



PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Purpose Statement

To actively promote to both the public and government, the economic and environmental importance of materials research and development. This multi-faceted purpose includes:

- To educate the public and Congress to the ubiquitous nature of specifically designed materials in all sectors of the economy;
- To encourage the TMS membership to bring materials issues to the attention of the public at all levels of society and of politicians at the local, state and national levels
- To facilitate the timely transfer of information among the principals in the field of materials.

Procedures

The committee will plan, coordinate, execute, monitor and support the TMS role and mission in public and governmental affairs. It reviews and recommends appropriate plans for more effective representations of the Materials Community in related public and governmental affairs, provides technical resources and information to appropriate agencies and Congress, provides guidelines for the TMS relationship with other societies and umbrella organizations (such as AAES, etc.), provides inputs to the TMS president regarding policy issues and position papers, and plans for techno-informational sessions on materials-related issues and initiatives.

The committee will consider at its periodic meetings TMS plans, policies and procedures to verify that those presently being considered or operable are relevant and timely; and to develop new plans, policies and procedures where needed; and to review recently completed programs to determine how TMS missions as related to public and governmental affairs can be improved.

Structure

This committee will consist of the following:

- Committee Chair who is the TMS Public & Governmental Affairs Director serving on the TMS Board of Directors.
- Vice Chair
- Up to fifteen Members-At-Large appointed by the TMS Vice President.
- Each of the five (5) divisions may appoint a representative for a three-year term.
- TMS Past President with vote.
- TMS President with vote.
- The TMS Vice President as Ex-Officio without vote.

Term of Office

Chair:	3 years
Vice Chair:	3 years
Members:	3 years staggered terms

Meeting Schedule

The committee meets twice annually at a minimum. Additional meetings may be called by the chair as deemed necessary.

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