

Charge

The Science Research Conferences Advisory Committee (SRCAC) is charged with defining the scientific quality and integrity of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology’s (FASEB) Science Research Conferences (SRCs). This committee is responsible for recommending policies and standards for the conferences to provide opportunities for small groups of researchers in specialized biological and biomedical fields to share information, develop collaboration, and mentor students.

Objectives

1. Peer-review conference applications based on the committee’s standards for quality and integrity, and determine those that are scientifically sound and demonstrate promise to be a successful addition to the portfolio
2. Advise on organizer recruitment and on conference topics to foster collaborations that spur innovation, growth, and development in the biological and biomedical fields
3. Provide input as needed on conference formats, activities, and ideas in support of the SRC strategic plan
4. Demonstrate support for SRCs as the premier venues for intimate, topic-specific experiences in the biological and biomedical sciences

Type

Sub-committee of the Meetings Committee

Composition/Term of Service

Chair 3 Years

Up to 10 members may be selected from:

FASEB member societies (v)	Up to 3 Years
Previous SRC Organizers (v)	Up to 3 Years
Up to 3 additional representatives with relevant subject matter expertise may be identified and recommended by the Chair in consultation with the staff liaison and appointed by the President	
	Up to 3 Years

FASEB Executive Director (nv)	Length of service in office
Executive Directors of Full Member Societies (nv)	Length of service in office
OSMC Director or Associate Director (nv)	Length of service in office
Staff Liaison (nv)	Length of service in office

v=Voting nv=Non Voting

The committee members can nominate themselves or others on the committee to become the new Chair of the committee. Note that the composition of the SRCAC may include fewer or more members from any one society depending upon membership status of the individual, and the term of service may not last three years. The committee members select the new Chair by popular vote. The name of the selected Chair is sent to the Board for approval.

Should a member society representative become Chair, that person shall no longer serve the member society as a representative, and therefore the member society may appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of that term.

Previous SRC Organizers and Ad Hoc Members must be a member of a FASEB full member society and may volunteer or be approached to join the committee with Chair approval. Their numbers combined may not exceed the total number of committee representatives from FASEB's full member societies.

Meetings/Time Commitment

- Two calls of two to five hours in duration during application review periods; reviews are currently in March and November
- Self-preparation time to peer-review SRC applications during review period(s); number of applications depends upon number received, usually 5-7 per reviewer
- Ad hoc correspondence if needed during the year