

**Committee: Government Affairs**

**Date/Time: April 26, 3:00 pm Eastern**

**Participants:** Loucas Tsakalacos, Josh Caldwell, Jeffrey Aguilar, Daniel Becerra, Jennifer DiStefano, Jen Nekuda Malik, Christopher Schuck, Colleen Scott, Stan Wong, Damon Dozier, Natalie Larocco

**Unable to participate:** Babu Chalamala, Mayra Castro, Alex Chortos, Boris Dyatkin, Elias Garratt, William Hammetter, Sean Hearne, Sean Langan, Jyoti Malhotra, Nick Moroni, Juan Claudio Nino, Suyog Padgaonkar, Linda Olafsen, Justus Ndukaife, Dave Parrillo, Dio Placencia, Erin Ratcliff, Clarissa May Towle, David Steuerman, Steven Smith, Margo Staruch, Jeremy Ward, Ashley White

<b>Next call</b>	<b>May 24 2022, 3:00 pm Eastern</b>	
<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Due</b>
<b>Members</b>	Contact Loucas and Damon regarding potential white paper topics of interest  Notify Damon with other people to target for CVD	

**AGENDA**

Washington Update  
CVD  
Materials Voice Letters

Damon Dozier opened the meeting, noting that he and GAC Chair Loucas Tsakalacos have discussed the issue of GAC declining member attendance on calls. Would changing the dates and times make participating in the calls easier?

Loucas and Damon are interested in meeting with GAC members one-on-one to get a sense of everyone's background and interests as they are related to advocacy. Meetings will be scheduled over the summer between the S22 and F22 Meetings.

**Washington Update re USICA**

Agency hearings on appropriations for F23 are just beginning.  
Good news: the F23 Biden budget does well in increasing science funding.  
Bad news: the process is beginning so late that it's unlikely the appropriations bills will be reconciled and released on time. They may not be passed until the lame-duck session after the November elections because passage before then would represent a win for the Biden administration.

**USICA**

The House and Senate have named the conferees for USICA.  
House: over 100 conferees  
Senate: 26 (13 from each party)

All Senate conferees have been added to the CVD invitation list.  
Some of the House conferees are already invited.

## Areas of agreement between the Senate and House

Setting up the new NSF directorate

CHIPS funding

Semiconductors

Funding DOE labs

The challenge with the NSF funding is that the versions differ in how much of a concentration would be directed to funding dollars.

House: More money for research

Senate: Focus on specific projects and advanced areas

There are also provisions dealing with China and research security.

Some—not a lot—of R&D in Build Back Better

Senator Joe Manchin is showing moderate support for opening negotiations on BBB with the caveat that there needs to be a focus on deficit reduction and inflation.

## **Working Group Reports**

### Grassroots Advocacy

Four letters for Materials Voice; Stan Wong and Loucas provided comments.

The deadline for edits has been extended to Wednesday, April 27.

Editing has finished on all but one of the white papers; Boris Dyatkin is aware of the need.

### Policy Outreach

CVD invitations have been issued to DOE, NSF, and DOD Office of Basic Research. DOE has responded.

The second round will go out this week.

Targeted: Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Science Committees, legislators who represent states where Working Group members live ( Linda Olafsen, Texas; Josh Caldwell, Tennessee; Loucas Tsakalacos, New York)

The Working Group tries to consider targets with international collaborations and initiatives. The deadline for finalizing is May 4; if you have any suggestions of people to target for CVD, let Damon know.

CVD: second week in June

RFO: first week in June

## **White Papers**

Are there other topics that should be addressed in white papers? There hasn't been a chance to review the fusion and space materials white papers.

**Let Damon and Loucas know if you can think of other issues that would be good white paper topics.**

Jeff Aguilar noted that a white paper on the CHIPS Act, electronics materials and the supply chain would be timely. How can the U.S. lead the charge and align with what companies are doing here? This would spike interest.

Daniel Becerra and Elias Garrett are working on a semiconductor white paper; Damon will contact Elias regarding the status of the white paper.

**GAC members attending S22 onsite:**

Jeff, Josh, Damon, Natalie

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm Eastern.