Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and MPS Advisory Committee

What is FACA

- Federal Advisory Committee Act
- Enacted in 1972
- Congress formally recognized the merits of seeking advice and assistance of US citizens
- “assure that advisory committees:
  - Provide advice that is relevant, objective, and open to the public;
  - Act promptly to complete their work; and
  - Comply with reasonable cost controls and record keeping requirements.”
Open access to committee meetings

Under FACA federal agencies sponsoring advisory committees must:
- Arrange meetings that are reasonably accessible
- Publish notice of meetings in the *Federal Register*;
- Open advisory committee meetings to the public
- Make available records and minutes for public inspection, subject to the Freedom of Information Act
- Maintain records of expenditures.

FACA and MPSAC meetings

The Advisory Committee for the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPSAC) is a FACA meeting

- MPSAC is a public meeting
- All documents and meeting minutes are publicly available at: http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory.jsp
- MPSAC members are special federal government employees while performing their role as members of this advisory committee
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More information about FACA

Available at: www.gsa.gov/faca