

**LOG OF MEETING  
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** ANSI – Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) A14 Committee Meeting –  
American Ladder Institute

**DATE OF MEETINGS:** October 3, 2023

**LOCATION:** Zurich North America, Schaumburg, IL

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Thomas Caton

**COMMISSION ATTENDEE(S):** Thomas Caton, Hope Nesteruk, Caroleene Paul (all virtually)

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Contact ANSI - ASC A14 Committee for attendee list

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**Background:** This was the semi-annual meeting of the ANSI ASC A14 Ladder Committee.

***Task Forces***

The ANSI A14 Label Task Force is continuing their studies. The goal is to incorporate their finds into the various ANSI A14 standards.

The Hand Hold Task Force Group (Group) presented the findings of their semi-annual meeting held on September 18, 2023. The Group reported that their work is completed but more reports are still arriving. These documents will need a repository so they can be accessed. The Hand Hold Task Force Scope has been met and is ready to be disbanded with a final report presented during the Spring 2024 ANSI ASC A14 Committee.

***ANSI ASC A14 Subcommittees***

***A14.1 Wood Ladders*** – The use of plastic top caps was discussed.

***A14.2 Metal Ladders*** – The subcommittee is meeting with A14.5 to discuss ‘structural plastic cold impact’ and label testing. The subcommittee is continuing discussion whether A14.2 should be combined with A14.5. There is lots of overlap, but the remaining issues are that some products are more material specific, and some products are more product specific.

***A14.3 Fixed Ladders*** – Revisions are currently in an extended 30-day ballot and the group worked on addressing comments from two missed commenters.

***A14.4 Job-Made Ladders*** – The subcommittee discussed conflicts between A14.4 and OSHA, where OSHA requires employees to use a ladder for the intended load and train employees.

A14.4 does not have an intended load and there are questions regarding how training is to be accomplished.

***A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders*** – The subcommittee is meeting with A14.5 to discuss ‘structural plastic cold impact’ and label testing. There is continuing discussion whether A14.2 should be combined with A14.5. There is lots of overlap, but the remaining issues are that some products are more material specific, and some products are more product specific.

***A14.7 Mobile Ladder Stands & Platforms*** – The standard has been withdrawn but standard’s marketers are still selling it. The subcommittee has received twenty-eight comments and reported that a draft is being developed for a new standard.

***A14.8 Accessories*** – The subcommittee will meet on November 14, 2023, and will consider revisions to the standard. The current revision is dated 2020 and the next revision is planned for 2025.

***A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways*** – The subcommittee will meet on October 31, 2023, and will discuss the findings of the Label Task Force about safe handholds and labeling.

***A14.11 Step Stools*** – The subcommittee will meet on October 23, 2023, to discuss the next revision anticipated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2024.

### ***Future Plans***

The ASC A14 Committee is planning for a successful National Ladder Safety Month during March 2024.

The tentative date for the next semi-annual ANSI ASC A14 Committee meeting is March 7, 2024. The meeting will continue to be a choice of in-person or virtual.