

CHARGE

The Science Policy Committee (SPC) is charged with monitoring and advising FASEB's President and Board of Directors on public policy topics, federal initiatives, and emerging issues of importance to the Federation and its member societies. The SPC reports to the FASEB Board of Directors.

OBJECTIVES

The SPC will:

1. Develop position statements on policy issues of interest to the Federation.
2. Oversee and provide guidance on the efforts of topical subcommittees.
3. Provide input on projects and activities to demonstrate the benefits of biological and biomedical research to a broad range of audiences.
4. Coordinate consensus efforts (e.g., workshops, policy analysis, multi-organizational partnerships, etc.) pertaining to core policy priorities.
5. Identify emerging policy areas of interest to the Federation and recommend strategies for FASEB engagement.

MEMBERSHIP

Voting members:

- Vice President-Elect for Science Policy
- Immediate Past Vice President for Science Policy
- Up to One Representative from each Full Member Society
- Early Career Representatives

Non-voting members:

- Vice President for Science Policy (Chair)
- SPC Subcommittee Chairs
- FASEB Executive Director/CEO
- Director, FASEB Office of Public Affairs
- FASEB Director of Science Policy
- Staff Liaison

MEMBERSHIP TERMS

Members serve three (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 to a maximum of six (6) years with eligibility for further reappointment after a one-year lapse.

The Vice President for Science Policy serves a single one (1) year term and may not be reappointed.

The Vice President-Elect for Science Policy and Immediate Past Vice President for Science Policy also serve single one (1) year terms. They are eligible for further reappointment as a representative of a Full Member Society after a one-year lapse.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

Members: SPC 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 core science policy issues, including (but not limited to): animal research, training and workforce development, and research policy; demonstrated interest in policies overseeing biological and biomedical research; working knowledge of federal agency processes; and prior or current engagement with member society science policy committee (or related group).

Vice President for Science Policy (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, and current members of the Science Policy Committee.

Early Career Representatives are not eligible to run for an Officer position.

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.