

CHARGE

The FASEB Animals in Research and Education Subcommittee serves to promote the humane use of animals in research by monitoring and responding to federal legislation and policies affecting the biological and biomedical sciences and establishing new positions as necessary. The subcommittee will also develop educational materials including, but not limited to factsheets, webinars, and workshops to promote awareness about the role of animal research in scientific advances and the regulatory oversight mechanisms in place to ensure animal welfare. The Animals in Research and Education Subcommittee reports to the FASEB Science Policy Committee.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss animal research issues.
2. Foster comprehensive animal welfare standards and practices based on sound science.
3. Ensure federal agency policies and procedures favorably impact animal researcher stakeholders, specifically with respect to administrative burden.
4. Identify gaps related to rigor, reproducibility, and publication of animal studies and recommend science-based policies that will help mitigate associated shortcomings.
5. Organize meetings or briefings on Capitol Hill focused on specific animal research topics or proposed legislations and explain its impact on scientific research.
6. Utilize subcommittee advocacy resources to inform Capitol Hill representatives as well as the public about the role of animal research in biomedical progress.

MEMBERSHIP

Voting members (up to 15 members)

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Current members of FASEB member societies,
- One additional representative with relevant subject matter expertise may be identified and recommended by the Chair in consultation with the staff liaison and appointed by the President

Non-voting members

- FASEB Office of Public Affairs staff
- Ad-hoc members invited for their expertise, as appropriate
- FASEB member society staff

MEMBERSHIP TERMS

Members serve three (3) year terms beginning on January 1 of the appointed year and ending on December 31. Members may be reappointed for one additional consecutive term for a maximum of six (6) years of eligibility, inclusive of any time serving as Chair or Vice Chair.

Chairs serve one two (2) year term and may be reappointed for one additional two-year term. After completing the term(s), the past Chair serves one (1) year as a Member to assist in training the new Chair. This past-Chair Member year can be in excess of the six (6) years of eligibility.

Vice-Chairs serve one two (2) year term and may be reappointed for one additional two-year term.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

- Members: Given that animal research policies and regulations undergo considerable updates and amendments over time, FASEB Animals in Research and Education Subcommittee members should maintain understanding of current requirements and expectations for performing scientific animal research. The subcommittee should reflect the diversity of the academic research enterprise and consist of individuals at different career stages, including junior faculty and senior investigators, as well as those from underrepresented backgrounds. Additionally, to accurately account for the distinct complexities associated with various animal models, subcommittee members should represent a breadth of expertise in the animal models used for biological and biomedical research. The overall subject diversity seeks to include each of the following proficiencies / career stage:
 - Large animal models (Nonhuman primate, sheep, pig, etc.)
 - Invertebrate models (Drosophila, C. elegans)
 - Rodent models (Mouse, rat, hamster, etc.)
 - Zebrafish models
 - Companion animals (canines, felines, etc.)
 - Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee oversight; other regulatory or compliance matters
 - Early-stage investigator
 - Established investigator

Chair: a current or past member of the subcommittee with remaining term eligibility. Chairs may be nominated by other members of the subcommittee or self-nominate.

Vice-Chair: a current or past member of the subcommittee with remaining term eligibility. Vice-Chairs may be nominated by other members of the subcommittee or self-nominate.

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