

# NATIONAL TEXTILE ASSOCIATION

## **151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

November 6-8  
2005

Amelia Island Plantation  
Amelia Island, Florida

*Specific Strategies for Success*

# Chairman's Message

Welcome to the 151st Annual Meeting of the National Textile Association. Your Arrangements Committee has done a fine job of putting together a program that is a real "Meat and Potatoes" meal for anyone in the textile business. We believe we are right to hope that you will head home on Tuesday saying that you have had good food for thought and implementation.

The plenary sessions each day will examine the questions of global textile and apparel sourcing, global finance and credit, textile intellectual property, and military procurement of textile products.

The early morning meetings both days will offer an opportunity for in depth discussion on topics of interest to specific sectors within the American textile industry.

Be sure to also avail yourself of the opportunities for socializing with industry colleagues at golf, on the tennis courts, or on the tour of Fernandina Beach.

I hope you enjoy your stay at the Amelia Island Plantation.

--Jonathan A. Stevens  
Chairman NTA

# Sunday, November 6

## Afternoon

*Registration open all afternoon in the lobby in front of the Talbot Room*

**3:00 NTA Board of Government** (open to Board Members and Sustaining Member CEOs)  
..... Talbot Room

## Evening

**6:30 Welcoming Reception**  
..... Ocean View Terrace

**7:30 Dinner** ..... Ocean View Room

# Sponsors

Ames Textile Corporation

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# Monday, November 7

## Morning

*Breakfast will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms 1, 2, & 3.*

**7:30 Council Meetings** (pick one)  
*Upholstery Committee*  
..... Talbot Room  
*Wool Manufacturers Council*  
..... Cumberland A

**9:00 Annual Business Meeting**  
..... Cumberland A

**9:30 Global Sourcing Panel**  
*Mary O'Rourke*, Jassin-O'Rourke  
*Gary Raines*, Cotton Incorporated  
*David Trumbull*, NTA

**10:45 Coffee**

**11:15 Global Finance and Credit**  
*Sharyn Koenig*, Ex-Im Bank

## Afternoon

*Luncheon. For golfers, a box lunch will be at your golf cart; for everyone else luncheon will be in Conference Rooms 2 and 3.*

*Activities. Golfers depart at noon. Tennis begins at 1:30. Tour to Fernandina Beach departs at 1:00 and returns by 4:30*

## Evening

**6:30 Cocktails** ..... Ocean View Terrace

**7:30 Awards Dinner**... Ocean View Room

# Tuesday, November 8

## Morning

*Breakfast will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms 1, 2, & 3.*

**7:30 Council Meetings** (pick one)  
*Knitters/Finishers*  
..... Talbot Room  
*Government Textiles Committee*  
..... Cumberland A

**9:15 Intellectual Property Rights**  
*Richard Taffet*, Bingham  
*McCutchen*  
..... Cumberland A

**10:15 Coffee**

**10:45 Military Textiles**  
TBA  
..... Cumberland A

## Notes

*Box lunches will be available on Tuesday and should be ordered by Monday evening. See NTA staff to order.*

*Suggested dress: business attire for Sunday dinner; casual for rest of program.*

*Please give your meeting evaluation to an NTA staff member. Your evaluations will be used in planning next year's meeting.*

## Speakers

### **Mary O'Rourke**

Mary T. O'Rourke is co-founder and managing director of the Jassin~O'Rourke Group, a management consulting firm providing strategy development and implementation services exclusively to the fiber, textile, apparel and home furnishings industries and to related supply chain companies, industry trade groups and associations. Ms. O'Rourke's consulting experience in the textile industry spans twenty-two years. The firm is particularly adept in identifying and pre-screening foreign partners for marketing or manufacturing alliances, in Asia and in Latin America.

### **Gary Haines**

Gary Raines serves as Manager, Fiber Economics at Cotton Incorporated. His responsibilities include analyzing fundamental and technical information about the markets for cotton and disseminating the information and analysis to industry decision-makers to help them make more informed decisions about using cotton. Gary holds two masters degrees, in economics and in textiles, as well as a B.S. in economics and a minor in statistics, all from N. C. State University.

### **David Trumbull**

David Trumbull is Director of Member Services at the National Textile Association. He has been with NTA since 1994. He is responsible for research and analysis of U.S. trade regulations affecting textile companies and for communication to members of developments in textile trade. He helped draft the China textile safeguard petitions filed by the U.S. textile industry. He is also responsible for NTA industry statistical services program. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan.

## Speakers

### **Sharyn H. Koenig**

Sharyn Koenig is a Senior Business Development Officer for Ex-Im Bank's Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. She has 24 years of experience with Ex-Im Bank products and advising exporters, bankers and the trade-related business community in international risk mitigation and trade financing techniques. In addition to her business development responsibilities for eight states in the region, Sharyn is a frequent speaker at trade-related events, seminars and trade shows. Prior to joining Ex-Im Bank, Sharyn was with Ex-Im Bank's former agent, FCIA Management Company, where she held various positions in the areas of sales, marketing communications, and broker relations.

### **Richard S. Taffet**

Mr. Taffet serves as lead counsel in a wide range of intellectual property, antitrust and commercial litigation matters. He represents both U.S. and foreign based clients involved in numerous industries, including consumer electronics, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, textiles, chemicals, software development, financial industries and publishing. He counsels clients in connection with protecting their intellectual property assets and the marketing and distribution of their products, and represents clients before federal agencies including the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Trade Representatives Office and the Consumer Products Safety Commission. His education includes: Brooklyn Law School, *Juris Doctor*, 1980 and Sarah Lawrence College, Bachelor of Arts, 1977