



THE ASSOCIATION & VOICE OF THE US SEWN PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

AATCC/SEAMS Annual Networking Conference

Westin Savannah Harbor Golf & Spa

Savannah, GA

Oct 5-7, 2025

Agenda

SUNDAY, 10/5/25

8:00AM –

SEAMS Golf Tournament and Networking

The Club at Savannah Harbor

1:00PM – 3:00PM

**AATCC Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Graduate Student
Paper Competition**

3:00PM – 5:00PM

Cocktail Networking Social

6:00PM – 9:00PM

Riverboat Dinner Cruise

MONDAY, 10/6/25

7:45AM – 8:30AM

Morning Coffee and Pastries/Breakfast Sandwiches

GENERAL SESSION 8:15AM – 5:15PM

8:30AM – 8:45AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:45AM – 9:45AM

Keynote: Kim Glas, President, NCTO

“The Global Trade Shakeup: What It Means for U.S. Textiles Now”

9:45AM – 10:45AM

Roger Tutterow, Professor of Economics, Kennesaw State University

“On the Economic, Political and Business Climate”

10:45AM – 11:15AM

Morning Networking Break

11:15PM – 12:15PM

Bill Amos, NW Alpine Gear

“Reshoring the Summit: A Vision for a Made in USA Outdoor Industry”

12:15PM – 1:45PM

Networking Lunch

1:45PM – 2:45PM

Nicole Bevins Collinson, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A.

“Trying to Untangle the Trade Tariffs: An overview of Trade Policy”

2:45PM – 3:15PM

Afternoon Networking Break

3:15PM – 4:15PM

Matt Bigelow, USA Brands - *includes Vermont Teddy Bear*

“How to Market and Sell American-Made Products in Today’s Economy”

4:15PM – 5:15PM

AATCC & SEAMS Awards Program

6:00PM – 9:00PM

Alphabet Soup Reception

9:00PM –

After Party

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Tuesday, 10/07/25

7:30AM – 8:00AM

Morning Coffee and Pastries/Breakfast Sandwiches

GENERAL SESSION 8:00AM – 12:00PM

8:00AM – 8:15AM

Opening Remarks

8:15AM – 9:15AM

Keynote Presentation: The Future Textiles Council: An Alliance for Industry Revitalization—Karl Aspelund, University of Rhode Island and Michael Woody, Trans-Tex LLC

CONCURRENT TRACKS: ONE AND TWO

(Feel free to alternate between tracks.)

TRACK ONE

9:15AM – 9:45AM

Carol Revels, Walmart

Advancements in Color Development and Approval

9:45AM – 10:00AM

Morning Networking Break

10:00AM – 10:30AM

Keith Hoover, Black Swan Textiles LLC

Challenges in Fabric Formation

10:30AM – 11:00AM

Thomas Braun, Swisstex

Textile Dyeing Process Developments and Challenges

11:00AM – 11:30AM

Ashok Shrivastava, Darlington Fabrics

Eco-Friendly Plasma Surface Treatment for Textile Finishing: A Comprehensive Review

11:30AM – 12:00PM

Roundtable Discussion, Track One Speakers

TRACK TWO

9:15AM – 9:45AM

Gregg Woodcock, AATCC Executive Director

Importance of Colorfastness and Physical Properties%

9:45AM – 10:00AM

Morning Networking Break

10:00AM – 10:30AM

Karen Leonas, North Carolina State University

Closing the Loop: Innovations and Trends Driving Circularity in the Textile and Apparel Industry

10:30AM – 11:00AM

Michelle Singh, Hohenstein

Navigating Obstacles in Circularity and Sustainability

11:00AM – 11:30AM

Shane O'Toole, Red Wolf Innovations

The Perfect Fiber: Natural or Synthetics?

11:30AM – 12:00PM

Roundtable Discussion, Track Two Speakers

12:00PM – 12:30PM

Recap of Tracks One & Two and Closing Remarks

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