M. Test Strips (2005-SPE-18)
Pools and spas require regular testing to ensure safety. Test strips are a critical tool for monitoring water chemistry. NSF 50, which covers a wide range of pool and spa products, treatment systems, and circulation systems, does not currently include specific requirements for the evaluation and performance validation of test strips. It is recommended that NSF 50 be updated to include these requirements.

Motion: Bob Pryor motioned to develop a task group to work on a test strip/kit protocol uniformity standard. Michael Beech seconded.

Discussion: Mary Costanzo stated that the task group needed to include test kits, electronic testing devices, and test strips. C. DiGiovanni stated that manufacturers need to be brought to the table to ensure accuracy, uniformity, and consistency across brands.

Vote: All in favor.

Motion passed. A task group will be developed to work on a test strip/kit protocol uniformity standard. (Task group- Suzie Campbell, Michael Beech, David Riggs-chair, Mary Costanzo, Dave Purkiss, Adolph Kiefer) Test strip, electronic testing devices, and test kit manufacturers will be researched.