Fiber & Fiber Products Committee Minutes
September 11, 2017 – Conference Call 7:30 pm EDT

Attending:

Stacy Heydt, Chair
Wini Labreque
Ruth Fuqua
Barb Ziek
Norm Johnson
B-J Ellis
Chris Reachard
Margie Ault, AOA Staff Liaison
Laurel Shouvlin, Board Liaison
Bud Synhorst, Executive Director

Absent:

Launda Soper, Secretary
Clarissa Wisner
Stacie Chavez

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 Welcome Bud to our meeting

1.2 Approve minutes of August meeting…motion made by B-J Ellis, seconded by Chris Reachard, motion passed

2.0 Old Business

2.1 2018 Fleece Show and Conference:

Bud had the floor for the entire meeting. He thanked all the committee members for their hard work on the 2017 AOA National Fleece Show and Conference. He announced the location for the 2018 fleece show and conference as Wilson County Fairgrounds near Nashville, Tennessee. He told us about his visit to Lebanon, Tennessee, to visit with Ruth and the tour of the facility and that there is a strong history of textiles, current fiber events, textile colleges and fiber artists to support the vision for an expanded event.

Bud described his vision for the next show and conference and said there would be plenty of floor space in the building for vendors, the artists' marketplace, demonstrations, workshops and seminars. He described his vision as more of a fiber festival with many areas being free and open to the public.

He suggested that each committee member be a team leader for a specific area for the conference. Other committee members are to support the leader with resources and their expertise. Stacy said she would work with the committee to set up team leaders and get a list to Bud so he, and/or the office, can contact them directly with questions or suggestions in their specific area.

3.0 Board Update:

Bud said that board will meet later in the month to finalize the approval of the location.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris, B-J seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm EDT.

Next meeting will be held on October 2, 2017 at 8pm EDT by conference call.