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## **Update on ASTM Committee F10 Livestock, Meat, and Poultry Evaluation Systems**

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On April 25 and 26, 2002, ASTM held the second meeting of ASTM Committee F10 on Livestock, Meat, and Poultry Evaluation Systems at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE, with 27 members attending. The F10 Staff Manager, Bruce Noe (ASTM), reported that the ballot for changes to the Bylaws resulted in an affirmative vote. F10 membership has increased to 75 members.

On the first morning, the Subcommittees initially met as a group, then broke into task groups to continue discussion and development of the individual standards for F10.10 Design Specification, F10.20 Performance Criteria, F10.30 User Requirements, and F10.40 Predictive Accuracy. After lunch the task groups met again to discuss common and overlapping issues of each Subcommittee's standard.

The second day, each Subcommittee presented a report to the entire group on progress made by its task group. The F10.10 Subcommittee presented a draft of the design specification for comment from the rest of the group. Members of other Subcommittees offered comments and suggestions on the F10.10 draft. The F10.10 Subcommittee will consider these comments and incorporate them into the draft standard as appropriate. F10.10 intends to have a draft specification posted for comment on the ASTM Members site in the near future.

The Executive Committee announced that the next full Committee Meeting is scheduled at ASTM Headquarters in Conshohocken, PA, on August 15 and 16, 2002. The Subcommittees will continue to work electronically in the interim.

For additional background on this issue, see the November 2001 issue of the *Weights & Measures Quarterly*. For additional information on F10 or on becoming a Committee Member, contact Dick Suiter (NIST) by e-mail at [rsuiter@nist.gov](mailto:rsuiter@nist.gov) or by phone at (301) 975-4406.