Bill Chapin, the issue proponent, addressed the negatives received on the ballot. Although B. Chapin admitted that the ASSE 1061 is a new standard in need of revisions, he pointed out that it is an ANSI standard and was processed according to ANSI requirements, which does give it credibility. He argued that it is a robust standard insofar as performance requirements. His goal is added requirements for push-fit standards.

Martin Ocedek stated that he sees ASSE 1061 as potentially being useful in the future, but as currently published it has major flaws that need to be corrected before it is incorporated into NSF/ANSI 14. He also made the point that ASSE is difficult to work with in terms of standard development. Along the same lines, W. Bryce questioned the ASSE process of standard development. He stated that while he could see both sides of the argument, the goal is to be protective of public health, and therefore caution must be taken. Charles Bush suggested adding the reference, but also adding some additional QC requirements to NSF/ANSI 14 since products are already being certified in the marketplace.

It was mentioned that the dimensional requirements in ASSE 1061 are already covered in NSF/ANSI 14. The current material requirements of ASSE 1061 did not consider the plastic fitting industry during the development, but B. Chapin stated that there is now a representative of this industry, and he hopes that gap will be bridged. Mark Clark queried why ASSE could not stand alone as a standard. B. Chapin stated that he would like to see fittings have higher burst pressure test requirements than those in F877; further, as industry, there is a desire to see that system works together. Nasrin Kashefi echoed this sentiment, stating that the interest of this group is that integrated plastic piping systems have to meet the requirements of NSF/ANSI 14. Gary Runyan stated that additional requirements could be added to NSF 14 for these products including meeting the ASTM F877 standard. Wayne Bryce expressed his agreement with Gary's suggestion and recommended to adopt it.

At R. Powitz's recommendation, the Joint Committee saw fit to assign the task of working out a plausible solution to a task group.

A task group was formed. The task group volunteers included: B. Chapin (Chair), N. Kashefi, Gary Runyan, M. Ocedek, W. Bryce, M. Clark, Rich Houle, Gary Morgan, and Ata Ciechanowski.