

Standards Committee Meeting April 15th, 2026

In Attendance: Ram Shucart (co-chair), Tika Thomas (co-chair), Leah Holliday, Jessie Gustafson, Chuck Roehrich, Chris White, Don Parker

Prospective Members: Jim Young (3rd), Carol Young (1st), Jim Blanford (1st), Andrea Daly (1st)

Staff: Shannon Lee-Hutson, Sonia Ostendorf (periodic)

Note Taker: Tika Thomas

It was agreed that, Chris White could count this as his third meeting although he didn't attend all three in a row due to the chaotic start to the year.

*****Motion to count this meeting as Chris White's third meeting (Ram/Leah 6/0/1)**

Discussion about official attendance requirements for Standards members. Shannon will bring that info in next month. We will be taking attendance at all meetings.

*****Motion to approve agenda (Tika/Don 7-0-0)**

*****Motion to approve minutes from March 18th, 2026. (Don/Chuck 7-0-0)**

Old Business:

Pre-Screening Database

- The pre-screening database was brought up and discussed and it was decided to keep the topic on the work plan for September

Soaps and Scent Guidelines

- Andrea Daly shared her knowledge with the committee about the differences between essential oils as fragrance and synthetic fragrances.
- Shannon shared a possible way to break up scent into two categories, natural and synthetic.

- Natural scents could wrap their soap in paper or plastic and synthetic fragrances would be completely wrapped in plastic, or if a more environmentally way to wrap could be found, making sure that it is wrapped so scent doesn't seep through.

- Back stock would be kept in a sealed bin

- One display per scent on the table

- Warning label on synthetically scented soaps to warn of possible side effects

- The use of a scent calculator was discussed, as well as looking into the international standard of the International Fragrance Association.
- It was mentioned that we don't want to make the Standards Committee the police of soap makers process. We do want the guidelines to be more specific on how soaps should be wrapped and then the NOC process will be the way we can tell if the guidelines are being followed.
- We want to be sure to listen to the people with scent sensitivities. Some people are sensitive to all kinds of scents, whether synthetic or not.
- We will look into alternative ways to wrap soap that don't include plastic.
- Adding scents to May Agenda with a notice in the newsletter to include soap and candle makers.

Giveaways/Samples

- After talking about what the difference is between samples and giveaways, we will draft a giveaway/samples policy or the May meeting.
- Once we have created new guidelines, it was discussed that it's best to put the changes in the newsletter several times so people are aware of the new information.

New Business:

- A fan art presenter will be scheduled for June
- Legacy items will be discussed in August.
- Shannon handed out a Selling Opportunities list that we can give to potential members at the screening process when their product doesn't meet our standards, so we can steer them toward other opportunities.

*****Motion to adjourn (Don/Tika 7-0-0)**

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