



## ADVOCACY AND SPONSORSHIP GUIDING VALUES AND APPROVAL PROCESSES

### **Background:**

TMS regularly receives requests from a variety of organizations and professional societies to join an advocacy or sponsorship position through such actions as co-signing a position paper, lending in-name support to a proposal, encouraging its members to contact their representatives, and/or other similar actions. Oftentimes these requests require a fast turnaround time, and this document enables the Executive Director to react in a timely manner. An advocacy or sponsorship position will be considered provided that it is not in conflict with the society's Guiding Values regarding such an initiative. (*Sponsorship does not include the sponsorship or co-sponsorship of meetings as those are covered by separate TMS policies.*) However, the society's named advocacy and sponsorship activities and guiding values outlined below does not preclude TMS from advocating on other issues, with concurrence from the TMS President and P&GA Chair, and the TMS Board of Directors, per the processes detailed below. This document serves as the "single source of truth" for advocacy and sponsorship activities.

TMS focuses its advocacy and sponsorship activities on the following areas:

1. Strong and stable funding for broad-based materials-related research and development, spanning basic research through manufacturing innovation
2. Programs advocating for or advancing educational programs for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
3. Safe, welcoming, and accessible work environments for materials scientists and engineers, including at TMS events
4. The principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in science & engineering
5. Promoting the materials science and engineering profession
6. Production, use, conservation, and storage of energy
7. Environmental and health impacts in production and application of materials
8. Sustainable materials design and processing, including resource recovery and recyclability
9. Materials and manufacturing innovation, including integrated computational materials engineering
10. Genuine scientific exchange between U.S. and International scientists and engineers, including effective approaches for issuance of visas

### **Advocacy: TMS Guiding Values:**

1. Recognizing the importance of advocacy and the involvement of ordinary citizens in the political process, TMS will work to educate our elected officials through the efforts of its own P&GA Committee and in unison with other professional societies. These efforts will focus on the promotion of materials science and technology and involve themes that are widely shared by the TMS membership.
2. TMS will not advocate for a position that favors one technology solution over another.
3. TMS will not advocate for a position that inherently favors one member group over another
4. TMS will not engage in any advocacy activities that would jeopardize TMS' 501c(3) status
5. TMS will not advocate any positions that impact any specific regulation that may benefit member organizations in a preferential way
6. TMS will be transparent in determining and communicating those positions for which it does provide advocacy and will openly communicate its endorsement activities

### **Advocacy Approval Process:**

1. Any request for TMS endorsement will be forwarded to the TMS Executive Director (ED) for cataloguing and initial evaluation.
2. If the request is judged by the Executive Director to be clearly consistent with and covered by the TMS Guiding Values above, he/she is authorized to provide endorsement by TMS, copying the Public & Governmental Affairs (P&GA) Chair as well as the TMS President for information. The endorsed document will also be included as an information item on the next P&GA Committee and TMS Board of Directors meeting agendas.
3. If the Executive Director does not judge that the request is clearly consistent with and covered by the TMS Guiding Values, he/she will contact the P&GA Chair as well as the TMS President for their review. For endorsement to be provided, both must agree that it is appropriate. The endorsed document will also be included as an information item on the next P&GA Committee and TMS Board of Directors meeting agendas.
4. If the P&GA Chair or the TMS President judge that the request is not consistent with and covered by the TMS Guiding Values, they can instruct the Executive Director to either a) decline TMS endorsement, or b) refer the request to the P&GA Committee as a whole for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Board. Approval by the Board at a Board meeting held according to TMS Bylaws will be necessary for endorsement to be provided.

### **Sponsorship: TMS Guiding Values:**

1. TMS will only sponsor efforts that will advance minerals, metals, and/or materials interests and involve themes that are widely shared by the TMS membership.
2. TMS will not sponsor a position that favors one technology solution over another.
3. TMS will not sponsor for a position that inherently favors one member group over another
4. TMS will not sponsor any activities that would jeopardize TMS' 501c(3) status
5. TMS will not sponsor any position that would impact any specific regulation that may benefit member organizations in a preferential way
6. TMS will be transparent in determining and communicating the sponsorship positions it supports and will openly communicate its endorsement activities.
7. In sponsorship matters, TMS will not sponsor a position that is in conflict with the TMS Guiding Values appertaining advocacy.

### **Sponsorship Approval Process:**

1. Any request for TMS sponsorship will be forwarded to the TMS Executive Director (ED) for cataloguing and initial evaluation.
2. If the request is judged by the Executive Director to be clearly consistent with and covered by the TMS Guiding Values above, he/she is authorized to provide endorsement by TMS, copying the TMS President and chair of any directly relevant TMS committee for information. The endorsed document will also be included as an information item on the next TMS Board of Directors meeting agenda and the next agenda of the directly relevant TMS committee.
3. If the Executive Director does not judge that the request is clearly consistent with and covered by the TMS Guiding Values, he/she will contact the TMS President and the chair of the directly relevant TMS committee for review. For sponsorship to be provided, both must agree that it is appropriate. The endorsed document will be included as an information item on the next TMS Board of Directors meeting agenda and the next agenda of the directly relevant TMS committee.
4. If the TMS President and the chair of the directly relevant TMS committee judge that the request is not consistent with and covered by the TMS Guiding Values, they can instruct the Executive Director to either a) decline TMS endorsement or b) refer the request to the directly relevant TMS committee as a whole for discussion and to provide a recommendation to the Board. Approval by the Board at a Board meeting held according to TMS Bylaws will be necessary for endorsement to be provided.

### **Appointments:**

In instances where providing an endorsement or sponsorship includes an opportunity to appoint one or more TMS volunteer participants, the appointee(s) may be identified by consensus decision of the President, Public and Governmental Affairs Director, and Executive Director.