

**MINUTES
THE JOINT INDUSTRY FABRIC STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES
COMMITTEE**

**NOVEMBER 3, 1998
GREENSBORO AIRPORT MARRIOTT**

NOTE: ALL EXHIBITS REFERENCED IN THE MINUTES ARE ON FILE AT THE AFMA OFFICE

- I. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Hugh Talley at 8:40 a.m.
- II. Self-introductions of attendees were made.
- III. The meeting registration list will represent the sign-up sheet.
- IV. Joe Ziolkowski welcomed everyone and went over the meeting arrangements for the day.
- V. **FLAMMABILITY**

Joe Ziolkowski showed a video on news clips from NBC News, Good Morning America, Inside Addition, and Dateline on furniture fires. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is pushing to have a small open fire test approved for the United States. This means that all fabrics will have to be treated with a fire retardant chemical. Joe reported that the President signed into law a one-year study to be conducted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Three issues must be accomplished within the 12-month study:

- 1. National Academy of Science will review the toxicity of the flame retardant
- 2. General Accounting Office will perform a financial analysis
- 3. Smoke detector educational program in 40 locations around the country

The annual flammability seminar will be March 9, 1999 at the Greensboro Airport Marriott.

VI. A. ATMI

Hugh Talley reported several studies are going on and there will not be a report until the studies are complete.

B. ASTM

Hugh Talley reported a number of round-robins are being conducted to develop a precision/bias statement for several standards. A report will be available when testing is complete.

VII. REPORT FROM PROJECT 2000 TASK GROUP MEETING INCLUDING A REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON TIERED STANDARDS

A. BALLOT ON TIERED STANDARD FOR BOW AND SKEW

B. BALLOT ON TIERED STANDARD FOR PATTERN REPEAT

David Bell reported a total of 14 ballots were returned for tiered standards, with 10 for and 4 against. David and Butch Ade will get with the individuals who voted negatively to discuss their reasons.

VIII. REPORT FROM TASK GROUP ON STANDARDIZATION OF PATTERN REPEATS

Ron Farris reported the task group failed to meet. Another suggestion was made to have the Cutting-Edge suppliers talk to the group at the next meeting. The group will be developing a survey for the furniture manufacturers and suggestions were made to add the following questions:

1. What are your most common repeats?
2. How are your repeats determined?

David Bell will provide a former report concerning pattern repeats.

IX. ROLL LENGTH PROJECT

Bob Beaty and Randy Wagoner will form a task group to study the issues of roll length. They will be looking at the physical properties of rolls. Do physical properties, such as elongation in either direction correlate with variations of roll length.

X. REPORT ON ROUND-ROBIN ON DYNAMIC FATIGUE TEST

Richard Dobrowolski reported on the analysis of the dynamic fatigue results. There is a wide variation between labs. Richard will re-analyze the results and report at the next meeting.

XI. REPORT ON ROUND-ROBIN ON SCOTT METHOD FOR SEAM SLIPPAGE TEST

Richard Dobrowolski reported on the analysis of the scott seam slippage results. Richard simplified the data and the results will be submitted to ASTM.

XII. REPORT ON BALLOT ON IICRC STD. AND REWRITE OF SECTION 4.0

Carey Vermeulen reported on the IICRC Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Upholstery Cleaning S300. The reference guide will be available on disk or CD. Carey is scheduling a meeting for a few members to review the reference guide in January. A total of 21 ballots were returned and all were in favor of the rewrite of section 4.0. The rewrite was accepted and will be submitted to AFMA.

XIII. REPORT ON BALLOT ON PROPOSED STANDARD FOR WASHED FABRICS

David Covington reported on the ballot results for washed fabrics (Exhibit 1). A total of 18 ballots were returned, with 12 for and 6 against. A suggestion was made to remove the loom statement. The standard will be rewritten and resubmitted for ballot.

XIV. DISCUSSION ON BALLOT FOR COLOR/SHADE CONTROL

Ron Farris reported on the ballot results for color/shade control. A total of 21 votes were returned and all were in favor of the rewrite. The rewrite was accepted and will be submitted to AFMA.

XV. REPORT ON STANDARDIZED OF ROLL TUBES

Randy Wagoner reported 42 responses were returned from the roll tubes survey (Exhibit 2). There are 137 different type of tubes being used in the industry. Randy will continue to research this issue and contact the mills to find out why so many different types of tubes are being used.

XVI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.