

Special 2022 GAC Update Communication from Association President/CEO Ron McLean
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Given that CUNA's GAC is such a prominent event for our membership, I want to personally share an update for those of you that are planning to attend or may be considering it. Specifically how the event is shaping up, lawmaker visits and that a virtual option will be available soon. The below may change between now and GAC and hopefully for the better, but the following is where things stand today:

- Lawmaker visits: In-person meetings with your federal lawmakers may not take place and cannot be guaranteed. We have heard from some congressional offices they are currently only doing virtual meeting at this time and looking ahead have already told us some in-person group meetings we've traditionally held in the past will definitely not take place. We will work hard to try and secure in person lawmaker meetings but it will largely depend on individual congressional office protocols. There may be a size limit for lawmaker meetings and participants may potentially have to show a negative test the day of a lawmaker meeting. CCUA is pursuing a mix of virtual lawmaker meetings prior to and after the GAC, and if possible on site lawmaker meetings during the conference. It is the intent of the Association not to host virtual lawmaker meetings during the GAC.
- CUNA has informed registrants that Washington, DC has established mask and vaccine requirements for indoor venues including the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, hotels, and restaurants. Anyone ages 12 and over must be fully vaccinated by February 15, 2022. In advance of your arrival to Washington DC, CUNA will ask you to verify your vaccine status through an independent provider. Additional details are forthcoming.
- CUNA will be sharing information about a virtual, limited-content GAC option. More information about how to register, including how to transfer existing registrations, will be shared by CUNA soon.
- CCUA will host a virtual federal issues briefing, open to all members, on February 22. We are also planning for an in-person GAC Member Lunch and Issue Briefing at noon on Monday February 28. Additional details and registration information will be available in February.
- We are planning to host an in-person Member Welcome Reception on Sunday February 27.
- **Hotel Accommodations and Confirmations**
 - For members who have submitted room block requests, those rooms are being held within our segregated conference room block with the credit card information you provided. No credit card charges have been assessed to date. In addition, the deadline to cancel room reservation(s) has been extended. The new deadline to cancel is on or before January 31, 2022 to avoid a penalty. Cancellations made between February 1, 2022 and date of arrival will forfeit a penalty equivalent to one night's room and tax.
 - Hotel confirmation numbers will be released between mid- to late-February by email from the Association.
 - The Association's room block has currently reached a waiting list status. If your plans have changed, then please inform the Association as soon as possible so that we can accommodate any changes at the lowest possible cost to you.
 - Hotel accommodation requests or changes must be sent directly to the Association by email at govaff-events@ccua.org.

Along with CUNA, we will continue to monitor and follow CDC recommendations and local D.C. health guidelines as we strive to create an environment for credit union advocates to come together in person for a successful GAC.

Please reach out with any GAC questions or feedback by contacting myself or CCUA's advocacy team at govaff-events@ccua.org.

Thank you,

Ron