In attendance: Billy Gardner, Kevin Jenkinson, Lee Lemere, Gary Lickfield, Freddy Miller, Bobbi Tremain and Len Farias

A formal meeting was conducted by the Piedmont Section to discuss issues related to student scholarships and the technical program conducted in November 2009 at NCSU. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Old Business

Scholarship Recipient Review:

Currently there are four scholarships at Clemson and three at North Carolina State University. Consideration is being given for one scholarship at Virginia Tech. Radford University will soon be considered as a potential scholarship location. There currently sufficient funds to continue providing aid to deserving students. Requirements to receive scholarship aid a student must maintain a 2.85 GPA. Any increases in scholarship commitments for either the C.H. Stone or Piedmont Section must be done in $1000 increments at the current time. There was discussion about increasing the number of scholarship recipients and/or increasing the amount of individual scholarships. A motion was presented to increase the C.H. Stone scholarship to $6000 each. A second to the motion was moved. The vote was unanimous to increase the C.H. Stone scholarship from $5000 to $6000 for the academic year 2010/2011. A motion was also moved to add an additional Piedmont Section scholarship contingent on the receipt of expected funding from the Piedmont Section membership reimbursement from AATCC. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The current scholarship review committee includes Bobbi Tremain, Kermit Holshouser, Lee Lemere, Wallace Ammons and Billy Gardner.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer’s report was reviewed for the calendar year 2009 along with January 2010. A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Officer Slate for 2010

The current officers agreed to serve for the calendar year 2010.
Chair: Kevin Jenkinson
Vice-Chair: Gary Litchfield
Secretary: Len Farias
Treasurer: Billy Gardner
Program Chair: Lee Lemere
Scholarship Committee Chair: Bobbi Tremain
Membership Participation

There continues to be concern about getting other Piedmont members involved with section activities. Piedmont Section members are welcome to become involved with the planning and administration of section business. Current officers will put forth a genuine effort to recruit and nurture member involvement.

New Business

Technical Program

There was discussion conducted on the next technical program. The committee reviewed the responses from the technical meeting held at NCSU in November 2009. Tentative time frame for the next technical program would be March 2011. Suggested meeting site might be Lowe’s Motor Speedway, ICAR, Belmont Abbey College, Milliken or Clemson University. Some type of tour either at the BMW facility, Michelin or other location might be included as part of the program. Presentations involved with the automotive industry might be included as part of the technical program.

Future Officer’s Meeting

A suggestion was made that we conduct an officer’s meeting either during the March committee meetings or during the May AATCC IC&E symposium. The suggestion is under review and a decision will be made concerning this subject.

There being no further business for discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Len Farias, Secretary
AATCC Piedmont Section