Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Agenda
November 1, 2021
7:00pm Eastern, 6:00pm Central, 5:00pm Mountain, 4:00pm Pacific

Present:
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)
Ruth Fuqua (Student Design Consultant)
Wini Labrecque (BOD Liaison)
Charlene Schmid (Committee Chair)
Dana Rhoades (Secretary)
Karen Ball
Elizabeth Taylor
Elaine Gerber
Clarissa Wisner
Brenda Wyler
Linda Bergstrom

1.0 Action: Call to order
- *Charlene 4:03 pm PST*

2.0 Welcome new members
- *Roundtable of introductions of current and new members*

3.0 Action: October Meeting Minutes
- *Elaine motions to approved, Elizabeth seconds*
- *Minutes passed as amended*

4.0 Updates: National Educational & Fleece Conference (NEFC), Alyssa
- *Save the date sent - July 15-17, 2022*
- *University of Kentucky Enrichment Center, Burlington, Kentucky*
- *Rebranding of event going over well. Offering a la cart local attractions and/or excursions to encourage networking opportunities.*
- *Topic/track-based seminars, workshops, and more breakouts/discussions. Virtual and in-person.*
- *Looking for speakers and speaker topics. Seeking keynote speakers. Contact Alyssa with any suggestions.*

5.0 Update: AOA Board Update, Wini

- *BOD approved two new committee members.*
- *A lot of discussions regarding promotion of fiber.*
- *Discussions with affiliates regarding fiber pool process, tips, suggestions. Getting individuals and members fiber into production.*

6.0 Discussion: Establish Alpaca fiber as a commodity, Wini

6.1 Supporting next steps—Volunteers
- *USDA Reporting of annual/yearly price paid per pound to be reported as a commodity.*
- *What raw fiber is valued at for those who buy it in bulk.*
- *Find correct contact at USDA to determine current next steps.*

7.0 Open Discussion:

- *Student Design Competition*
  - *Supporting student in the textile industry*
- *#woolvember Social Media Challenge*
  - *30-day challenge*
  - *Identify best timeline*
  - *Proposal to committee and BOD for approval*
- *Alpaca Wool Perception in U.S.*
  - *Reintroduction to USA made, sorted/graded alpaca*
  - *Fleece auction a discussion item for BOD*

Clarissa motioned
Karen seconded
Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PST