I. Welcome:

Chair Matt Daley, GEA Farm Technologies, welcomed the group.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held in July 2015 were approved as is.

III. Overview of general standards development process:

Per the group’s request at the previous meeting, an overview of the standards development process from AEM’s role to ISO publication was provided. AEM Senior Director Technical & Safety Mike Pankonin presented a graphic illustration (see attached) and answered any questions, noting that it is a long process.

IV. Braking Standards Development:

Mike Pankonin proceeded to present on developments in braking standards (see attached). He noted that an AEM committee has been working for more than a year on comparing the EU Mother Regulation to current U.S. standards. Variances were then analyzed on a case by case basis to determine whether or not modifications should be made to the U.S. standard based on the European regulation. In cases where it was decided the U.S. standard should not be adjusted, a written justification citing specific reasons – differences in equipment, practices, field/road conditions, infrastructure, etc. – is to be crafted. The adjustments and updates to current U.S. standards could have significant impact on many manufacturers. Discussion ensued:
- It was suggested that beyond a gap analysis between the European regulations and U.S. standards, we should also do an analysis of which items have the highest risk and use that partially as the basis for any adjustments to be made.

- It was noted that perhaps it should fall to the leadership group to analyze/address risk vs. reward. While safety is a number one concern, financial aspects need to be considered as well – especially for those issues that may not pose significant risk.

- It was noted that while we definitely do want to stay ahead of the curve, we should not simply follow the European regulations. Mike indicated that the analysis process is ensuring that we don’t simply follow Europe.

- The question was posed as to a timeline in this process. Mike noted that proposed revisions would be projected to enter the standards process in June, and there is typically a 2-3 year timeframe until finalization and publication. He referred the group to the Communications Timeline included in his presentation.

V. **Ag Roadways Initiative – Standards Development Update:**

Mike Pankonin provided an update on the Ag Roadways Initiative including the current stats of the roadways standards being developed by consultant Mike Senneff (see attached).

The question was asked as to when the lighting & marking project would be complete. Mike projected it to be done by the end of May.

VI. **Legislative/Regulatory roadways activities in other states:**

AEM Director Government Affairs Nick Tindall noted that the DC office is continuously monitoring roadways activities in other states so that we may take action as needed. He stated that at this time the only activity of note is a bill submitted in Nebraska to exempt weight/size limits on agriculture equipment.

VII. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting date will be determined based upon roadways activities and any issues to be addressed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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