

**LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

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

DATE OF MEETINGS: October 15, 2024

LOCATION: Virtual

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Thomas Caton

COMMISSION ATTENDEE(S): Thomas Caton (virtually)

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

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting opened with a discussion about plans for National Ladder Safety Month promotions during March 2025.

The primary discussion was to get back onto the 5-year revision schedule for the ANSI A14 Ladder standards. The plan is for two sub-committees to revise their standards so that two standards a year are revised until each sub-committee is back on a 5-year revision schedule by 2030.

Sub-committee A14.1 Wood Ladders – The revision of ANSI A14.1 is in final review.

Sub-committee A14.2 Metal Ladders and A14.5 Portable Reinforced Plastic Ladders are worked together on their revisions due to similarities between these two standards.

Sub-committee A14.3 Fixed Ladders – The sub-committee reviewed a negative about the use of a specific non-slip footwear heel shape by users of these ladders.

Sub-committee A14.4 Job-Made Wood Ladders – The sub-committee is awaiting the results of an ANSI audit.

Sub-committee A14.7 Mobile Ladder Stands & Platforms – Although this standard was withdrawn in 2022, the sub-committee is reviewing the slip test.

Sub-committee A14.8 Accessories – The sub-committee reviewed the whole document for consistency and formatting. Also, the sub-committee expanded the definition of an accessory to cover devices not affixed to the ladder but resting on the ladder.

Sub-committee A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways – The sub-committee discussed handrail testing used with stairways.

Sub-committee 14.11 Step Stools – The sub-committee finalized the new handrail test language and figure. The group discussed new labels that should be applied to new manufactured ladders and only to existing ladders if that ladder's existing labels had to be removed which would necessitate replacement ladders.

The tentative date for the next semi-annual ASC A14 Committee meeting is March 19, 2025. This meeting will be in-person with a virtual option.