

## Minutes

**AHFA Joint Industries Fabric Standards and Guidelines Committee Meeting  
Embassy Suites - Crabtree, Raleigh, NC  
November 13, 2009**

- I. **Dr. Harvey West and the faculty at North Carolina State University hosted a tour of the University's College of Textiles. Areas of the tour included the Textile Physical Testing Laboratory, Textile Dyeing and Finishing Laboratory, Textile Protection and Comfort Center, and their Non-Woven Laboratory. Jan Pegram, Director of the Physical Testing Lab, explained all the testing equipment and said the lab can do testing for outside customers on a time and machine availability basis. The TPACC was extremely interesting in respect to comfort in clothing and fire protective clothing for fire fighters. The tour was well organized and very educational.**
- II. **The afternoon session was called to order by Bill Perdue at 12:45 pm. A sign up sheet was circulated and minutes from the May 2009 meeting were distributed and approved.**
- III. **Russ Batson gave the flammability report via phone. He reviewed a brief history of this issue starting with the CPSC proposal of a 20 second open flame test in 1997. As we know, the CPSC is in the second stage of rulemaking on upholstered furniture flammability. The current proposal calls for a smolder test similar to the UFAC test but with a weight loss as a pass/fail criteria. Since the last meeting, the CPSC has expanded to 5 commissioners, 3 democrats and 2 republicans. Currently, CPSC staff is waiting for the results of two studies that NIST has been contracted to conduct, (1) standard reference cigarette, since Pall Mall is no longer available, and (2) standard reference foam. When these studies are complete the staff will make recommendations to the full commission. In the meantime, new commissioners are trying to get up to speed on this issue while listening to the concerns of all the stakeholders, including UFAC and Nat'l Textile Association among others. Russ did note that once a standard has been adopted, we will probably have a period of 18 months to become compliant.**
- IV. **Scott Regenbogen, replacing Jodi Lynch on the committee, will check with Jodi on the progress of reinstatement of D4033 and D4034 at ASTM. Currently, ACT (Association of Contract Textiles) is also working on reinstatement of D4033.**
- V. **Bill Reichel reported that the ballot on Seam Integrity and Tear Strength passed with no negative votes. He will follow up with AHFA to get it into the standards.**
- VI. **David Ryan gave the committee the original power point on the Flex-Test machine to refresh our memory on this project and for the benefit of new members. Karon Matkins at Diversified Testing offered to run more tests. Flexsteel and La-Z-Boy offered to send samples to Karon for these tests. David Ryan will research estimate costs of the Flex-Test machines to see if they are economically feasible. Advantages of this machine over the Dynamic Seam machine are quieter running and much shorter test time.**

**VII. In the interest of time, we did not go into normal break out groups, but held open committee discussions of the task group topics.**

**A. Chenille Loss Group - Jodi Lynch had done some preliminary testing. Scott Regenbogen was not involved in the initial testing, so he declined to comment on the tests. He offered to run some additional tests and La-Z-Boy and Flexsteel. will send additional samples for him to test.**

**B. Rayon Cleaning Group - Lonnie McDonald has prepared some wording changes in our cleanability/colorfastness section and will submit them to Gail Stricklin for balloting. A copy of his proposed changes is attached. His proposal would remove the verbiage in red and replace it with the words in yellow.**

**Lonnie also mentioned the S300 Standard Reference Guide for Professional Upholstery Cleaning, adopted by the Joint Industries Committee, is up for review and welcomes any input and help from our committee members.**

**VIII. New Business - Next meeting will be at the Embassy Suites-Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC in the 2nd week of May 2010.**

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Perry Lowe, Bill Reichel - Co Chairs**