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Hilton Head Island, SC, July 23 – Matt Shannon, Greenwood Mills, Greenwood, SC 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 Sonesta Resort at Shipyard Plantation, Hilton Head Island, SC. Shannon succeeds Andrew Barker of Matrix Yarns, Inc., Charlotte, NC, who was elevated to Chairman of the Board of Governors.

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

Elected to the Board of Governors of four-year terms expiring in 2023 were: Palmer Blair, Jr., Dillon Yarn Corporation; Ashley Grassi, Staubli Corporation; Tim Manson, Meridian Specialty Yarn Group; Thomas Poston, Daikin America, Inc.; Randy Smith, Mount Vernon Chemicals; Devin Steele, eTextileCommunications.com.

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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