



NCTO Elects Officers during Annual Meeting Held in Washington, DC

David Hastings Elected New NCTO Chairman Bill Jasper Elected Vice Chairman

David Hastings, president and CEO of Mount Vernon Mills, Inc. based in Mauldin, SC, was elected chairman during NCTO's seventh annual meeting held last week at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

Hastings has served in various capacities with Mount Vernon for over 23 years and assumed the duties of CEO in January 2009. Prior to joining Mount Vernon Mills, he was a manager with Arthur Andersen & Company. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has served as the treasurer and on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance.

Hastings, who grew up and still resides in Greenwood, SC, holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. He has been very active over the years in coaching youth sports, and he and his wife Kelly have three children.

William L. Jasper, president and CEO of Unifi, Inc. located in Greensboro, NC, was elected vice chairman of the organization.

Elected to the NCTO Board of Directors during the various Council meetings were the following:

Fabric and Home Furnishings Council – Norman Chapman of Inman Mills; Jerry Cook of Hanesbrands Inc.; Jason Copland of Copland Industries; Monte Galbraith of Denim North America; Allen Gant of Glen Raven, Inc.; and Bernie Hodges of Wade Manufacturing Company.

Fiber Council – Donald Burich of INVISTA, Marty Moran of Radicispandex, Inc., and James Netzel of DAK Americas.

Yarn Council – Allen Barwick of Shuford Yarns, LLC; Bill Carstarphen of Pharr Yarns, LLC; James Chesnutt of National Spinning Company; Trey Hodges of Swift Spinning; Gilbert Patrick of Patrick Yarn Mills, Inc.; and Robin Perkins of Frontier Spinning Mills;

Industry Support Council – Tony Almeida of Duke Energy, Bill Sherrill of Oerlikon Textile Inc., and Keith Taylor of Leigh Fibers.

After being elected chairman, Hastings' first order of business was to announce appointments to the following offices of NCTO: **president and CEO** – Cass Johnson, NCTO; **secretary** – Mike Hubbard, NCTO; and **treasurer** – Werner Bieri, Buhler Quality Yarns Corporation. He also announced chairmen for the following NCTO program committees: *Cotton* – Andy Warlick, Parkdale; *Government Procurement* – Steve Hundgen of Glen Raven Technical Fabrics; *Regulatory & Standards* – Jim Booterbaugh, National Spinning Company; and *Trade & Economic Policy* – Allen Gant, Glen Raven, Inc.

The National Council of Textile Organizations, headquartered in Washington, DC with an office in Gastonia, NC, is the national trade association representing the entire spectrum of the textile sector. Domestically focused to ensure a prosperous future for the U.S. textile sector and globally positioned to work effectively with our international allies, NCTO is on the front lines meeting the challenges of the 21st Century for the industry.

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY

- One of the largest manufacturing employers in the United States, the overall textile sector employed over 421,000 workers in 2009. Textile mills alone employed 126,000 workers.
- The third largest exporter of textile products in the world – more than \$10 billion in 2009.
- Nearly two-thirds of U.S. textile exports during 2009 went to developing countries. The U.S. textile industry exported to more than 50 countries, with 20 countries buying more than \$100 million a year.
- Supplies more than 8,000 different textile products a year to the U.S. military.
- U.S. textile shipments totaled \$48.7 billion in 2008.
- Invested more than \$9 billion in new plants and equipment from 2001-2006.
- Increased productivity by 50 percent over the last 10 years and ranks second among all industrial sectors in productivity increases.
- In 2009, textile workers on average earned 143 percent more than clothing store workers (\$517 a week vs. \$213) and received health care and pension benefits.

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