

## MEETING LOG

**PRODUCT: Clothing Storage Units**

**SUBJECT: ASTM F15.42 (Furniture Safety) Tech to Tech Meeting**

**LOCATION: AHFA Headquarters 1912 Eastchester Drive, High Point, NC**

**DATE: April 17, 2019**

**ENTRY DATE: June 27, 2019**

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Michael Taylor**

**COMMISSION ATTENDEE(S): Michael Taylor, Hope Nesteruk**

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEE(S): Bill Perdue, Blake Gudbaur, Amy Kruse, Gary Bocock, Jonathan Stoll, Kevin Steer, Mike Lazorchick, Matt Howsare, Brian Adams**

### MEETING SUMMARY:

Bill Perdue of AHFA opened the meeting and we started with a review of the previous Tech to Tech meeting. We discussed a new process using two scales to ensure the fixture is balanced. We discussed new term drawer "guide length" to use for determining test position. Also, discussed changing outstop definition by adding a numerical minimum drawer guide length that would ensure an outstop is not considered an outstop unless it's  $>2/3$  drawer guide length.

AHFA has a program that allows members to obtain and display a tent card during a trade show only. The purpose is to show potential buyers the importance of furniture stability and the ASTM standard. These are used at "Market" which occurs 4 times a year. I asked about the process to obtain the tent card and found out there is no test result or documentation requirement to become a member of *We Comply*. Bill later expressed concern about this question and said he is going to look into it.

CPSC gave a brief overview of testing and current tipover priorities. Bill expressed interested in participating in protocol development. UL gave an update on the *Verified Program*, 12 manufacturer sites have been verified, additional 5 in process. UL owns the data and it's up to the manufacturer to release it. Sauder had no objection to sharing their results. Ashley asked about adding the UL Verified mark to the Warning label in F2057-17, the Label TG will discuss. AHFA's third party incident review conducted by Exponent revealed most affected victims are  $\approx 3$ yr olds and most affected weight  $\approx 42$ -44lbs.

The day ended with a demonstration of two Sauder chests being tested with a 60lb test fixture. Sauder is very concerned with the drawer guides not supporting the increased test fixture. The demo showed how a current design requires the added weight of 3 steel plates on the back to prevent tipover. The question of whether a broken drawer should be considered a passing test if the unit does not tipover.