Subcommittee Chair’s Duties and Responsibilities
Objectives

➢ At the end of this module, you will be able to serve effectively as a Subcommittee Chair by:

➢ Handling administrative responsibilities
➢ Conducting an effective meeting
➢ Preparing items for Sub and Main Committee ballots
➢ Resolving negative votes effectively
➢ Utilizing available resources at ASTM Headquarters
Role of the Subcommittee Chair

➢ You serve as a:
  ➢ Leader
  ➢ Communicator
  ➢ Administrator
  ➢ Organizer
Responsibilities

➢ **Conduct effective meetings**

➢ **Record/Submit the meeting minutes**

➢ **Prepare items for ballot/submit ballot resolutions**

➢ **Handle inquiries on standards**

➢ **Roster Maintenance**
Delegation of Responsibilities
The Subcommittee Vice Chair

➢ Chairs meetings in your absence

➢ Assigns projects to task group chair and follows up on deadlines

➢ Answers correspondence
The Secretary

➢ Takes minutes

➢ Collects task group reports

➢ Distributes attendance lists

➢ Assumes responsibilities as delegated by the Sub Chair
Subcommittee Chair

Administrative Duties
Duties

➢ Report to main committee on subcommittee actions

➢ Process necessary information through the website

➢ Provide meeting room requirements and audio/visual needs for next meeting
Inquiries on Standards

➢ ASTM membership and staff are prohibited from offering official interpretation of standards

➢ Official responses must follow Section 16 of the ASTM Regulations

➢ Inquiries can be handled informally by sub-chairs and technical contacts

➢ Do not use ASTM letterhead for the response
Be clear that the response is a personal opinion

ASTM does not provide interpretations of standards. While an ASTM member may offer a personal opinion in this regard, the only action a committee or subcommittee may take is to introduce a revision to the standard to further clarify its intent. If you feel that a revision to this standard would clarify the technical content, I encourage you to provide the subcommittee with that information.

I have provided your inquiry by copy to the Subcommittee Chairman for his consideration as a possible item of new business for the subcommittee. He may offer you his personal opinion on this matter. His response is his opinion and unless otherwise stated does not represent that of the committee or ASTM. I would invite you to consider joining in the work of this committee. You will find more information and an application for membership on our web site at www.astm.org.

Please let me know if I may be of further service in this regard.

Sincerely,

xxx
Roster Maintenance

- Approve new members with classification and vote
- Check balance and classifications of existing members
- ASTM sends email notifications regarding new members and out-of-balance rosters
### Roster Maintenance

The Roster Maintenance section of the MyCommittees page is highlighted in red. This section is used to manage and update the rosters of various ASTM committees.

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Roster Maintenance
## Roster Maintenance

**Committee Summary**

- **Producer Votes Available:** 14
- **Total Official Voters:** 40
- **Total Members:** 77
- **Total Non Official Voters:** 37

### Pending Applications

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Conducting a Meeting
Preparation for a Meeting

➢ Review ballot results
➢ Review correspondence
➢ Review minutes and action items from previous meeting
➢ Review status of your subcommittee’s standards
➢ Update subcommittee roster/print attendance reports

➢ If using the ASTM virtual platform (WebEx, etc.) discuss with your Staff Manager on how to obtain the attendance reports.

➢ Contact task group chair
➢ Contact staff manager
➢ Checklist
Why is an Agenda Important?

➢ Prepares chair
➢ Prepares attendees
➢ Travel approval
➢ Creates an interest
➢ Defines clear objectives
➢ Serves as a valuable organizational tool
The Agenda Includes:

- Meeting date, time, location
- Agenda/minutes approvals
- Agenda items with background/goals
- Unfinished/New business
- Utilize the Create My Agenda tool
- Member Website Tools
# Create My Agenda

MyCommittees

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MyTools

- Roster Maintenance
- Negative & Comments
- MyOutstanding Ballots
- MyWork Items
- MyCollaboration Areas
- Ballots & Workshops
- Meetings, Minutes & Agendas
- Create MyAgenda
- Create MySchedule
- Create MyMeeting Materials
- Submit Minutes & Agendas
- Agenda/Minutes/Closing Reports tracker

Additional Resources
Create My Agenda

Create your Subcommittee Meeting Agenda:

- Subcommittee or Section: *
- Meeting Date: * MM/DD/YYYY
- Meeting Location: * (comma-separated)
- Start Time: * 8:00 AM
- End Time: * 9:00 AM

CREATE AGENDA CLEAR

Documentation:

For guidance on Preparing an Agenda, visit https://www.astm.org/media/pdf/H1013-06.pdf

Templates: Main Committee, Executive Subcommittee

The following item topics will automatically be added to your Subcommittee Agenda. If desired, you can remove any of these items after Agenda creation:

- Call to order and introduction of attendees
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Membership Updates
- Ballot Results (ballots closed since last meeting)
- Outstanding Negatives needing Resolution (prior to last meeting)
- Standards Requiring Review
- New Standard and Reinstatement Work Items (Not Currently on Ballot)
- Revision and Withdrawal Work Items (Not Currently on Ballot)
- Task Group Reports (Other than work items)
- Liaison Reports
- Old business
- New business
Create My Agenda

Meeting Agenda
F08.22 on Composite Softgoods

Sub-Chairman: Dick James P
Date and Time: July 27, 2016, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Place: Cell Tech City, UT

1. Call to order and introduction of attendees
2. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the ASTM Antitrust Statement (new statement at the end of the agenda)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Membership Update

Balance Report
As of 06/12/2016 16:42 PM
Producer Votes Available: 5

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6. Action Items (next meeting)
   a. Make/Disapproved Items
   F08.22/15f
   F08.22/15g
   F08.22/15h
   F08.22/15i
   F08.22/15j
   F08.22/15k

7. Standards Requiring Review
   Status: Ballot Action Required
   F1120/F1124-2013 Text Amendment for Measuring Sleeping Bag Loft
   Status: Ballot Action Required
   F1125/F1126-2013: Specification for Establishing the Footprint of a Backpacking or Mountaineering Tent
   Status: Ballot Action Required

8. New Standard and Reinstatement Work Items
   b. W12-316-18: Technical Content, Draft, January 18

9. Revision and Withdrawn Work Items
   a. W11-180:18 Revision and Withdrawn Work Items

10. Text Amendments (excluding Work Items)

11. List of Participants

12. Old Business

13. New Business/Committee Correspondence
14. Administrative Deadlines
15. Future Meetings

Board Name: November 2016 Committee Week
Dallas, Texas: November 01-02-2016; Friday, November 08-2016
Location: Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. 2055
16. Meeting Adjournment

Read Antitrust Statement

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For a complete list of standards see
http://www.astm.org/COMMIT/SPRS/2.html

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Opening a Meeting

➢ Start on time
➢ Delegate the task of taking minutes if you don’t have a subcommittee secretary
➢ Review ASTM’s Antitrust Statement (included in the agenda)
➢ Announce that recording of any kind (audio or video) is not allowed in ASTM meetings (See Section 9.7 of the ASTM Regulations)
➢ Review the agenda/obtain agreement on the meetings objectives and goals
➢ Revise agenda if necessary
➢ Refer to section 19 of the ASTM Regulations
During the Meeting

➢ Use ASTM Regulations
➢ Use Robert’s Rules of Order
➢ Use time efficiently
➢ Use members effectively
How to Make a Motion

➢ Motion made
➢ Motion seconded
➢ Chair calls for discussion of the motion
➢ Chair calls for vote on the motion
➢ Officer Handbook (Red Book)
➢ Refer to section: Use of Motions at ASTM Meetings
Role of the Chair

➢ Remain neutral

➢ Recognize attendees who wish to speak

➢ Maintain order
Closing a Meeting

➢ State conclusions reached

➢ Summarize assignments

➢ Review requirements for next meeting
Enter Neg. Dispositions from Meeting
Preparing Items for Ballot
Registering Work Items

➢ Required to register upon initiation of work on new standards or revision to existing standards

➢ No work item registration is needed for re-approvals, withdrawals or reinstatement
Monitoring New Work Items

- Establish procedures for who will register work items within the subcommittee
- Review content and authorize the posting of the work item to the web
- Keep active work items current and delete dropped projects
Why Work Items?

➢ Promote activity

➢ Provide visibility

➢ Serve as tracking number

➢ Initiate the “Standards Tracker” function
Registering a Work Item

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Balloons & Workitems
Registering a Work Item

ASTM Work Item Registration Area and Ballot Item Submittal

Choose from the following options:

- **I need to register a Work Item for a Revision or New Standard.**
  
  Work Item registration is not required to submit a Reapproval, Withdrawal or Reinstatement action to ballot; go to Option 2 - Ballot Item Submittal

- **I need to Submit an Item to Ballot.**
  
  For Revisions and New Standards, please have a Work Item number. Go To Option 1 - Work Item Registration if WK registration is needed.

- **I need to Edit an existing Work Item or Update the Target Date.**

[Continue]
Issuing a Ballot

- **Subcommittee Ballot:**
  - Subcommittee Chair or their designees are authorized to initiate a subcommittee ballot
  - Motion passed at a subcommittee meeting
  - Rationale required for each ballot item
  - Proposed new standards undergoing its initial round of balloting
  - Revisions to an existing standard that subcommittee members believe warrant a subcommittee ballot
Issuing a Ballot

Concurrent Ballot:

- Revisions to an existing standard or new standards that have undergone at least one subcommittee ballot can be issued concurrently.
- Concurrent ballots need to be approved by the main committee chair and the subcommittee chair.
- Rationale required for each ballot item.

Handling Negatives Votes
Preparing New Drafts for Ballot

➢ Use the standard templates

➢ Use the Form and Style Guide for:

➢ Proper format of Test Methods, Specifications, Classification, Practices, Guides, and Terminology

➢ “Up Front” editing available via Headquarters
Preparing Revisions for Ballot

➢ Register a work item

➢ A link to the Word document will be provided to the technical contact via webmaster.org

➢ A link to instructions on how to prepare the work item for ballot will also be provided

➢ Track Changes appear in the margin of the document

➢ Submitting entire standard is not necessary, only revised sections
Preparing a Rationale for Ballot

➢ Short, concise explanation for balloting the item

➢ Previous ballot history

➢ Changes made due to negative votes or comments

➢ Include all contact information
Resolving Negatives Effectively

1. COMMUNICATION
2. CONSIDERATION
3. DOCUMENTATION
Contact the negative voter:

- Before the ballot closes
- Before the meeting
- After the meeting
Consideration

- Discussion at a subcommittee meeting to determine the resolution of the negative.

- Resolutions can also be determined via committee admin ballot.
Documentation

➢ Document motions, vote count, and rationale in minutes

➢ Respond to negative voter

➢ Resolving the negative online

➢ Additional training is provided on Balloting and Handling Negative Votes
Disposition of Negative

➢ Persuasive

➢ Withdrawn

➢ Withdrawn with Editorial Change(s)

➢ Not Related

➢ Not Persuasive
Utilization of Available Resources
Tools and Resources

➢ Form and Style Guide- Editorial (Blue Book)
➢ ASTM Regulations (Green Book)
➢ Officer Handbook (Red Book)
➢ Committee Bylaws (refer to individual committee)
➢ Virtual Classroom for Members
➢ Standard Templates
➢ Professional Development
Tools and Resources (cont’d)

➢ **WebEx/ Conference Call**

➢ **Standards Tracking**

➢ **Products and Services/ updates**

➢ **Publicity (Standardization News/Press Releases)**
Finding Resources Online

Technical Committees

Technical Committees develop and maintain ASTM standards. They are grouped by designation according to related activities within a particular scope of work (e.g., A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys). ASTM Committees are made up of over 32,000 volunteers from industry and include manufacturers and consumers, as well as other interest groups such as government or academia. Any interested individual can participate on a Technical Committee through ASTM membership.

Standards Development

- Initiate a New Standards Activity
- How Standards Get Developed
- Society (Public) Review
- ANS Public Review
- SCC Public Review

Other Programs and Services

- Interlaboratory Study Program (ILS)
- Product Certification Process & Checklist

Policies & Procedures

- Key Documents and Forms
- Intellectual Property Policy

Key Documents and Forms

- Form and Style Manual for ASTM Standards or “Blue Book”
- Regulations Governing ASTM Technical Committees or “Green Book”
- Draft Standard Templates
- ASTM Technical Committee Officer Handbook or “Red Book”
- Strategic Planning Manual (PDF)
- Proxy Form—For Voting (PDF)
- 2020 Certificate of Attendance
- Symposium Proposal Form
- Directions for Preparing and Submitting Work Items for Ballot
# ASTM Staff Resources

- **Staff Manager and Administrative Assistant**
- **Communications** (Publicity Request Form)
- **Form and Style Guide - Editorial** (Blue Book)
- **ASTM Regulations** (Green Book)
- **Officer Handbook** (Red Book)
- **Honors & Awards**
- **Interlaboratory Study Program (ILS)**
- **Product Certification Process & Checklist**
- **Sustainability**
- **Emerging Professionals Program**
- **Contract & Project Management Services**
- **Symposium Proposal Form**
- **Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and Certification**
- **ASTM Proficiency Testing Program Testing (PTP)**
- **ASTM Training and eLearning**

- **Key Documents and Forms**
- **Intellectual Property Policy**
- **Principles for Use of ASTM Intellectual Properties by Other Standards**
- **Patents**
- **Trademarks**
- **Use of ASTM Letterhead**
- **Copyright/ Permissions**
- **Antitrust**
- **Interpretations**
- **Official Committee Responses**
- **ASTM Logo Use**
Review of Today’s Objectives

➢ Handling administrative responsibilities
➢ Conducting an effective meeting
➢ Preparing items for sub and main committee ballot
➢ Resolving negatives effectively
➢ Utilizing ASTM resources
Good Luck in Your Important Role!
Questions?
Thank you for your attention!