

Charge: To direct Federation efforts to monitor and respond to federal legislation and advocacy issues related to Federation priorities.

Objectives

1. Annually, identify current and emerging legislative and advocacy areas of interest to the Federation and recommend strategies for FASEB engagement, with approval by the Board of Directors.
2. Direct Federation efforts to advocate for federal research funding and other issues related to biological and biomedical research. Provide input on projects and activities to demonstrate the conduct, communication, use, and impact of the federal investment in biological and biomedical research to policymakers and the public.
3. Develop statements, letters, congressional testimony, and other correspondence on federal legislative issues related to Federation priorities.
4. Oversee and provide guidance on the development of resources to provide advocacy training for the biological and biomedical research community.
5. Coordinate consensus efforts (e.g., strategies, position papers, reports, etc.) within FASEB and its member societies pertaining to Board-approved legislative and advocacy priorities.
6. Develop mechanisms for consulting with FASEB's Affiliate members to assess their advocacy needs and priorities and lead efforts to ensure their engagement in and collaboration with the federation's advocacy activities.

Membership:

Voting Members:

- Chair: President-Elect (only in case of a tie)
- One representative from each Full member society (open to full member Society staff)

Non-Voting Members:

- FASEB President
- FASEB Executive Director/CEO

Staff Liaison:

- Director, Office of Public Affairs

Membership Terms:

Members serve 3-year terms beginning on July 1 of the year appointed and ending on June 30. Members can be reappointed for one additional consecutive term for a maximum of six (6) years with eligibility for further service after a one-year lapse.

The President-Elect serves a single one (1) year term and may not be reappointed.

Member Selection:

Members: Advocacy Committee members are nominated by their Member Society to serve as their liaison and voting representative to the committee. Committee members should have expertise relevant to FASEB's advocacy priorities, including (but not limited to): the use, conduct, and communication of the value of federal funding for research; the

impact of federal funding for biomedical and biological research, use of animals in research, support for the next generation of biomedical researchers and early-career researchers, improving training and workforce development for the biomedical research workforce; demonstrated interest in legislation overseeing biological and biomedical research; working knowledge of the federal budget and appropriations process as well as the legislative process; prior or current engagement with member society science public affairs committee (or other governance committee related to advocacy/policy/public affairs); and previous or current experience engaging in direct advocacy on behalf of biomedical and biological research.

President-Elect (Chair): elected annually by the Board from those directors serving on the Board and those who have served on the Board within the prior two (2) years.

Biographic, demographic, and scientific diversity in governance is an overarching goal of the Federation, and the Board seeks to appoint members to Federation committees who represent this diversity.