Northwest Section Meeting
December 7, 2012

I. Welcome & Introduction – Susan Matter
   A. The Northwest Section Meeting and Dinner was held at Stanford’s Restaurant in Tukwila, WA. There were 17 attendees (14 members; 3 guests). Section officer’s not in attendance was Vice Chair, LaShurya Wise, Nike and Membership Chair, May Mills, Columbia.
   B. After our meeting was a presentation on “New Directions in Natural Color Dyeing”. Our speaker was Kathy Hattori from Botanical Colors. She shared some of the new temperature developments in using natural dyes for apparel, including shorter processing times, lower and reducing water use.
   C. As an interesting side note, attached is a message about our presentation from one of our guests, Marsha Hahn. It is exciting to see even our guests participating in our meetings.

II. Announcements – Susan Matter
    A. The NW Section would like to welcome our newest officer Bilge Baykal from Nordstrom who has graciously agreed to be our Program Chair – Seattle.
    B. Our next meeting will be in Portland and the 2013 dates will be published after the next NW Section Executive Committee meeting in January.

III. Review & Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2012 meeting – Rita Holland
    A. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Diane Wyman and seconded by Erica Tiedemann. Motion passed.

IV. Membership Report – Susan Matter for May Mills
    A. Susan reported that our section currently has 6 corporate members and 77 active members which include 19 associates, 10 students, 47 senior and 1 emeritus. Susan mentioned that as our section grows it provides a great opportunity for networking and meeting others in business.

V. Program Announcements – Nancy PeBenito
    A. Nancy reported that the next meeting will be in Portland and welcomed ideas for our programs.
    B. There are several upcoming events over the next two months as well as the 2013 AATCC International Conference April 9 – 11.
    C. Be sure to go to the AATCC website for the calendar of other events.
    D. Discussion of the recent November AATCC Technical Meeting
       1. Diana Wyman participated in a meeting where they were forming a task group on the evolution of local sections. She said the group has seen our NW Section as a model for success. The group is looking for participants for the task force. Nancy PeBenito volunteered as a participant.
       2. A discussion about recent ballot items on washing machine temperature changes was also discussed. For further information, contact the chair of RA88, Laundering Technology subcommittee.
VI. Old Business
A. Nancy is still looking for at least two additional members to work with her on the Student Scholarship Committee. Please contact Nancy at: pebe2@comcast.net.

VII. New Business
A. Susan recapped the proceedings of the NW Section over the last year covered in the Northwest Section Annual Report 2012.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report - Kham Viengkham
A. The NW Section balance is currently $2,202.71. This included income from AATCC Section reimbursements, cash disbursements and pending transactions.

IX. Adjournment for dinner and holiday social
A. Motion to adjourn was made by Rita Holland and seconded by Bilge Baykal. Motion passed.

Speaker . . . About Kathy Hattori...
Kathy is the founder and owner of Botanical Colors, and markets natural dye products and technology to industrial clients focusing on implementing textile processing practices for natural colors. Ms. Hattori is a recognized authority on natural dyes and pigments, extractions and commercial applications using natural dyes and has worked in the field since 2003. She has developed numerous commercial processes using natural dye extracts to optimize dye processes in the industrial textile environment. She consults and advises companies on their natural dye implementation strategies and has worked with the largest natural dye houses in the United States, including Swans Island, Bollman Hat Company and Ramblers Way Farm. Her international experience includes creating a natural dye program for IUV, the largest organically certified tannery in Europe. She is currently consulting on the construction and implementation of an eco-dye house in Kenya, completing a USDA grant on the feasibility of growing natural dye plants in the southeast US and developing a new natural dye knitting yarn line. She teaches and lectures about natural dyes and has written articles for the Turkey Red Journal and is sought after as a speaker about the status of natural dyes in global textile production.