Sarah Kozanecki read the antitrust statement and the meeting was called to order. Prior to the call, the following documents were circulated:

- 2008 Joint Committee Meeting Summary Excerpt
- Revised Language for General Sections
- Chair’s Responses to 2008 Straw Ballot Comments

J. Wammack explained that she reviewed the comments received at the JC meeting and from the 2008 straw ballot and revised the language accordingly. Her hope was to review it with this group and get approval. The following are additional revisions offered:

Purpose:

- I. Berman suggested replacing the word “system” with “tool” in the Purpose (this was approved by the group).
- P. Wakelyn expressed concern about stating that the Standard assesses sustainability. This was discussed at the JC meeting, however, and approved since it is assessing sustainability as defined by the parameters of the standard.

Scope:

- E. Harrington asked if the first sentence in the last paragraph of the Scope was needed. The group discussed this language and agreed that it was redundant with the language in the Purpose and agreed to eliminate it.
- H. Sullivan pointed out that not all of the specific sections were mentioned in the scope. The group discussed this and decided that for now, each exact section did not need specifying. The group discussed whether air should be mentioned, but agreed that due to the nature of that section, it was not necessary (it is currently monitoring requirements only).

Conformance:

- H. Sullivan suggested using the term “claim” or “declaration” when referring to first-party use of the standard, rather than verification. The group agreed to remove “verification of” in this section.
- J. Wammack asked if the last sentence in that section could be removed since it was redundant.

The group then reviewed the Chair’s responses to the 2008 straw ballot. The comments were modified as necessary and all approved responses are reflected in the updated spreadsheet. Regarding the question of whether to add recertification frequency, S. Kozanecki noted that it was typically discouraged from being included in the standard since it is an issue of certification. However, the group agreed that they should remain consistent with whatever the other NSF sustainability assessment standards have done. S. Kozanecki informed the group that BIFMA added language regarding recertification, but the carpet standard did not. The group agreed to stay consistent with what was added to the BIFMA standard.