

ASTM Standards Development

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2. Anyone can participate in subcommittee meetings and submit comments on ballots. Only ASTM members’ votes count in the required ballots returns and majorities. Subcommittee membership must be balanced with “User” and “General Interest” members having a majority over “Producer” members. Non-members can participate as well and submit votes and comments on proposed standards. These are treated the same as those submitted by members. The only difference is that they are not counted in the official tally of affirmative/negative votes to determine an adequate return and majority.
3. Members will be able to review documents and vote through the ASTM website and electronic voting process. Non-members who wish to participate can sign up through a request to the chairman or ASTM Staff and will receive information on meetings, conference calls, drafts and ballots by e-mail.
4. Procedures
 - A. All changes to standards are required to be approved by letter ballot at two levels. The subcommittee must vote first.
 - a. A minimum 30 day voting period is required.
 - b. Must get a minimum 60% return
 - c. Must get a minimum 2/3’s majority of affirmative/negative total.
 - B. All negative ballots must be addressed
 - a. Editorial – Change made that does not affect content or results. Spelling, clearer wording, etc.
 - b. Persuasive – Results in a substantive change and requires re-balloting of subcommittee.
 - c. Not-Persuasive – Reasons must be stated. Requires 2/3rds majority vote of affirmative/negative total at a subcommittee meeting.
 - C. Main Committee Ballot

- a. 30 day voting period.
- b. 60% minimum return.
- c. 90% Affirmative required.
- d. Any negatives must be addressed in the same manner as subcommittee negatives.
- e. Cannot go to Main Committee ballot unless the Chairman concludes that there is no likelihood of subcommittee members voting negative.
- f. Main committee balloted for review of subcommittee findings of not-persuasive negative ballots. Requires 2/3rds majority of members voting affirmative/negative.

D. Society Review

- a. No longer a Society ballot unless it is requested by the main or subcommittee.
- b. All standards actions are reviewed by the ASTM Committee on Standards (COS) which reviews only the process (i.e. voting procedures, returns, negative handling, etc.) to assure that the procedures have been followed.

All ASTM standards are to be revised, reissued or withdrawn on a 5 year cycle. If a standard has not been revised or reissued within **8 years** of its last publication, it is **automatically withdrawn**.

Subcommittee E06.54 has 8 active standards:

E1509-12 Standard Specification for Room Heaters, Pellet Fuel-Burning Type

E1602-03(2010)e1 Standard Guide for Construction of Solid Fuel Burning Masonry Heaters

E2515-11 Standard Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected by a Dilution Tunnel

E2558-13 Standard Test Method for Determining Particulate Matter Emissions from Fires in Wood-Burning Fireplaces

E2618-13 Standard Test Method for Measurement of Particulate Emissions and Heating Efficiency of Solid Fuel-Fired Hydronic Heating Appliances

E2779-10 Standard Test Method for Determining Particulate Matter Emissions from Pellet Heaters

E2780-10 Standard Test Method for Determining Particulate Matter Emissions from Wood Heaters

E2817-11 Standard Test Method for Test Fueling Masonry Heaters

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