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**Subject:** ANSI Accredited Standards Committee ASC A14 meeting at

**Date of meeting:** November 9, 2006

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**Location:** American Ladder Institute Headquarters, Chicago, IL

**CPSC Attendees:**

Thomas E. Caton, ESME  
Mark E. Kumagai, ESME

**Non-CPSC Attendees:**

Erick Knox, Engineering Systems, Inc.  
Ron Pietrzak, A14 Administrative Co-Secretariat  
Laura Waggoner, ALI Associate Coordinator  
Irving Ojalvo, Technology Associates  
Alan Kline, Lynn Ladder & Scaffolding  
Eric Kruse, Cosco Home & Office Products (Dorel)  
Jon Ver Halen, Ver Halen Engineering, P.C.  
Stan Virkler, National Frame Builders Association  
Charles Bird, Associated General Contractors  
Martin Silverman, A14.7 Chair  
Stan Kiska, A14.11 Chair  
John Johnson, Engineering Forensics & Testing

**Summary of Meeting:**

1. The meeting opened with a discussion of the membership of the ANSI-ASC A14 committee. Marc McConnell is the new president of the American Ladder Institute.
2. Standard sales totals were reported. Notable were the 177 copies of the A14.3 Fixed Ladder standards sold this year due to the NFPA incorporating this standard into their building code.
3. The A14.11 Step Stool standard has been balloted and a draft has been submitted in preparation for public review.
4. The primary purpose of this ACS A14 committee meeting was to review the final drafts of the following American National Standards: A14.1 for Wood ladders, A14.2 for Metal ladders, and A14.5 for portable Reinforced Plastic ladders.

These final draft standards were adjusted for consistency of terms plus a few editorial changes.

- After the standards' meeting, the label task group met. Examples of the editorial content of booklets to be provided with a sold ladder were distributed. In addition a British publication of ladder safety obtained from [www.hse.co.uk](http://www.hse.co.uk) was discussed. It was discussed if the booklet should be provided or attached to the ladder when sold. One suggestion was to expand on the warnings included on a label in the booklet.
- The code does not say that the label has to be bi-lingual
- A booklet might be a good choice because there is not enough space on a ladder for all the warning labels and a comprehensive warning could go into a booklet

The label group discussed meeting in the Washington, DC area and meeting with CPSC staff.

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