

ASB Z50 SAFETY COMMITTEE

Annual Meeting Minutes Sunday, February 16, 2025

12:00 PM

Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld

Labrid, 2nd Floor

In Person Attendance:

Carl Rinaldi, Erika Record Baking Equipment

Steve Berne, Avant Food Media

Dave Hipenbecker, Fritsch/Multivac

Rod Harris, Shick Esteve (Coperion)

Toby Steward, TNA North America

Lisa Arato, Spiromatic

Jeremiah Tilghman, Better Butter

Jon R. Anderson, BEAG

Rowdy Brixey, BEST

Jerry Barnes, Babbco Group

Sarah Day, American Society of Baking

Jennifer McNelly (Guest), American Society of Safety Professionals

Pam Walaski (Guest), American Society of Safety Professionals

Cori Winslow (Guest), Vyv, Inc.

Virtual Attendance:

Todd Schneyer, Aspire Bakeries

Robert Burgh, Nexcor

Steve Kephart, United States Baking

Gale Prince, GP

Ed Baldwin, Babbco Tunnel Ovens

Peter Rasmussen, Festo Corporation

NOTE: The meeting was not recorded, any recording of this meeting is unauthorized.

1. Attendance, Physical (sign-in) and Virtual

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM by Toby Steward. Sarah asked all attendees to sign the attendance sheet. Toby welcomed everyone and asked everyone to silence their phones.

2. Identification – Please Clearly State Your Name Before Speaking

Toby asked all attendees to speak their name clearly each time before they speak. ANSI requires formal minutes to be submitted so the meeting notes must be taken accurately.

3. Previous Meeting Minutes – Review and Approval

Toby explained that we must all take a few minutes to review the 2/27/2024 minutes from the previous year for acceptance (minutes were emailed prior to meeting and available printed in the meeting room). Toby instructed those who were participating via Teams that if they are “in agreement” with the approval, they can remain silent but if they have any objections, they should speak up.

A motion to accept the 2024 minutes was presented, which was seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

4. Committee Membership Roster – Changes, Review and Approval (Roster had been emailed prior to this meeting.)

There have been 2 additions and 4 removals to the membership roster since the last meeting, as follows:

Removals

Ron	Warner	Equipment User
Cynthia	Chananie	Equipment Manufacturer
Blake	Colgan	Equipment Manufacturer
Alex	Peele	Equipment User
Jim	Bonatakis	General Interest

Additions

Carmen	Sammauro	General Interest
Dave	Hipenbecker	Equipment Manufacturer
Sarah	Day	General Interest

Other updates to the roster included Toby introducing Lisa Arato as the new Z50 Committee Chair. Toby will be stepping into the 'Past Chair' role, supporting Lisa through the next few years.

Everyone was in favor of accepting the current balance of Membership and the presented roster was approved.

5. Committee Membership Balance – Interest Categories

Toby explained that ANSI requires this committee to have equal participation from three main categories: Equipment Suppliers, Bakers (Equipment Users) and Other (General Interest) so that Z50 remains balanced as an accredited committee.

There are now 12 Equipment Manufacturers, 11 Equipment Users and 14 General Interest members. Total Membership is 37.

Equipment User	11
Equipment Manufacturer	12
General Interest	14

6. Comments and Objections – Right to Appeal Rulings

Toby advised that our meetings are open to the public and are never secret. We need to remain transparent at all times and if anyone has any objections related to this committee, they have the right to contact ANSI directly. We can work to a consensus, but you have the right to object or appeal.

7. ANSI Audit Report – Last Audit Completed May 2022, Next ANSI Audit Scheduled 2027, ANSI Reaccreditation Approval effective November 2022

Toby explained that the last audit in 2022 was okay and the process remains stable. The next audit will be in 2027. No changes are needed at the moment but please reach out to Lisa if you have any questions.

8. Procedures – (11-10-2022) – ANSI Annual Compliance – 2025 OK

ANSI Essential Requirements is an ANSI document that is reviewed by ANSI annually. This year there were 3 changes to that ANSI document for 2025, but they did not affect the Z50 Procedures, so no alterations were needed.

A procedural ballot was cast (3/22/24) to update ASB's new address in Indiana (Section 21) and update the ANSI website address (Section 22). The ballot received 25 responses from committee members, all approving the procedure recommendations as submitted.

9. Z50.1-2006 (R2016) Bakery Equipment Safety Standard (7/14/2016)

Status – Current and Approved, PINS Submitted 1/16/17

Review of Z50.1 – Subcommittee Update

10 Year Submittal Limit – July 2026

The last Z50.1 standard change was in 2016. A sub-committee was formed in 2017 to review the standard. Work stopped due to COVID and personnel changes, and now the sub-committee is working to revise the standard. The sub-committee is be Chaired by Jon Anderson. Please let Jon or Sarah Day know if you are interested in being involved with the sub-committee. The sub-committee is nearing completion of the review process. Current sections are being edited and modernized, and a new section is being added on robotics and automation. The revised standard will be presented to the full committee for approval before submitting to ANSI.

(ANSI asks us whenever we do not change a standard significantly, then we must Reaffirm every 5-years that we did not need any changes. 2016 was the last time Z50.1 was changed. If we intentionally need to change the standard, we take out what is called PINS (Project Initiation Notification System). We submitted PINS in 2017 for Z50.1 and that gives us another 5 years until July of 2026. Once we attain PINS, we do not want to drop it. We have completed about 85% of the work.)

10. Z50.2-2015 (R2020) Bakery Equipment Sanitation Standard

Status – Current & Approved 12/1/2020

There are no changes since it was approved in 2020. October 2025 is the next time it will be required to be evaluated for review, and either Reaffirm or Revise and redesignate the standard. The committee discussed and agreed that we should reaffirm this standard in 10/2025 and then we can revisit and decide if it should be opened using the PINS process for revision at a future date.

11. Other Business

➤ Bakery Equipment Assessment Group – Jon Anderson

Jon Anderson gave an update on BEAG, sharing that growth is steady but needs improvement. One 3rd party inspection was carried out in November 2024 by an independent individual. Jon will attend trade shows to market BEAG and the Z50.2 certification course in 2025 (BakingTECH in Feb, BEMA in June, IBIE in September, PACK EXPO in November).

A new certification was built by Sarah (ASB) for Z50.2 Standard to certify Internal Equipment Evaluators & 3rd Party Inspectors. Once certified, they will be required to put their individual certification ID on the applications to improve accountability for the process. Outreach to local county health & safety inspectors was discussed, as well as smaller mom & pop stores with the idea that if the end user requests the BEAG certification on their equipment, it will increase the equipment manufacturers desire to conform.

➤ Open Discussion

The committee will review the Incorporation by Reference (IBR) document by ANSI to understand how copyright, fair use, and IBR intersect for standard developing organizations. This will support the committee in understanding how to appropriately market and grow awareness of the standard in the correct manner.

Next planned meeting: Feb 17th 2026 (Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk)

Lisa Arato made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Hipenbecker seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.