PIEDMONT SECTION OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE COLORISTS
AND CHEMISTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(Held as part of the one day seminar: “A Finishing Touch: Fine Tuning Fabric Performance”)
Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 11:30pm
Charlotte Motor Speedway, Speedway Club

In attendance: Piedmont Section Committee Members: Lee Lemere, Gary Lickfield, Billy Gardner, Len Farias, Kevin Jenkinson
Other Members:

The Meeting was opened, and presented by Lee Lemere (Chairperson)

1 Presentation by Brian Francois (Executive Vice President, AATCC). Brian outlined current activities, and future plans for AATCC, emphasizing the value of AATCC Membership, with a view to boosting participation in the associations’s activities, at both the National and Regional levels. Brian pointed out that while Piedmont Section has the largest section membership, participation at events such as the seminar are much lower.

2 Piedmont Section Activities (Lee Lemere): Presentation of Piedmont Sections activities and a request for existing members to be more actively involved. Lee also discussed activities that have been successful in other US Sections (eg California and Texas). Suggestions included programs being held at Colleges and Universities, and Plant/Factory visits.

Treasurer’s Report (Len Farias): Len outlined the current status of Piedmont Section funds, and the proposed transition of investments from Investors Trust to Vanguard by the end of 2018. Funding the Piedmont Section Scholarships is the largest annual expense for the Section.

Scholarship Committee Report (Billy Gardner): Billy recognized the current active members of the Scholarship Committee: Billy Gardner, Kermit Holsthauser, Ann Laidlaw, Lee Lemere, Len Farias. In managing both the Piedmont and Stone Scholarships, Piedmont Scholarship Committee is the only Section conducting face-to-face interviews as part of the scholarship selection process. Piedmont Section currently gives 5 scholarships, currently 3 at Clemson, and 2 at NC State, total value $15,000.

Piedmont Section Membership Secretary (Bill Stuckey): Bill has been recently named to this position – this position was previously unfilled in the Piedmont Section. Piedmont Section Individual membership is currently at 458, representing 18.5% of the total global membership. Corporate membership is 51 companies – 21% of the global total.

Revision Of Piedmont Section Bye-Laws (Lee Lemere): Lee confirmed that the bye-laws have been updated and a copy can be provided to members, on request.

Other Business: Lee indicated the need for a new Program and Events Chairperson, and requested from members present, any suggestions for future activities. Holding Technical programs in combination with visits to Corporate Members and Universities was
suggested. Also development of activities aimed at boosting student membership and participation. Exploration of a Student Chapter at East Carolina University was specifically mentioned.

The meeting was concluded at 11:55am.

Minutes:
Kevin Jenkinson
Piedmont Section Secretary