Fiber and Fiber Products Committee

Committee Members: Present Joined in
B-J Ellis
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)
Ruth Fuqua
Karen Ball (Committee Chair & BOD Liaison)
Wini Labrecque
Elizabeth Taylor
Elaine Gerber
Charlene Schmid
Eleni Roberts (Secretary)
Clarissa Wisner

Meeting:
Conference Call – 8 June 2020
7:00 PM Eastern Time, 6:00 PM Central, 5pm Mountain, 4pm Pacific
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1.0 Vote on new chairperson (Charlene Schmid has offered to chair committee)
Charlene Schmid stepped up and agreed to be the fiber committee chair. Committee votes as follows
Ayes 7, Nays, 0, Obstains, 0

2.0 Natural Fiber Display: Where do we go from here? Wini
Wini will check with the office for status of boxes and display goods. Since NFE was canceled this year, no further progress has been made with regard to preparing samples. Wini has a couple to process and Clarissa has 2 sheep samples to send to Wini.
Questions for next meeting

- Do we want to continue to grow the display?
- What protocols and inventory of content need to be in place for affiliates to use the display? (Alyssa and Karen will look into this)

3.0 Fiber Testing Ruth
The contract for thermal qualities is in final review for accepting changes. This testing should be completed in August or September at North Carolina State University.

The antimicrobial testing is in limbo. Karen will look into the status of this testing for the next meeting.

4.0 Board update Karen
Karen missed the last meeting so does not have an update for us. Karen did share the current PETA issue as being on the front of discussions.

5.0 Review Board 2019/2020 objectives
In discussing the BOD Goals, the following points were noted:

1.a.i. Ruth has provided much of the information on historical data collected. There might be the question as to now that it is dusted off, what do we do with it or where should it live?

Wini indicated that there have also be a number of credible studies around the world in the last couple of years. We should consider providing links to these studies? Sharing the results?

3.a.i. Committee members were asked to brainstorm what educational tools might look like to help with top traits and end uses for alpaca fiber.
The committee did complete the Why Alpaca poster.

3.a.iii and iv. Karen will confirm what other committees may be working on this already. The fiber committee wants to provide input, particularly on how the traits results are useful.

6.0 Open Discussion All

Request that committee members come to the July meeting prepared for discussion of recommendations the committee might like the BOD to consider as they create the Goals and strategic plan for 20-21.

For example, How to market fiber products in our online culture.

What interest do committee members have on developing more educational tools to support the current goals.

For example, contributions to EPD education.

Action Items for next meeting:

Wini:
Check with the office for status of boxes and display goods.

Clarissa:
Send 2 sheep samples and information to Wini.

Karen:
Status of antimicrobial testing.
Confirm what other committees may be working on EPD tools.

Alyssa and Karen:
What protocols and inventory of content need to be in place for affiliates to use the display?

Charlene:
Send agenda and reminder for ideas prior to next meeting, July 6th.