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LOG OF MEETING

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SUBJECT: Meeting of ANSI – ASC A14 Ladder Committee Meeting

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LOCATION: American Ladder Institute (ALI) Headquarters, 401 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

COMMISSION ATTENDEE:

Thomas E. Caton, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:

Peter Simeonov, CDC NIOSH,
Erick Knox, ASC A14 Chairman
Janet Rapp, ASC
and ASC A14 Committee Members including George Kyanka, Irving Ojalvo, Michael Lorenzo, Stan Virkler
Mitch Keiffer, Core Distribution of Minneapolis.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

After reviewing the previous minutes and administrative items including the recent ANSI audit of ASC A14 committee and sales totals for the various A14 standards. American Ladder Institute (ALI) suggested a meeting at the National Safety Council Expo during June 11-15, 2011 for “100 years of Safety” in Chicago.

A video, “Articulated Ladder Safety,” was presented. It is one of several ladder safety videos available through the ALI internet site.

Peter Simeonov presented a brief review of the ladder use testing being conducted by the CDC NIOSH. The focus of the study is extension ladder and the items that the CDC is considering include: obstructions, rung shape influence on ladder set-up, leveling indicators, and influences affecting ladder set-up. It is possible that a report about the findings will be ready for review by the end of the year and for distribution in 2011.

Mitch Keiffer gave a presentation about telescoping ladders and the possibility of a new, separate standard or the addition to existing standards of requirements for telescoping ladders. These telescoping ladders are free standing and differ from the telescoping fire-escape ladders on the market.

Irving Ojalvo made a presentation for the establishment of a Ladder Incident Statistics Task Force to collect “US ladder incident and injury statistics by ANSI A14 Members and external organizations for use by the A14 Subcommittees that may be useful in improving ladder safety standards and reducing ladder incidents.” This task group may be of interest to CPSC for data collection activities.

Various sub-committee reports were made. Notable comments are:

- A14.1 Wood Ladders – there are only two wood ladder manufacturers in the US and Canada.
- A14.2 Metal Ladders – the standards specified linoleum test surface is obsolete and no longer made; a new surface is needed and the suggestion is to get away from linoleum and use a hardwood plywood surface.
- A14.3 Fixed Ladders – a very sought after standard because it is included in the NFPA building code.
- A14.5 Job-Made Ladders – needs a chair due the resignation of the previous chair.
- A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders - the standards specified linoleum test surface is obsolete and no longer made; a new surface is needed and the suggestion is to get away from linoleum and use a hardwood plywood surface.
- A14.7 Mobile Ladder Stands – is up for review and revising by expanding sections
- A14.8 Ladder Accessories – being developed; there are many accessories and should they fit the manufacturers ladder or be generic and fit all manufacturers’ ladders.
- A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairway – the name change in effect since April 2010.
- A14.11 Step Stool – still working on issues with products made from various materials, design issues such as the size of the step below the platform, foot clearance, working on eliminating the overlap between stepstools and stepladders.

The Labeling Task Force is working on developing label and proving that new labels are more readable than existing labels. The Labeling Task Group is looking for funding sources (+\$100,000) for using focus groups to study new label acceptance.

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