

# Developing a Standard for Work-based Learning



Non-degree Credential Research Network

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## AGENDA / CONTENT

1. Overview of Work-based Learning (WBL)
2. Importance of WBL to Key Stakeholders
3. Creation of a National Standard for WBL
4. Q&A





# Overview of Work-Based Learning



# Importance of WBL to Key Stakeholders



# Need for an American National Standard for Work-Based Learning

Why are standards important?

Standards ensure the safety, quality and reliability of products and service

What types of workforce credential standards exist?

- Certificate Programs
- Certification Programs

Who is developing the standard for WBL?

ASTM international using a voluntary consensus with direct involvement with stakeholders



## ASTM Standards Development Process



Anticipated Timeline – Feb to Dec 2023

# Purpose of a Work-Based Learning National Standard

## Provide guidance to:

- Issuers/creators for developing and administering quality work-based learning programs
- Stakeholders for determining the quality of a program

## Include criteria for:

- The entity offering the program
- The specific work-based learning program

## Establish the foundation:

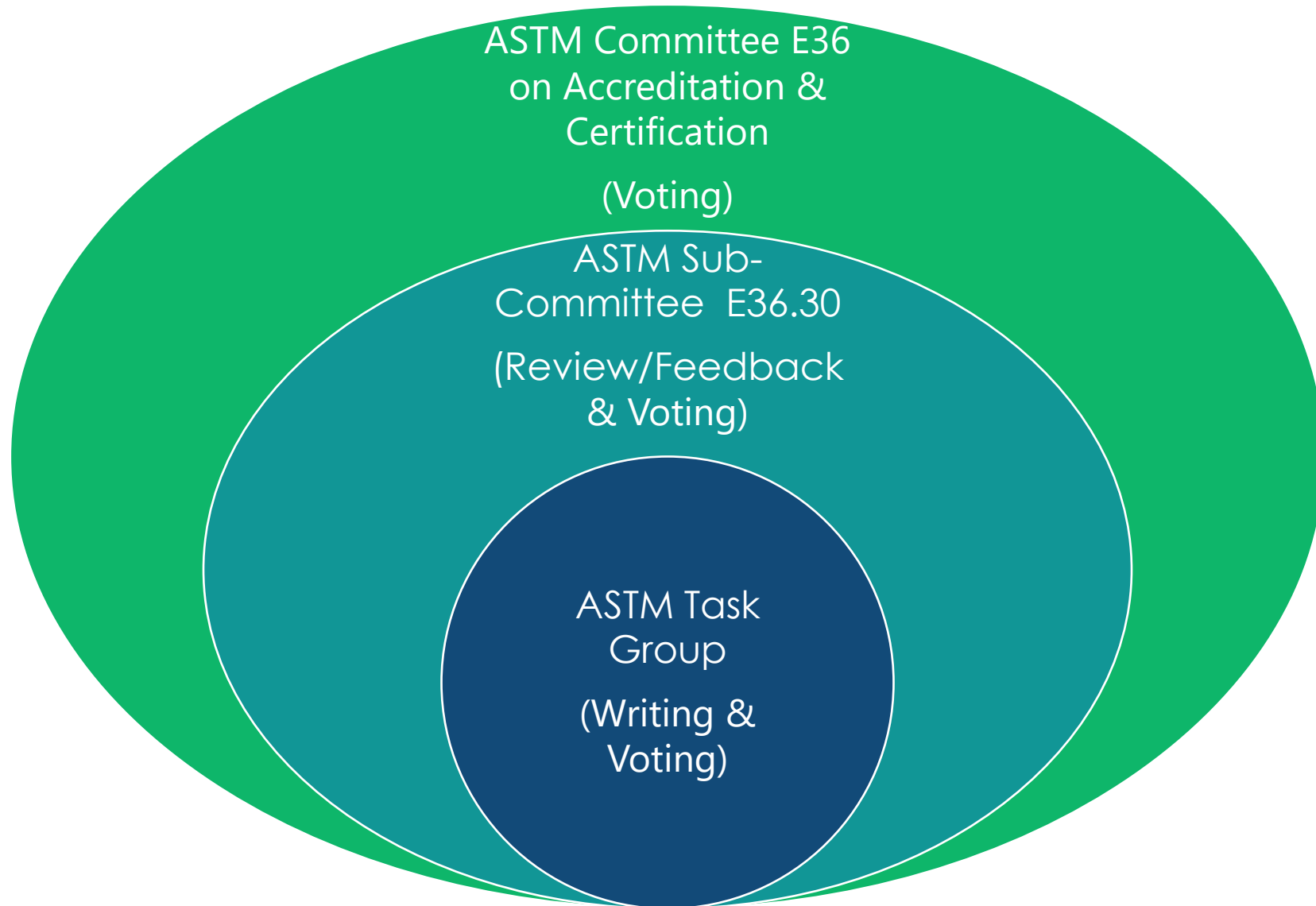
- For recognition and/or accreditation of a specific entity that
  - Offers work-based learning programs
  - Issues a credential to individuals after successful completion

# Potential Structure of the WBL National Standard

- Introduction
- Significance and Use
- Scope
- Normative References
- Terms and Definitions
- Structural Requirements
- Policy, Procedures, and Records of the Learning Process
- General Personnel Requirements
- Work-Based Learning Process
- Program Evaluation
- Management System
- Appeals and Complaints



# ASTM International





# Get Involved!

## Subcommittee Roles and Requirements

### **Join ASTM and sign up for E36 Main Committee and E36.30 Subcommittee**

- And any others you have interest in

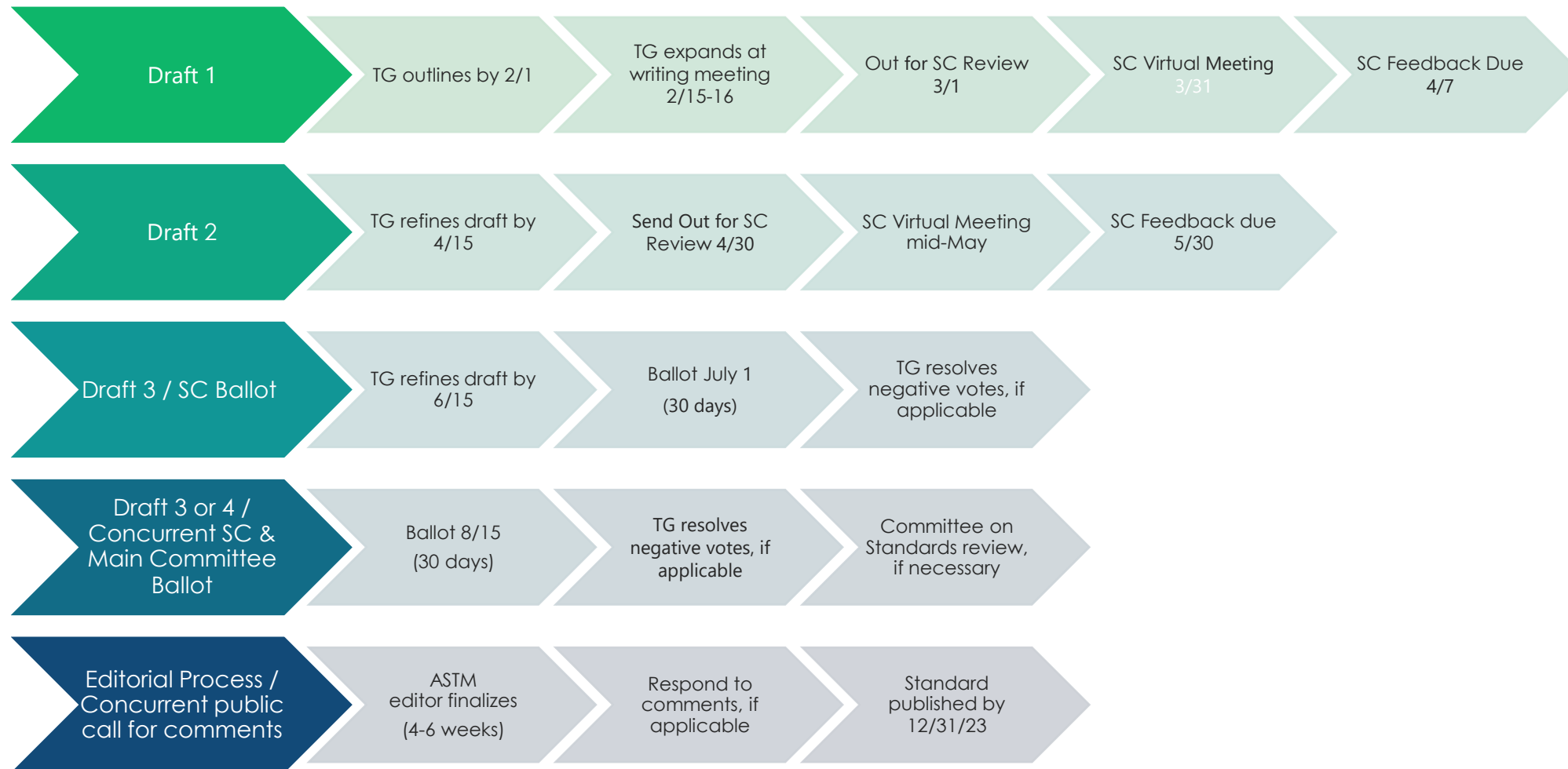
### **Provide feedback to help the TG improve the draft**

- Ask questions and provide critical feedback while in draft stage (rather than voting negative on a ballot)

### **Vote!**

- There are minimum requirements for ballots returned for the ballots to close and proceed to next steps

# Anticipated Timeline



# National Standard Development: Status

- ASTM (Main Committee E36 and Subcommittee E36.30)  
<https://www.astm.org/get-involved/technical-committees/committee-e36>
- 3/31: A virtual meeting was held to review the first draft
- 4/7: Additional feedback is due

# QUESTIONS



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