

**Minutes**  
**Rising Professionals IG Meeting**  
**November 14, 2022**

**Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Bryan Ormond at 4:17pm ET.**

**AGENDA**

1. Presentation by Rob Smith, UpWest, ““The Pivot: Going from the Lab to Leading a Sourcing Team and How Being a Textile Chemist Helped””.  
As a retail industry veteran, Rob Smith serves as the Director of Sourcing & Production for the DTC apparel brand, UpWest. A chemist by trade, Smith has travelled the world transforming the fashion industry through innovation. Smith has served in various career capacities ranging from a Research Engineer collaborating with government agencies on next gen protective apparel to a stint on the Victoria’s Secret Innovation team.

**Meeting was Adjourned at 4:57pm ET.**