Balloting and Handling of Negative Votes
General Overview of Different Levels of Balloting

The Committee on Standards (COS)

Main Committee Ballot / Society Review

Subcommittee Ballot
Balance and Voting vs. Non-Voting
Balance of Interest

Classified technical committees are required to be balanced. Voting producers cannot out weight the combined voting user and general interest.
Voting Rights: Voting vs. Non-Voting

- 1 official vote per interest (company)
- **All** are welcome to participate in technical discussions
- **All** members receive a ballot and are eligible to vote on technical issues
- **All** negatives are considered the same way
- However, Non-official voting negatives are not included in the requirements for a valid ballot
- Voting members can lose their vote for failure to return ballots (Inactivity)

*All = Voting and Non-Voting Members.*
The Subcommittee Ballot
Subcommittee Ballot

• Purpose of Subcommittee Ballot

➢ New Standards
➢ Revisions

• See Section 11.1 of ASTM Regulations on Issuance of Subcommittee Ballot
Subcommittee Ballot Qualifications

- Authorization of Subcommittee Ballots
  - Sub chair
  - Motion at Meeting (simple majority)

- Ballot Open for Minimum of 30 Days.

- Qualifications for Valid Subcommittee Ballot – 60% return and 2/3 affirmative
Sub Ballot Notification Email

Subcommittee Ballot for Acceptance Specifications and Precast Concrete Box Sections - C13.07 (18.01)

To access the ballot to submit your vote, go to C13.07 (18.01) (ASTM login is required). The ballot will be open and available on the web from JUL 11, 2018 to AUG 13, 2018.

All voting members are required to return ballots. Your ballot response is important to the committee in obtaining the required 60% return for a valid ballot. Failure to return ballots may affect your voting status.

Please add conserv@astm.org to your address book to ensure delivery of ballot notifications and reminders. Do not reply to this automated email. For web support, contact support@astm.org.

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ASTM Ballot F18.15 (21-01)

Mentorship: 1803687
Krista Robbins
krobins@astm.org
ASTM International
100 Bar Harbor Drive
West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428

Sub Committee: F18.15
Letter Ballot F18.15 (21-01)
Issue Date: Nov 24, 2021
Closing Date: Dec 4, 2021 (11:59 pm Eastern)
Society Reviewer:
Staff Manager: Krista Robbins
E-Mail: krobins@astm.org

Individual Documents: Click on the item description on the ballot below.
All Documents: To download all supporting documents (ZIP file), click ALL DOCUMENTS. (Need help with a ZIP file? Click here.)
About Voting: Expired

Note: Any negative vote shall be given consideration by the Subcommittee in accordance with ASTM Requirements. It is expected that negative votes will be considered in conjunction with the next meeting of the Committee, unless handled by ballot or if a Special Subcommittee meeting is called. Negative votes may wish to confirm the exact date and time for discussion with the Staff Manager or on the posted meeting schedule on the ASTM website. For a list of all ASTM Committee meetings, click meetings.

For Troubleshooting and Technical Assistance, Click here.

SUBMIT BALLOT TO ASTM SAVE AND RETURN LATER CLEAR

☐ Affirmative all items, except as marked below
☐ Abstain all items, except as marked below

Item No. + Sub No. Item

1 Revision Of F0496-2020 Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves

☐ Affirmative ☐ Affirm with Comment ☐ Negative with Comment ☐ Abstain ☐ Abstain with Comment 

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Revision Of C1433-2016B Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers WK63980 PDF (232K)
(SEE VOLUME 04.09)
TECHNICAL CONTACT: George W Hodge
wayne.hodge@rinkerpipe.com
(832) 580-8568

Negative with Statement

Negatives are acted upon at a meeting or by ballot. If your negative is handled by ballot, only your written statement will be included. It is important to submit a complete statement identifying the applicable section(s) of the ballot item, the reason(s) for your negative vote, and if possible, alternate wording to satisfy your negative.

Enter Section #

ADD ANOTHER STATEMENT

Upload a File

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Subcommittee Ballot Results

• Ballot Results Summary

- Negatives and Comments are posted online within 24 hour

- Closing Report includes links to all the comments and negatives after the ballot closes
My Ballots

Committee F18 Ballots

You are an Officer or Technical Contact of the committee and/or subcommittees listed under the 'Ballot Queue' column, below. To access a listing of items that have been submitted for the next ballot, click on the ballot link.

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You are a member of the committee and/or subcommittees listed under the 'Ballot' column, below. To access a complete list of all open ballots, click on 'All Ballots', above.

To Vote: Select a ballot below. You can review the items within it and select options to approve, disapprove or abstain. Click here for information on saving, reviewing and submitting votes, as well as for reviewing closed ballots and the input received on them.

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# Closed Ballots/Closing Report

## E05 Closed Ballots and Closing Reports

To view the ballot items documents, click on the ballot designation link below. To view a Closing Report, click either Web View or PDF button.

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Closing Report

MyASTM / Ballot Negatives and Comments

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SUB COMMITTEE BALLOT C13.07 (17-01)
CLOSING DATE: August 15, 2017
Closing Ballot Item(s) View:

To print or download individual negative votes and comments click the item number. Scroll to the bottom of the page to download more than one item at a time. Click here to download all negative votes/comments(PDF file).

Ballot Statistics:

Committee | Sent | Returned | % Returned
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C13.0700 | 40 | 31 | 77.55%

Click here for information on ballot items without negatives or those with comments only.

ITEM | SUB | ACTION
---|---|---
001 | 57 | Revision of C1786-2013 Specification for Segmental Precast Reinforced Concrete Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Storm Sewers Designed According to ASHTO LRFD

TECHNICAL CONTACT:
Margaret Talou

WORK ITEM: WK59589

NEGATIVE VOTERS: (all subcommittee member negatives must be considered)
Steve Delgrosso

COMMENTS:
James A. Nystrom
Negative

Ballot Number: C13.07 (17-01)  Close Date: AUGUST 14, 2017
Item Number: 001  Revision Of C1788-2016 Specification for Segmental Precast Reinforced Concrete Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers Designed According to AASHTO LRFD WK59589 (SEE VOLUME 4.5)

TECHNICAL CONTACT: Margarita Takou

Member's Name: Steve Dello Russo
Address:
Phone Nr:
Fax Nr:
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Affirmative with Comment(s)

Affirmative with Comment

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(SEE VOLUME 4.5)
TECHNICAL CONTACT: Margarita Takou

Member's Name: James A Nystrom
Address: 
Phone Nr: 
Fax Nr: 
Email Address: 
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Statement:
Section  Statement

In paragraph X1.2.3, last sentence, the word "consideration" connotes, in my understanding, that the use or value of the MPF is an option. I think a stronger word should be used.
The Three-Step Approach to Handling Negative Votes

1. COMMUNICATION

2. CONSIDERATION

3. DOCUMENTATION
Five Resolutions of a Negative Vote

➢ Persuasive

➢ Withdrawn

➢ Withdrawn with Editorial Change(s)

➢ Not Related

➢ Not Persuasive
Persuasive

- General Agreement
- Lack of a “not persuasive” motion
- A “not persuasive” motion fails (does not achieve a 2/3 affirmative)
- Item is removed from ballot for further consideration
Withdrawn by the voter

May withdraw negative at any time

Ballot item moves forward
Withdrawn with Editorial Change

- Withdrawn by the voter/agreed as editorial

- Editorial change introduces no change in technical content, but corrects typos or reduces ambiguity

If editorial changes are involved, please include for next level of balloting
Not Persuasive and Not Related

- Motion/Second/Rationale
- 2/3 affirmative vote at a meeting or via ballot
- Negatives that are determined Not Related **must** be addressed as items of new business
The Main Committee Ballot
Initiation of Main Committee Ballots

- **Submittal Requirements:**
  
  - For items that had Not Persuasive/ Not Related negatives on the subcommittee ballot, you must include the following:
    
    - Name and affiliation of negative voters
    - Negative voter’s statements
    - Resolution, vote count, and rationale
    - Numerical results of the subcommittee ballot

  - Open for 30 Days

  - Simultaneous with Society Review
Concurrent Ballots

➢ Balloting Subcommittee & Main Committee simultaneously

➢ Used for revisions, withdrawals, or new standards that have undergone at least one subcommittee ballot.

➢ Note- Reapprovals are balloted at Main Only.

➢ No sub-ballot required.

➢ Same requirements as Main Committee Ballot

➢ Simultaneous with Society Review

➢ Authorization
Qualifications for Valid Main Committee / Concurrent Ballots

➢ 90% Affirmative of Combined Affirmative & Negative Votes

➢ 60% Return

➢ Late Ballot Returns

➢ Closing Reports

➢ Final Ballot Results

➢ Disposition of Negatives

➢ Affirmative Votes w/ Comments
Society Review

➢ In Tandem with Main Committee Ballot
➢ Notifications posted on ASTM Website
➢ Requirements
➢ Disposition of All Negatives
Society Review

Society (Public) Review

Society (Public) Review of Main Committee Ballot Actions

December 2021

Deadline for Receipt: Must be received before January 1, 2022

Download Ballot Actions

The items listed are currently being balloted by the corresponding main committee and are submitted here for review. To request copies of proposed new standards and revisions of standards for review and voting purposes only, please email socrev@astm.org and provide the following information:

- Your name
- Your member number
- The designation and title of the main committee of interest (e.g., A04 on Iron Castings)
- The designation of the ballot (e.g., 200-01)
- The specific item(s) (e.g., Item 22)

After receiving the items you’ve requested, if you would like to comment or vote negative you may submit additional correspondence to ASTM Headquarters. All comments and negatives submitted by Society members will be considered by the originating subcommittee and main committee.

- A04 (21-02)
- C17 (21-03)
- C18 (21-04)
- C24 (21-02)
- C27 (21-02)
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- D20 (21-06)
- D25 (21-07)
- E06 (21-04)
- E37 (21-06)
- E41 (21-03)
Handling Negatives by Ballot

1. **Approval** – Subchair or by motion at a meeting. For concurrent or main, subchair and main chair or motions at both meetings.

2. **Process** – Work with your staff manager for the template and approach to documenting the response to the negative.

3. **Requirements** – Ballot captures official voters (similar to a meeting) but allows entire Subcommittee or Main Committee input.
Template for Ballot Item

The Regulations Governing ASTM Technical Committee Operations provide for actions on negative votes to be conducted either at a meeting or by ballot. This is a ballot to (find a negative not persuasive/not related or uphold the action of the subcommittee).

Before voting, please be clear as to what your vote means.

- **AFFIRMATIVE** – Indicates that you SUPPORT THE ACTION in ruling the negative vote (not persuasive/not related) and that you DO NOT AGREE WITH THE NEGATIVE VOTER.
- **NEGATIVE** – Indicates that you DISAGREE in ruling the negative vote (not persuasive/not related) and that you AGREE WITH THE NEGATIVE VOTER. Negative votes do not include a written statement.
- **ABSTAIN** – indicates that you do not wish to vote to agree or not agree with the task group in ruling the negative vote not persuasive/not related. It is preferable to abstain if you have no interest in the ballot item.

Members who do not have an official vote can view this action and can vote, but are not counted as part of the official tally.

**Background or summary on ballot history:**
Committee on Standards (COS)

- 9 Member Group Representing ASTM Committees
- Due Process
- Appeals Based on Procedural Matters (NOT Technical)
- COS Ballot Procedures
- Final Approval
Summary of Balloting

Committee on Standards

Society Review

Main Committee

Sub

Final Review and Approval of Procedures (9 Member Group)

Society Review
NO % Return Required
NO % Affirmative Required

Main Committee
60% Return Required
90% Affirmative Required

Subcommittee
60% Return Required
2/3 Affirmative Required
Communication/Consideration/Documentation

1. **Communication** – Meeting agendas, correspondence, direct contact between member & negative voter and other documentation

2. **Consideration** – Both subcommittee and main committee at a meeting or via ballot

3. **Documentation** – Online negative resolution tool, minutes, correspondence
# My Tools: Negatives

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[Link to ASTM website](www.astm.org)
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**TECHNICAL CONTACT:**
Ryan Pelter

**WORK ITEM:** WK60751

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**NEGATIVE VOTERS:** (all ASTM member negatives must be considered)

- New! Timothy J McGreath
  - Enter Disposition

- William E Washabaugh
  - Enter Disposition

**COMMENTS:**

- New! Tyson H Hicks
Resolution Options

Submit disposition **Timothy J McGrath** negative vote. Click [here](#) to view negative.

- **PERSUASIVE** - (Any part of the negative vote was found persuasive; Item removed from ballot)
- **WITHDRAWN** (Entire negative vote was withdrawn without editorial changes)
- **WITHDRAWN WITH EDITORIAL CHANGES** (Entire negative vote was withdrawn with editorial changes)
  Clearly distinguish editorial changes from the ballot item using "track changes" or provide in a separate list format (attach below). Please do not provide a clean copy of the document. Submission may be made in separate document.

Choose File  No file chosen

- **NOT PERSUASIVE** (Entire negative vote was found not persuasive or there is a combination of not persuasive and not related or withdrawn dispositions)
- **NOT RELATED** (Entire negative vote was found not related or there is a combination of not related and withdrawn dispositions)
**Not Persuasive Ruling**

**MAIN COMMITTEE BALLOT C13 (17-07)**
**ITEM 001 - REVISION OF C0076-2016**

Submit Disposition of Timothy J McGreth: negative vote.
Click [here](#) to view Negative Vote.

**Subcommittee Meeting Date:** [ ] [ ]  **Main Committee Meeting Date:** [ ] [ ]

Or Via  Or Via

Ballot - enter data as in MCS, e.g. F150109 Item - enter using three places, e.g. 001

If there are multiple resolutions by ballot indicate the ballot item number in the ruling rationale.

**Ballot:** [ ] [ ]  **Item:** [ ]  **Ballot:** [ ] [ ]  **Item:** [ ]

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Helpful Hints

➢ Ballot controversial sections individually

➢ Use good judgment when balloting sections separately

➢ Provide clear and informative cover letter for ballot item(s)

➢ Try to contact the negative voter before the meeting
More Hints

➢ Address each portion of the negative vote

➢ Provide editorially revised document when resolving a negative vote as withdrawn with editorial changes

➢ Comments are intended for editorial issues or technical items of new business
Resources

➢ ASTM Regulations –
https://www.astm.org/media/pdf/regs_Regulations.pdf

➢ ASTM Form and Style Manual –
https://www.astm.org/FormStyle_for_ASTMDSTDS.html

➢ ASTM Technical Committee Officer Handbook -
Thank you for your attention!