom Quality Center in Tukwila, WA.
   o There were 31 attendees (22 guests).
   o The following new members were welcomed into the Section – Rosemary P. Bullough, professor, Brigham Young University; Brigitte L. Hougan, student, OSU; Lyn M. Ray, student, OSU.
   o Dr. Karen Leonas from WSU gave a brief overview of: the WSU Student Chapter, a newly redesigned intermediate textile course, and announced that the Student Chapter is working to establish a program which the students team up with an industry person.
   o Student mentor program ideas as job shadowing, individuals providing direct student contact a couple of times a quarter, and offering a student scholarship were discussed.
   o Tifani Andre who attended the AATCC 2011 International Conference shared that it is an impressive two days of textile and material research, viewing table top exhibits, and networking opportunities.

II. June 8, 2011
   o The Norwest Section Meeting and Lunch was held at the Hall Street Grill in Beaverton, OR. Following the meeting and lunch was a tour of ULIKO STUDIO.
   o There were 14 attendees (6 guest and 1 student from OSU).
   o The following new members were welcomed into the Section – Raphaele Baud, Columbia Sportswear Co., Linda C. Brown, Columbia Sportswear Co. and Racheal M. Jenkins, Columbia Sportswear Co.
   o Vernika Bhargava our Program Chair in the Seattle area gave her resignation.
   o Susan Matter met with the WSU students and gave a presentation on issues that are important for a merchandiser or designer.
   o Nancy PeBenito announced that the current officers’ term expires at the end of the year.

III. October 21, 2011
   o The Norwest Section Meeting and Lunch was held at the Boeing Everett facility in Everett, WA. Prior to and following the lunch meeting and presentations were VIP tours of the Boeing facility. Directly following the meeting were presentations by Marsha Grizwin and Jenny Ruegamer of Walter Dorwin Teague & Associates; PJ Wilcynski, manager of Color Engineering; Cheryl Lee of Boeing Materials Technology; Joe Ortiz, Mechanical Engineering; and Sheryll Christianson, manager of the carpet production shop.
   o There were 66 attendees. We had a great turnout from our students: 6 students from our WSU Student Chapter, 10 WSU student guests, and 1 OSU student.
   o We were excited to have two AATCC national guests from Research Triangle Parks, NC attending our meeting: Jack Daniels, Executive Vice-President and Diana Wyman, Publications/Membership Services.
The following new members were welcomed into the Section – John Velezmo, YouTell Biochemical Inc.

Susan Matters announced that a Nominating Committee has been selected – Chair, Brigitte Cluver and members, Elicia Howell and May Mills.

The WSU students are having a fundraiser for their chapter and have brought several hand-dyed silk scarves for purchase at only $20 each.

Diana Wyman reported that membership in the Northwest Section is up. She also shared that we have a new online database with access to 200 publications and 400 abstracts.

Jack Daniels made a special presentation . . . he thanked all for attending the NW Section meeting; shared with the students the importance of professional associations and networking; the history behind the NW Section chapter; the growth of the chapter's membership; acknowledgement of the officer’s and their outstanding performances by keeping National updated with thorough and prompt reporting; sending meeting photos; thanked the corporate members within this section; and expressed his encouragement to all members and guest for their participation in making the NW Section such a success.

Jack also presented to a surprised Nancy PeBenito a pin as outgoing Chair from the NW Section. Nancy was the force behind the organization of the section and become the first Chair officer in 2005.

December 2, 2011

The NW Section Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant in Beaverton OR. Prior to the meeting and dinner we visited Parker Furniture Showroom with presentations by Jeff Parker, President; Lori Gilbert, Sales Manager; and Bruce Gibson, Carpet/Rug Manager.

There were 19 attendees (4 guests).

The following new member was welcomed into the Section – Carol Tanner, designer, Oh! Companies Inc.

New Officers for the NW Section were announced:

1. Ch Chair – Susan Matter, Nordstrom
2. Vice-Chair – LaShurya Wise, Nike
3. Secretary – Rita Holland, Pendleton Woolen Mills
4. Treasurer – Kham Viengkham, Nike
5. Membership Chair – May Mills, Columbia Sportswear
6. Program Chairs:
   a. Portland Area: Nancy PeBenito
   b. Seattle Area: Lauren Dalton

Nancy PeBenito will chair our NW Section Scholarship Committee. Two more people are needed . . . contact Nancy at pebe2@comcast.net.

Annual Reports were presented:

1. Membership by Nancy PeBenito
2. NW Section 2011 by Susan Matter
3. Treasurer Report by LaShurya Wise for Debbie Blalock

B. Executive Committee (Officer’s) Meetings

January 28, 2011

- Officers meeting via conference call.
- Section meeting dates and locations for 2011 were discussed.
- Addition program meeting topics were solicited.
- Susan Matter discussed a WSU Student Chapter presentation with Dr. Karen Leonas.
- Student mentor program ideas were discussed.
- Susan Matter contacted Albert Meilng to acknowledge his 50 years as a member of AATCC.

February 28, 2011
- Officers meeting via conference call.
- The next section meeting will be in the Seattle area — a visit to the Nordstrom’s Quality Center with our meeting at BJ’s Restaurant & Brewery in Tukwila, WA.
- The Boeing event was tabled to a September/October meeting.

### III. May 12, 2011
- Officers meeting via conference call.
- Nancy PeBenito will be coordinating a visit to ULIKO STUDIO in Beaverton for the next section meeting. LaShurya Wise to confirm an eating establishment near the studio.
- Nancy will also begin work on the Boeing event in the Seattle area for our next meeting.
- The next meeting in the Portland area will be planned as a holiday social event.
- Additional program suggestions: Naturally Advanced Technologies and Ellington Leather, both in the Portland area.
- The approved NW Section Bylaws will be sent to the section members.

### IV. July 28, 2011
- Officers meeting via conference call.
- Nancy PeBenito has confirmed that the next section event will be at Boeing on October 21st.
- Due to the complexity of coordinating this event, it was decided that a “Save This Date” be sent to the section members.
- The next meeting, planned for the Portland area, will be the first part of December.
- Suggestions as door prizes, entertainment, and other program venues were discussed.
- Susan Matter will select members for the Nominating Committee and the Auditing Committee.

### V. August 25, 2011
- Officers meeting via conference call.
- Nancy PeBenito is confirming the remaining details for the Boeing tour and presentations in Everett, WA.
- An one-site Executive Committee meeting while at the Boeing facility was discussed.
- Agenda for the December meeting to include the Annual Meeting program.
- Susan requested an updated copy of the NW Section’s membership.

### VI. August 31, 2011
- Officers meeting via conference call.
- Susan Matters and Nancy PeBenito along with Cheryl Lee/Boeing revisiting the details of the Boeing tour/presentations.
- Susan set out a personal invitation to the National Officers to attend our October 21st meeting. She received a return confirmation that Jack Daniels and Diana Wyman will be attending.

### VII. October 21, 2011
- Cancelled due to logistics relating to the Boeing tour/presentations.
- Susan Matters sent out 190/25/11 email regarding the Nominating Committee . . . Chair, Brigitte Cluver and members Elicia Howell and May Mills.

### VIII. November 9, 2011
- Officers meeting via conference call.
- LaShurya Wise has confirmed that our December 2nd event will be at the Parker Furniture Showroom . . . with our meeting and holiday social at McCormick’s.
- Annual meeting report topics were discussed.
- Auditing Committee: Chair, Kham Viengkham and members Leslie Eadie and Becky Hurd.