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Council of Industrial Boiler Owners

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## EVENTS

**Sept 14-15, 2021 / Virtual**

[Environmental, Energy & Sustainability Working Group \(SWG\) Committee Meeting](#)

**October 19-20, 2021**

[43rd Annual Meeting](#)

**Dec 7-8, 2021**

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## Register Now – CIBO Sept 14-15 Virtual Energy, Environment & Sustainability Meetings!

Please join us on September 14 & 15 for CIBO's Virtual EE/Sustainability Working Group (SWG) Committee Meetings – all afternoon sessions. We have great speakers lined up from the U.S. Department of Energy (EIA), the NAM, the ACEEE and more – to talk to us about several key issues that CIBO continues to dive into, including:

- **Industrial De-Carbonization: Identified Research Needs.**
- **EPA Regulations and Enforcement Developments.**
- **Water Resource Management & Sustainability.**
- **Natural Gas & Electricity Markets Update.**
- **CIBO Government Relations: Review Action on Capitol Hill – Climate Change & Sustainability.**
- **SEC - Climate Risk Reporting and ESG Regulatory Disclosures.**
- **Reports on the Biden Administration's plans - Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS).**

Register Here: <https://www.cibo.org/>

## From the Executive Director

Hello to All –

We're now very busy pushing forward with our work to further define CIBO's mission and public policy priorities, which build on the focus we have taken via our many policy issue presentations during the Quarterly CIBO – Virtual EE Meetings, as well as our July/August BOMP – IECT Conference. We are making plans to better position CIBO to maintain a dedicated focus on the importance of sustainability and carbon management in the industrial energy space, including expanded public policy external communications and government relations engagement. Later this month, our CIBO Executive Committee and Committee Chairs will be holding a one-day Strategic Planning Session to help set our strategic course and action steps for the rest of this year, 2022 and beyond. We will be presenting recommendations to all of you at the CIBO – Virtual Annual Meeting (Oct. 19-20). On our CIBO planning agenda are several key topics we will work on producing:

- Strategic Direction, Objectives & Action Steps – tied into an updated CIBO Vision/Mission Statement.
- Identified Short List of Top Policy Issues – to build out plans for external engagement.
- Membership Recruitment & Retention – to build out goals, action steps and metrics.
- CIBO's 2022 Budget - Includes Proposed Membership Dues Increase (letters sent to Principal Representatives on July 29, 2021)

In my role as Executive Director, my main job is to work closely with all of CIBO's membership to set our course and to lead CIBO as one team moving forward. For this year and in 2022, we will work to enhance our policy engagement efforts while steadfastly maintaining our technical solutions – oriented approach to energy and environmental regulations tied to energy combustion. The public policy activity level on energy/climate/sustainability has greatly intensified in recent months and is expected to remain in a high - steady state of activity and intensity for many months and years/decades to come. Put simply, this “ain't going away”: big changes are in motion. In Washington, we are looking at still - emerging, aggressive, long term carbon reduction policies. With all of this, CIBO is situated in an ideal and much – needed position to be a leading voice at the public policy table. To get there and be all that we want CIBO to be, we are working to ramp up our focus on key technology – related policy issues tied into sustainability implementation.

#### **Administration & Capitol Hill – Budget Reconciliation & Infrastructure Bill: Climate/Clean Energy**

After Labor Day - when Members of Congress return to Washington, efforts will be advancing on Capitol Hill to pass the massive \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation bill - now paired with the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, under the careful political orchestration of the House and Senate Democrat leadership, working with the Biden Administration. These twin bills together capture the administration's goals of transforming the U.S. energy economy in the future and to achieve an 80% clean energy and 50% reduction in economy – wide carbon emissions by 2030.

- The Senate, on August 10th, passed the infrastructure bill 69-30 with some bi-partisan support, followed by the FY 2022 budget resolution on August 11th (50-49). The infrastructure bill includes \$21 billion toward a new DOE “Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations,” which includes \$8.4 billion for direct carbon capture, utilization and storage, \$8 billion to create four regional clean hydrogen production “hubs” and \$5 billion toward projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to grid transmission, storage and distribution infrastructure.
- Overall, the infrastructure bill includes \$100 billion supporting the administration's agenda on climate and clean energy, including \$65 billion for grid reliability and resiliency. The measure also includes billions in new authorized funding for EPA water infrastructure, Superfund and brownfield site restoration and several new EPA - led programs tied into Environmental Justice. The House is expected to vote on a similar infrastructure bill in late September.
- The House, also in August, voted along straight party lines (220-212) to approve the massive FY 2022 budget bill, which is a blueprint that in turn triggers an immediate “reconciliation” (legislation – drafting) process involving numerous congressional committees. This legislative work could take several months to complete this fall. The budget bill includes a new “Clean Energy Technology Accelerator” – commonly called a green bank, as well as a truly game- changing “Clean Electricity Payment Program,” under which utilities will be required to buy or generate a certain portion of carbon – free electricity annually, a concept that can be viewed as a purposefully disguised renewable energy mandate. Also included: funding tied into the Biden Administration's Environmental Justice agenda for clean water affordability and access, “healthy ports” and “climate equity.” House Democrat leaders are expected to push for significant additional funding in this area. All of this taken together – our internal work and the public policy frenzy here in Washington - means we'll have what promises to be a very busy Fall and a lot to focus on! As always, I'd love to hear from each of you, and I know that our CIBO Member - Officers always do as well.

**WISHING EVERYONE A RELAXING LABOR DAY – HOLIDAY WEEKEND!**