



Minutes

Committee on Government Relations Meeting
Sunday, November 13, 2016 – 9:00am-1:00pm – Phoenix, AZ

I. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.
- B. Lester Su, Chair, welcomed members of the Committee on Government Relations (CGR) and invited guests.
- C. The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.
- D. Lester asked the Committee for comments or additions to the Agenda, but none were offered.

II. ACTIVITY UPDATES AND REPORTS

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chairs briefed the Committee on the following:

Public Policy Committee

Tommy Gardner, Chair of the Public Policy Committee discussed the status of the alignment of Government Relations with the new ASME Technology Strategy:

- Six new CGR Public Policy Task Forces have been created in alignment with ASME's Technology Strategy. R&D and STEM are included under the Enabling / Cross-Cutting Applications and R&D Task Force.
- One Charter was approved for all six of the Task Forces (see Attachment #1)
 - Members requested the opportunity to revise the charter to clearly state that the technical divisions are involved. Suggested revisions to the Charter are attached.
- Our contribution to the AAAS Chapter is in progress. AAAS is also pursuing a new approach this year which is well aligned with our new policy issues.
- The Inter-Sector Committee on Federal R&D has been sunset, although a large number of the members are now participating on the new task forces.
- ASME Public Policy Education Center and Capitol Update are both now aligned with our new issues. Content is under development.
- Position Statements are addressed under "Action Register Items" below.

WISE Program Committee

Marc Santos, Chair of the Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE) Committee informed CGR of the following:

- Our 2016 Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE) interns, Brenna Doherty from the University of Wyoming and Emily Sheffield from Harding University. Sheffield will be discussing their papers during our lunch with the Committee on Engineering Education.
- ASME will not be sponsoring a WISE intern in 2017. Melissa Carl was recently promoted to Manager, Public Affairs, and due to her expansion of responsibilities, she will not be able to assume responsibility for managing WISE in the future. This program will be on hold until further evaluation.

Fellows Program Committee

Johné Parker, Chair of the Fellows Program Committee informed the Committee of the following developments:

- We will have sponsored a total of 11 Fellows in the Executive and Legislative Branch, as well as the Institutes from 2015-2017. A summary of the fellows is included in the Committee report (Appendix

- 2). Year-end Fellowship reports are also attached.
- Manufacturing USA (formerly called “AMNPO”) contributed 50% of the funds required for each of our Fellowships in 2016 and 2017.
 - The Petroleum Division contributed \$50K towards Dr. Michael Martin’s Fellowship and they have committed another \$50K to co-sponsorship of our 2017-2018 ASME Congressional Fellowship.
 - The Fellowship announcement has been broadly circulated, including being sent to all energy related technical divisions.
 - We are continuing to reach out to the technical divisions to brief them on the Fellowship program and to encourage them to collaborate with us to fund future Fellows. Lester recently presented an overview and appeal to the Bioengineering Division and the Environmental Engineering Division.
 - We will be inviting Technical Division Executive Committee Chairs to join us for our April events, so we will be able to highlight the Fellows program once again. We could include a presentation about the Fellows on the agenda and make a direct appeal to the Divisions to donate to the fellows program at that time.

Action Register: Review & Update

CGR Members reported on the status of the following action register items:

Tommy Gardner	#16-01	Revisit the process for establishing the PPA survey, as well as for the issues identification in future PPA surveys [Start date: April 2014]
	Status:	Since CGR will be aligning our public policy issues with the new ASME Technology Strategy from this point forward, there will not be a need to survey our membership regarding future policy issues, so this item can be removed.
Johné Parker	#16-02	Ongoing Evaluation of Government Relations and Federal Fellows Program, including the development of infographics, logic model on Vision/Mission. [Start date: April 2014]
	Status:	CGR agreed that the four “I’s” currently in the CGR ops guide would serve as our Vision/Mission statement. This item can be removed from the register, although the Fellows Committee may decide to review this further at a later date.
Kalan Guiley	#16-03	Realignment of Government Relations with the new TEC Reorganization, including updating Society Policy 15.1, the BGR Operations Guide & related documents. [Start date: November 2014]
	Status:	The new ASME Technology Strategy has been clearly defined and the reorganization of ASME units, including the TEC, have been concluded, so this item can be finalized for review at our April 2017 meeting.
Tommy Gardner	#16-04	Update, reaffirm or sunset ASME General Position Papers scheduled to expire. [Start Date: November 2014]
		PS11-24: ASME Resolution: Commitment to Peer Review
		PS11-03: Standards and Technical Barriers to Trade
	#16-05	PS12-24: Energy- Water Nexus
	Status:	Completion of all three of these general position papers had been delayed for various reasons pertaining to the current and new Administration, but updates are underway. The papers should be available for review by our April 2017 meeting.
Lester Su	#16-06	Explore the possibility of convening a task force to further engage members of the Technical Divisions
	Status:	Outreach to the Technical Divisions is underway and will be an ongoing process. This item can be removed from the register.

III. ASME PUBLIC AFFAIRS & OUTREACH COUNCIL AND ASME TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

Tim Wei, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Outreach Council discussed the current status of “ASME’s Technology Strategy” (presentation attached.)

IV. ASME GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STRATEGIC APPROACH TO SUPPORT ASME'S TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

Lester Su led a discussion focusing on how CGR could advance our efforts pertaining to strategy. The following was agreed to:

- A. Members agreed to participate on a minimum of one of our Public Policy Task Forces.
 - o Please contact Lester and Kathryn to confirm which task force you are interested in participating on.
- B. Members agreed to participate in a minimum of one Technical Division meeting or conference call annually.
- C. CGR will provide recommendations of qualified members to participate on TAPS 2.0. Recommendations should be provided to Lester, Tommy and Kathryn.
- D. Environmental Scanning: CGR discussed this topic, but provided no recommendations on moving forward. This item will be tabled until a future meeting.

V. ASME AND MOE: PAST AND PRESENT

Robert E. Luna, P.E., ASME Fellow and Chair of the Licensing that Works Coalition briefed CGR on professional licensure issues (presentation attached.)

VI. BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE – LESTER SU, VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

A. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MEMBERSHIP/ORG. CHART/TERMS CHART & NOMINATIONS:

Due to time constraints, the following items were tabled until our next meeting:

- o Review of CGR Membership and Organization Chart, including the following
 - Johné rotates off CGR as of June 30th.
 - Kieran's 1-year term ends June 30, 2017. Renew for 2nd term.
 - Connie Lausten's 1st term ends June 30, 2017. Renew for 2nd term.
 - Nominating Committee Membership:
 - Voting Member (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018): Emily Boyd
 - Alternate (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017): Anita Rebarchak. Need to renew for a 2nd year.

B. FY17 CALENDAR REVIEW

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2016	Noon-1:30pm	Congressional Briefing: "Advanced Robots In Manufacturing: Enabling New Technology And Increased Opportunity"	Capitol Hill
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016	Noon-1:00pm	Webcast ASME Fellows: Noel Bakhtian, Ph.D. & Said Jahanmir, Ph.D.	Wash. DC
Early 2017 (TBD)	Early 2017	Congressional Briefing On Next Gen Reactors	Capitol Hill
February 2017	6:00-7:30pm	Public Policy And The Energy Sector (ASME Petroleum Division)	Houston, TX
Monday, April 17-19, 2017	All day	ASME International Mechanical Engineering Education Leadership Summit [150 Me Dept. Heads]	Wash. DC
Sunday, April 23, 2017	All day	Fellows Selection Committee Interviews	Wash. DC
Monday, April 24, 2017	9:00am-11:30am	Committee on Government Relations	Wash. DC
Monday, April 24, 2017	12:00pm-3:30pm	ASME "Members Only Meeting"	
Monday, April 24, 2017	6:00pm-9:15pm	Government Relations Dinner & Tour of Capitol	Wash. DC

Tuesday, April 25, 2017	8:15am-1:00pm	Engineering Public Policy Symposium [150] : Invitees include Public Policy Task Force Members Technical Division Chairs ECLIPSE Interns	Wash. DC
Tuesday, April 25, 2017	1:00pm-5:00pm	Congressional Visits	Wash. DC
June 9-14, 2017	N/A	ASME Annual Meeting (CGR Will Not Meet)	

C. ACTION REGISTER

The current action register items for review and discussion at our next meeting include:

RESPONSIBILITY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	DATE DUE
Guiley	#17-01	Realignment of Government Relations with the new TEC Reorganization, including updating Society Policy 15.1, the BGR Operations Guide & related documents.	Nov. 2014	April 2017
Su, Gardner, Balakrishnan, Lausten	#17-02	Update, reaffirm or sunset ASME Position Papers scheduled to expire, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS11-03: Standards and Technical Barriers to Trade (OMB Circular A-110 was updated; GR will work with Standards & Certification to update this paper.) PS11-24: ASME Resolution: Commitment to Peer Review 	Nov. 2014	June 2017
Gardner, Lausten, Grinnan	#17-03	Update ASME General Position Paper on Energy-Water Nexus.	Nov. 2015	April 2017
Gardner, Lausten, Grinnan		Update ASME's General Position Paper: Security America's Energy Future	Nov. 2016	April 2017
Su, Gardner, Balakrishnan	#17-04	NEW: Develop ASME General Position Paper on "Robotics"	Nov. 2016	April 2017
Su, Gardner, Balakrishnan	#17-05	NEW: Develop ASME General Position Paper on "Bioengineering"	Nov. 2016	June 2017
Su, Gardner, Balakrishnan	#17-06	NEW: Develop ASME General Position Paper on "Pressure Technology"	Nov. 2016	June 2017
Su, Gardner, Balakrishnan	#17-07	ASME General Position Paper: Strengthening Pre-College STEM Education in the US (Update - 2017)	Nov. 2016	Nov. 2017

ATTENDEES

<u>CGR Members:</u> Lester Su, Chair Kalan Guiley, Past Chair Tommy Gardner Johné Parker Kieran Kavanagh Marc Santos Connie Lausten Mindy Grinnan <u>Participated via teleconference:</u> Asha Balakrishnan	<u>Guests</u> Bob Sims Sue Skemp Vickie Rockwell John Parker Tim Wei Bob Luna Andy Bicos Tom Houlihan Ritesh Lakhkar Emily Sheffield Brenna Doherty Larry Dickenson	<u>ASME Staff</u> Reese Meisinger Melissa Carl Paul Fakes Dave Soukup John Falcioni Samantha Fijacko
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The CGR meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm, when the Committee on Engineering Education joined us for lunch and the WISE presentations.