



## **NCTO Elects Officers during Annual Meeting Held in Washington, DC**

### **Bill Jasper Elected New NCTO Chairman Jay Self Elected Vice Chairman**

William L. Jasper, chairman of the Board and CEO of Unifi, Inc. located in Greensboro, NC was elected chairman during NCTO's eighth annual meeting held at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, DC last month.

Bill Jasper has been Chairman of the Board since February 2011 and has served as Unifi's CEO and member of Unifi's Board of Directors and the Company's Executive Committee since September 2007. Prior to his role as chairman, he served as president and CEO, vice president of sales and general manager of the polyester segment. He joined the company with the purchase of Kinston polyester POY assets from INVISTA in September 2004. Prior to joining Unifi, Mr. Jasper was the director of INVISTA's DACRON® polyester filament business. Before working at INVISTA, he held various management positions in operations, technology, sales and business for DuPont since 1980.

James C. Self III, president and COO of Greenwood Mills located in Greenwood, SC, 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 David Hastings of Mount Vernon Mills.

***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, Wayne Cuthbertson of Beacon Manufacturing/Pneumafil, and Bob Sage of Oerlikon Textile Inc.

After being elected chairman, Jasper's 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** – David Hastings, Mount Vernon Mills. 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century for the industry.

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### KEY FACTS ABOUT THE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY

- The U.S. textile industry is one of the largest manufacturing employers in the United States. In 2010, the overall textile sector, from fibers to final garments and other textile products, employed 563,026 workers. Textile mills and textile product mills employed 255,000 workers.
- The U.S. textile industry is 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 16 countries buying more than \$100 million a year.
- The U.S. textile industry has a long history of creating innovative, hi-tech products, from heart valve prosthesis and nanotube body armor to non-iron apparel and moisture wicking athletic wear.
- The U.S. textile industry supplies more than 8,000 different textile products per year to the U.S. military.
- The U.S. textile industry's textile shipments totaled \$48.7 billion in 2009.
- The U.S. textile industry invested more than \$14.4 billion in new plants and equipment from 2001 to 2008.
- The U.S. textile industry has increased productivity by 50 percent over the last 10 years and ranks second among all industrial sectors in productivity increases.
- The U.S. textile industry pays competitive wages to its workers. In 2009, textile workers on average earned 143% more than clothing store workers (\$517 a week vs. \$213) and received health care and pension benefits.

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