

**Committee: Government Affairs**

**Date/Time: September 21, 2:00 pm Eastern**

**Participants:** Loucas Tsakalacos, Daniel Becerra, Linda Olafsen, Christopher Schuck, Steven Smith, Damon Dozier, Todd Osman, Natalie Larocco, Glenn Ruskin

**Unable to participate:** Mayra Castro, Alex Chortos, Babu Chalamala, Jen Nekuda Malik, Jennifer DiStefano, Boris Dyatkin, Elias Garratt, William Hammetter, Sean Hearne, Sean Langan, Nick Moroni, Juan Claudio Nino, Suyog Padgaonkar, Dave Parrillo, Erin Ratcliff, Clarissa May Towle, Kenon Song, Colleen Scott, David Steuerman, Jeremy Ward, Stan Wong

<b>Next call</b>	<b>October 25, 3:00 pm Eastern</b>	
<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Due</b>
<b>Members</b>	Contact Todd with any questions regarding GAC going forward.	
<b>Paula</b>	Poll GAC members regarding onsite attendance at F22.	

GAC Chair Loucas Tsakalacos opened the meeting.

**Continuing Resolution Update**

GAC Liaison Damon Dozier reported that if Congress fails to pass 13 appropriations bills by September 30, we enter into a Continuing Resolution.

Two proposals are under debate: one ends after 12/31/22; the other goes into 2023. With hopes of taking control of Congress in the midterms, the Republicans might prefer to delay actions on appropriations until they have the majority.

**Transition**

This is MRS GAC Liaison Damon Dozier’s last day at MRS. He’ll be leaving to take up a director’s position with another company. In light of his departure, the meeting addressed the expectations for GAC over the next 8 months.

MRS Executive Director Todd Osman congratulated Damon on his opportunity. Todd introduced Glenn Ruskin of Hillstaffer, who will be taking on some of Damon’s responsibilities.

Loucas praised Damon for his insights, and for expanding the MRS profile into White House and Senate and House committees.

Glenn Ruskin, who has worked with MRS in the past and praised MRS for its agility in addressing priorities, introduced himself, explaining that the first half of his career in chemistry was in industry, the other half with ACS. He’ll be meeting with Todd, Loucas, and Damon on Thursday.

Todd encouraged GAC members to contact him if they have any questions going forward.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.