

## AATCC Elections for 2019-2020 Officers

Ballots Due October 26

### Nominee for AATCC President-Elect



**Harrie Schoots** is business development manager with Ascend Performance Materials. He also worked for more than 15 years as a polymer and emulsions scientist, and business development manager at Celanese Ltd. and Rohm and Haas Co. He holds several patents.

A member of AATCC since 1996, Schoots currently serves as AATCC Southern Regional Board Member, and in this capacity, is a member of the AATCC Board of Directors. He is a member of the Static Electricity Test Methods Committee (which he also chaired), and the Water Resistance, Absorbency, & Wetting Agent Evaluation Test Method Committee, and other technical and administrative committees. He was chair of the Publications Committee, and in this role, also served on the AATCC Board of Directors. In 2017, he organized and promoted the new Texas Section, and serves as its Chair.

Schoots is also a member of the American Chemical Society, a Licentiate of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (UK), and has served on the boards of Polymer Modifiers & Additives Division and Thermoplastics and Foams Division with the Society of Plastics Engineers. He received a Bachelor of Science in textile chemistry from North Carolina State University, and a master's in business administration from Suffolk University.

### Nominee for Central Atlantic Regional Board Member



**Martha Carper** was employed at the DuPont Co. for more than 27 years. She held assignments in all areas of textile fibers, including manufacturing, technical service, business planning, marketing, and global management. As the

Apparel Marketing Director, she was responsible for all retail and branding in the United States and was the Global Business Manager responsible for double digit growth in two global businesses—Ready-to-Wear and Personal Care Products. In addition, she led a new business startup for stretch nonwovens.

After retiring from the DuPont Co., Carper taught at the University of Delaware in the Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies until her retirement in August 2018. Throughout her tenure at the University, Carper was passionate about exposing young people to the world of textiles and apparel. Whether teaching in the classroom, conducting student travel study programs, or encouraging students to participate in AATCC and numerous industry competitions, her goal was to expose students to the challenges of an ever-changing global apparel industry.

Carper holds a Bachelor of Science from Appalachian State University and a Masters in Textile Science from the University of Tennessee. Carper joined AATCC in 2013, and currently serves as Central Atlantic Regional Board Member.

### Nominee for MidSouth Regional Board Member



**John Crocker** has spent 20 years in the textile quality control industry, with experience in manufacturing, testing, technical sales, and standards development. As SDL Atlas Business Development Manager, Crocker is responsible for working with customer

relationships, standards development, laboratory installations, promotion of testing requirements, and installation and training for new customers. Prior to his promotion to Business Development Manager, Crocker was responsible for managing the agents and business in the United States and Canada, as well as aiding with promotions around the world, a position he held since joining SDL Atlas in 2004.

Crocker joined AATCC in 2010, and currently serves as AATCC MidSouth Regional Board Member. He is an active member of several standards development organizations, including ASTM, where he presides as D13 Textiles Chair; AATCC, where he serves as secretary or chair on a number of AATCC research committees; and ISO, where he serves as Vice Chair and Technical Expert for the US TAG to TC 38.

Prior to joining SDL Atlas, Crocker worked as the Lab Manager/Quality Assurance Manager/ISO Management representative for the Glen Raven Knit Fabrics Group. He has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from North Carolina State University.

### Nominee for New England Regional Board Member



**Jack Bare** is a Sales Manager for StarChem. He received his Bachelor of Science in Textile Chemistry from North Carolina State University and Master of Business Administration from Bryant University. After 20 years of technical manufacturing leadership in preparation, dyeing,

printing, and finishing of woven, non-woven and knit products, he decided to apply his skills from the past ten years in chemical sales support.

Bare joined the Rhode Island Section of AATCC in 1992, and he has been a member of the AATCC Scholarship Regional Committee for the past twenty years. He was instrumental in establishing the New England Textile Industry Round Table in 2010, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. Bare enjoys hiking, gardening, cooking, and watching the Red Sox with his wife, Helen.

### Nominees for Western Regional Board Member



**DeeDee Lamberti** is a Product Integrity Manager who partners with Quality Control Managers, Color Managers, and Sourcing/Product Development teams at SanMar to establish product performance expectations for apparel and non-apparel goods. After obtaining her Master of Science in Apparel & Merchandising

at Colorado State University, Lamberti spent her career in textile testing in both academic and corporate retail settings. Working with fast-growing businesses, her expertise has driven and expanded

quality testing efforts to a global scale. Lamberti truly understands how important it is to connect with, communicate, and educate stakeholders to encourage and lend support to these efforts. Her career has been largely successful with exposure to a wide range of apparel products, including knit polos, woven shirting, sweaters/fleece, outerwear, accessories, bags, and towels.

Lamberti's involvement in AATCC began in 2002 as a student member. For the past five years, she served as committee secretary for RA63, RA75, and more recently, as a member of the Executive Committee for Research and Technical Committee for Research. In addition to her extensive textile testing experience, she is also pursuing certification from the American Society for Quality.



**Heather Shields** is Manager Material Concepts Testing—Apparel at adidas. She has been a member of AATCC since she was a student at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, GA (now Kennesaw State University.) Prior to adidas, she worked for Pearl Izumi and

Patagonia. She also gained valuable experience as a merchandising assistant for a small catalog company, and as a licensing manager for a company that licensed art for apparel and home goods. Besides working at adidas, she is pursuing a master's degree in biomimicry from Arizona State University, interested in learning what nature can tell us about solving industry problems.

Shields is excited about AATCC and believes the contacts she has made through networking at meetings and events has strongly impacted her career. She so values what AATCC committee meetings offer that she has traveled to meetings at her own expense, when no travel budget was available.

As Western Regional Board Member, Shields plans to spread the word to those in the textile industry about how AATCC's textile knowledge and services can help companies grow and individuals build their careers. As an AATCC board member, she believes she can provide collaborative insight and sharing about how AATCC can become a valuable association to its members in the Western Region, and beyond.