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Myrtle Beach, SC, June 18 – Andrew Barker, Matrix Yarns, Inc., Charlotte, NC was elected president of the Southern Textile Association. His election came during the STA Business Breakfast Session of the Joint Annual Meeting of the STA and Fiber Buyers Groups held at The Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC. Barker succeeds Carson Copeland of Valdese Weavers, LLC, Valdese, NC, who was elevated to Chairman of the Board of Governors.

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

Elected to the Board of Governors of four-year terms expiring in 2022 were: Preston Aldridge, FTA, Inc.; Josh Clagg, Herman Reeves Sheet Metal, Inc.; Tom Johnston, Picanol of America; Mike May, Louis P. Batson Company; John Riddle, Frontier Spinning Mills; and Kemp Smith, Inman Mills.

The Joint Annual 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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