Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Minutes

September 14, 2020

7:00pm Eastern, 6:00pm Central, 5:00pm Mountain, 4:00pm Pacific

Committee Members:

B-J Ellis	Not present
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)	Present
Ruth Fuqua	Present
Karen Ball (BOD Liaison)	Present
Wini Labrecque	Present
Elizabeth Taylor	Present
Elaine Gerber	Present
Charlene Schmid (Committee Chair)	Present
Eleni Roberts (Secretary)	Present
Clarissa Wisner	Present

1.0 Called to order at 4:06pm Pacific

2.0 Meeting Minutes for August

Approval: Ruth moved to approve the August 2020 minutes as distributed.
Seconded by Clarissa
Vote: all accepted as distributed

3.0 Natural Fiber Display Update/Action

Updates--Karen/Alyssa:

- Alyssa: Completed the inventory form and will go back and look for anything possibly missed. Checked in with attorney and we may need insurance and will be able to determine after we have all the values noted

- Wini and Elizabeth will work to provide values for each item in the inventory. Fibers of higher value will also be indicated as one to keep close eye on.

4.0 Fiber Testing Update: Ruth

Samples have been sent out. The thermal testing has not started yet. The antimicrobial testing has been run a couple of times, as variables are standardized to ensure accuracy. We should have results after the next round that can be worked with.

5.0 AOA Board Update: Karen

Karen shared that the AOA BOD has completed their goals for the 20/21 year. They have been posted on the AOA site for committee review. The most specific goals to the fiber committee include “Developing a US Fiber Standard,” and “Establishing Alpaca Fiber as a Commodity.”

6.0 2020/2021 Fiber Committee’s Project Recommendation Update: Karen

Karen apologized for the Committee’s recommendations not moving forward to board consideration. Karen feels they are not out of alignment, but has asked the committee to revise the recommended goals now that we have the AOA BOD goals established. The committee will review the posted AOA goals with the committee recommendations and send forward a new Fiber Committee Project Recommendations for the 20/21 year. Fiber Committee members will review both documents and prepare for a working meeting on this topic in October.

Elaine moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 pm PST
Second by Clarissa