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**Hilton Head Island**, SC, June 17 – Carson Copeland, Valdese Weavers, LLC, Valdese, NC was elected president of the Southern Textile Association. His election came during the STA Business Breakfast Session of the Joint Meeting of the STA and Fiber Buyers Groups held at The Marriott Resort & Spa at Palmetto Dunes, Hilton Head Island, SC. Carson succeeds Mike Kingsmore of Palmetto Finishing LLC, Easley, SC, who was elevated to Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Andrew Barker, Matrix Yarns, Inc., Charlotte, NC, was elected first vice-president, and Matt Shannon, Greenwood Mills, Greenwood, SC, was named second vice-president. Lillian Link of the Southern Textile Association, Smithsburg, MD, remains as secretary/treasurer. Rick Carpenter of Conitex Sonoco, Gastonia, NC, was named member-at-large.

Elected to the Board of Governors of four-year terms expiring in 2021 were: Steve Adams, Seydel-Woolley & Co., Inc.; Brad Dutton, FiberQuest; Vincenzo Mazzoleni, Marzoli International; Brian Moore, Sage Automotive Interiors; Mike Strader, Pharr Yarns; Robert Woodard, National Spinning Co., Inc. Elected to an un-expired term ending in 2020 were: Lee L'Oste-Brown, Denim North America; Vance Tiller, StaffMasters. Elected to an un-expired term ending in 2019 was Palmer Blair, Dillon Yarn Corporation and elected to an un-expired term ending in 2018 was Josh Clagg, Herman Reeves Sheet Metal.

The Joint Meeting of the Southern Textile Association and Fiber Buyer Groups was attended by more than 300 textile operating executives, wives and guests.

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