

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Log of Teleconference

SUBJECT: ANSI-ASC A14 Committee Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: September 30, 2020

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CPSC ATTENDEES: Thomas E. Caton, ESME – Attended via conference call

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ANSI-ASC A14 Committee for rooster

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting was the semi-annual ANSI A14 Ladder Sub-Committee meeting to review the various ladder sub-committee chair report standards. This meeting was conducted by teleconference due to national conditions.

The fifth year of the National Ladder Safety Month 2021 (www.laddersafetymonth.com) campaign was discussed involving an information campaign among different trades, occupations, organizations, publications, and the public.

The addition of the membership criteria for A14 Member Candidates and procedures for subcommittee chairs and subs were discussed.

The Label Task Group had nothing new to report.

The Handhold Task Force discussed documents that were sent out to group during September 2020. It was explained the meeting participants that incident data collected by CPSC does not indicate where a ladder was being held prior to an incident occurring. Hand hold position is a primary subject of the Handhold Task Force group.

The A14 committee reviewed the status of each A14 standard sub-committee. The following is a summary of the sub-committee reports:

- a. A14.1 Wood Ladders – The latest revision was published on September 1, 2018. A new sub-committee chair has been selected.
- b. A14.2 Metal Ladders – The latest revision was published December 22, 2017. Sub-committees A14.2 and A14.5 are working to coordinate their respective standards. This will include how articulated ladders work, broadening testing for all plastic parts, and clarification is needed for slip testing of articulated

ladders. Stepstool requirements have been moved to the A14.11 Stepstool standard.

- c. A14.3 Fixed Ladders – This sub-committee met yesterday. A new sub-committee chair has been selected. Draft standard being cleaned up and is expected for public review and final vote during Fall 2020.
- d. A14.4 Job Made – A new sub-committee chair has been selected. Still working on getting broader representation from unions and trades; hope for five more members with knowledge of job made ladders.
- e. A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders – revision published on December 7, 2017. Working with sub-committee A14.2 to coordinate standards.
- f. A14.7 Stands and Platforms - Rolling Ladder – Revision of standard is moving along. Revised standard sent to subcommittee for review and addressing one negative received so far.
- g. A14.8 Ladder Accessories - The draft standard was reviewed by A14 and a few negatives are being addressed resulting in figures being changed. Public review soon.
- h. A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways; Sub-committee looking for members and only one company has expressed interest in joining A14.9.
- i. A14.11 Utility Stepstool Standard; published June 22, 2018; No open issues need discussion except test surfaces until substantial changes completed.

New Business

Investigating the possibility of providing additional data material for purchasers of standards.

Next ANSI-ASC A14 Committee meeting tentatively planned for March 10, 2021 (subject to change) at ALI Headquarters in Chicago.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM ET.