Fiber & Fiber Products Committee Minutes
5 Feb 2018 – Conference Call 7pm EDT

Attending:

Stacy Chavez
Wini Labreque
Margie Ault, AOA Staff Liaison
Bud Synhorst, AOA Executive Director
Norm Johnson
Ruth Fuqua
B-J Ellis
Angela Nosal, AOA Event Coordinator

Absent: Stacy Heydt; Clarissa Wisner; Laurel Shouvlin;

Special Representation; CALPACA; NEOBA; MOPACA; ABR; fiber committees

Special Topic: Natural Fiber Extravaganza
The AOA Staff provided an overview of the Natural Fiber Extravaganza being planned. It will be held in Nashville, TN and the Wilson County Exposition Center; 13 – 15 July 2018;

We will have the national fleece show; We will many hands on workshops, educational seminars, the AOA annual meeting, Demonstrations; There will be a large area for vendors and the AOA MarketPlace featuring AOA Fiber Artisans and our student design competition will be featured.

This venue opened in 2016 and is focused on the agricultural community.

The Airport is 30 minutes away and there will be RV Camping available at the venue.

The promotional efforts will target non-alpaca producing entities in the vicinity.

Meeting Opening: Approve Minutes of January 2018 Meeting
The minutes from the Jan 2018 meeting were not available for review and approval.

Old Business:

Student Design Competition
Ruth provided an update on the process; Boxes of materials are being delivered to participating schools. She is expecting well over 100 entries. We have the ongoing need for financial support in addition to yarns and fabric donations.

2018 Natural Fiber Extravaganza
A review was done with the affiliate fiber committee representatives that attended.

New Business:

Sorting, Grading and Classing brochure from US Alpaca Fiber Council

Norm made the motion for the AOA Board to adopt the Sorting, Grading and Classing brochure presented by the US Alpaca Fiber Council for their consideration. Second by Ruth;

Board Update:
Laurel was unable to attend.

Meeting Closure

Motion to adjourn was made by Norm; seconded by B-J, meeting adjourned at 6:30 MST.

Next meeting to be held by conference call on 5 March 2018. 7PM EST; 6pm CST; 5pm MST; 4pm PST.