Northwest Section Meeting
March 26, 2013

I. Welcome & Introduction – Susan Matter
A. The Northwest Section Meeting and Lunch was held at Oswego Grill in Wilsonville, OR. There were 33 attendees (15 members; 13 guests; 5 students). Section officers not in attendance were Vice Chair, LaShurya Wise, Nike and Program Chair – Seattle, Bilge Baykal, Nordstrom. Susan had a round-table introduction which gave us a chance to hear who everyone was, as well as, where they worked/school and what they did. It is exciting to know that the NW Section has just a vast section of contacts. Susan also encouraged our attending students to network with the other attendees.
B. Prior to our lunch and meeting was a comprehensive presentation and tour of FJÖRD Ltd., a contract apparel manufacturing facility located in Woodburn, OR. (see attached) Pete Yazzolino, gave an overview of the company’s history, the services the company offers, and a brief recap of the manufacturing process prior to visiting the actual factory floor. Pete is Fjords Special Projects Manager. He was previously the Plant Manager until his retirement in 2003. He returned in 2005 doing consultations and special projects.

II. Announcements – Susan Matter
A. Our next meeting will be in Seattle and we are anticipating an presentation by IDFL.
B. The AATCC Committee RA75, Evaluation of Materials and Products for End Use Performance is looking for donation of fabrics and a cut and sew facility to use in their field test evaluation.

III. Review & Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2012 meeting – Rita Holland
A. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kham Viengkham and seconded by Lynsy Medalia. Motion passed.

IV. Membership Report – May Mills
A. May reported that our section has 71 members that included 41 senior, 20 associate; and 10 student members and 6 corporate members.

V. Program Announcements – Nancy PeBenito
A. Nancy reported that there are several upcoming events over the next few months, including the 2013 International Conference on April 9 – 11 in Greenville, SC; the AATCC Spring Committee Meeting on May 7-9,2013 in Raleigh, NC; and the Concept 2 Consumer design entries are due April 11.
B. Be sure to go to the AATCC website for the current on-line webinars as new ones are added each month. These are a value added investment for all members.
C. Susan encouraged members to join one of the AATCC committees . . . they are always looking for input on their testing methods. This is also a good avenue for networking.

VI. Old Business
A. Nancy is currently working on the Mentor Program for the students at WSU. This program will afford a great opportunity for students to interact with professionals in area that are of interest to them.
B. She is working on the scholarship criteria. The NW Section currently has $590 in the fund. Anyone who is interested in donating to this tax deductible program or for additional information, please contact Nancy at: pebe2@comcast.net.

VII. New Business
A. Susan asked that the group at large research for facilities in their area that might be of interest for a future NW Section meeting. Email suggestions to her at: susan.matter@nordstrom.com
B. The Annual Meeting at the end of this year will include election of officers. Anyone interested please contact Susan.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report - Kham Viengkham
A. The NW Section balance is currently $2,960. This included income from AATCC Section reimbursements, cash disbursements and pending transactions.

IX. Adjournment
A. Motion to adjourn was made by Kham Viengkham and seconded by May Mills. Motion passed.

Note: During this meeting I had an opportunity to talk with one of the attending students from Oregon State University. I asked if she would write a brief overview of the presentation/tour and meeting. Attached is her write-up.