

Member, Advocacy Committee
Position Description/Responsibilities

Term

Three years beginning on July 1 of the year nominated and ending on June 30 of the third year.

Responsibilities

- Serve as a voting representative and liaison of the member society on FASEB's Advocacy Committee
- Participate in monthly/bi-monthly Advocacy Committee video conferences (ability to participate in 75% or more meetings expected)
 - Review call materials (distributed five days prior to each call)
 - Provide input on action and discussion items

Characteristics

The Board seeks to include the broad diversity of the biological and biomedical sciences, but recognizes these are appointed positions through the authority of the member societies. Nonetheless, biographic and demographic diversity is important and should be considered as an overarching goal when a member society appoints its representative.

The Advocacy Committee serves as FASEB's advocacy "think tank" and is charged with directing Federation efforts to monitor and respond to federal legislation and advocacy issues related to Federation priorities. Therefore, we recommend that Advocacy Committee appointees have the following characteristics:

- Expertise relevant to the funding, conduct, use, and communication of biomedical and biological research, including but not limited to role of animals in research, support for the next generation of biomedical researchers and early-career researchers, and improving training and workforce development for the biomedical research workforce
- Demonstrated interest in legislation overseeing the funding, use, conduct, and communication of biological and biomedical research
- Basic 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 or policy/public affairs)
- Previous or current experience engaging in direct advocacy on behalf of biomedical and biological research

Time Commitment

- Monthly or semi-monthly 1-hour video conferences (schedule to be determined), plus time required to review materials for each meeting
- 1-2 days devoted to participation in the annual FASEB Capitol Hill Day (may be virtual or in-person in Washington, DC)