Materials Testing (PLAS-2007-12)

J. Chappen introduced this issue paper, stating that it proposes changes to sections 11 and 12 to reference ANSI Z124.4 and removing the requirements of section 4 (structural strength/integrity) and section 5.3 (wear and cleanability) where they are not applicable. J. Chappen stated that other sections of 24 (i.e., section 7) state that wear and cleanability does not apply because the requirements were meant for products used in built homes, not RVs. She maintained that because of the nature of RVs, they should not be held to the same requirements as a built home. Other standards have material testing stating that metals should be corrosion resistant where wear and cleanability are usually not included.

M. Clark inquired as to whether there are wear and cleanability standards implemented in Canada. S. Cavanaugh stated that the requirements in CSA are very similar to those in ANSI Z124, and are working toward being more harmonized. This change, it was argued, will bring NSF/ANSI 24 into agreement with IAPMO and CSA standards. K. Choquette argued that cleanability is important.

**Motion:** S. Cavanaugh moved to approve the change. W. Bryce seconded.

**Discussion:** W. Bryce stated that he agrees that RVs should not be required to meet the same standard as built homes. G. Runyan argued that because RVs are a broad class of vehicles, and because some are residences that are occupied year-round, a clarification may need to be made. J. Chappen pointed out that the life expectancy of RVs is much shorter than that of a built home. Therefore, wear and cleanability should reflect the expected life of the product, regardless of what percentage of the year they are used.

**Vote:** All in favor.

*Motion carries. The language will be balloted as proposed.*