

CEF06 Town Hall

Public Policy and Government Engagement

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Guidelines for the Discussion

In this meeting and all our interactions we will follow the [core principle and community guidelines](#) as drafted by the DPF Ethics Task Force as well as the [APS code of conduct](#)

[1] Be Seen : Please raise your hand on Zoom if you would like to make a comment or ask a question. Please wait to be called on by the session moderator before speaking.

[2] Be Mindful : Please be mindful of others if you are dominating the discussion. Share the air. We want to hear as many voices as possible.

[3] Be Relevant : Please keep questions and comments relevant to the discussion.

[4] Be Respectful : As always, be respectful of your colleagues. Everyone has a right to be heard, so speak up but give space for others to contribute as well. Let's have a good meeting!

For any questions/comments we are not able to get to within the time please copy to Slack for the discussion to continue

Please be aware we plan to record this meeting. Please let us know if you do not wish to be recorded.

Scope of Group

This group covers all aspects of communication with
(for example: activities, materials, and training)

- elected representatives at the federal, state and local level
- officials at funding agencies, DOE, NSF
- professional staff members who oversee particle physics-related budgets, such as staff members in the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Science and Technology Policy and related state organizations

Since Snowmass 2013, community efforts in this area have been mostly through the:

- Annual DC advocacy trip, led by Fermilab, SLAC, and US LHC users groups, with input from DPF.



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Scope of Group

We are focused on the future of these efforts:

- Are our current efforts working well?
- Are we efficient and effective at PP&GE (and how do we measure these)?
- Does our community have enough PP&GE tools/support?
- Is there enough PP&GE inreach?
- What areas need improving or expanding ?
- What do we not currently do which we should be implemented ?

Held series of Town Halls and “Community Chats” in 2020 and started to develop “broad topics” to help focus conversations and work towards white papers.



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Timeline (CEF06)

- Completion of white papers: no later than **15 March 2022**.
 - We plan to defer publication of white papers to arXiv for ~2 weeks pending editorial review
 - There will be opportunity for discussion on submitted white papers following their publication
- CEF Workshop (UC Irvine/Virtual): **24-26 May 2022**
 - Advanced drafting stages will occur here; last opportunity for substantive input on group-level recommendations
- PP&GE conveners will produce a preliminary report: no later than **31 May 2022**.
 - Based on white papers plus subsequent discussions

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Timeline (Frontier, All-Snowmass)

- Community engagement frontier will combine reports from all 7 topical groups into a single report : no later than **30 June 2022**.
- Reports input into Snowmass Community Summer Study (CSS): July 2022 at UW-Seattle.
 - **Input left to this stage will be more on wordsmithing, too late to introduce new substance**
- All final reports by TGs and Frontiers due: no later than 30 September 2022.
- Snowmass Book and online archive documents due: 31 October 2022.

Group Activities Since September 2021

Focused conversations in four working groups (broad topics)

1. Congressional Advocacy for HEP Funding (DC Trip)
 2. Congressional Advocacy for HEP Issues Not Involving Funding
 3. Non-congressional Government Engagement
 4. HEP PP&GE Inreach and Outreach, Training and Education
- Transition from open-format meetings (town halls, etc.), aimed at gathering broad feedback, to working group meetings, aimed at outlining papers
 - Varying levels of participation in/enthusiasm for these topics

Group Activities Since September 2021

Distilling last 18 months of community feedback into **three** white papers:

1. Congressional Advocacy for HEP Funding (DC Trip)
 2. Congressional Advocacy for HEP Issues Not Involving Funding
 3. Non-congressional Government Engagement
- Inreach/outreach/training/education have been folded into White Paper 1
 - Each of these is in an advanced stage of outlining
 - More details from today's other speakers!

DC Trip 2022

- All-virtual advocacy trip (for third year in a row)
- Important opportunity to utilize momentum of community advocacy activities and collect opinions from the folks engaging in this advocacy (for the first time or the tenth!)
- Starting week of **21 March**
 - This timing will limit the impact that feedback can have on the white papers, which should be complete by this time... but we will encourage folks participating in the trip to pay attention to the white papers and provide their thoughts

