

FASEB Public Affairs Quarterly Report: January-March, 2012

Promote Optimal Funding for Biological and Biomedical Research

Advocated for research funding increases

- Thanked House and Senate Appropriators for [increase in FY 2012 NSF budget](#) (January 12)
- Thanked House and Senate Appropriators for FY 2012 [DOE science budget increase](#) (January 12)
- FASEB President Joseph LaManna discussed NIH funding with the Senate LHHS Appropriations Committee staff director and staff for Senator Casey and Representative Fudge (February 22). On March 12, Senator Casey and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) issued a “[dear colleague letter](#)” in support of NIH funding. The House version, circulated by [Edward Markey \(D-MA\)](#) and [Brian Bilbray \(R-CA\)](#), quotes the FASEB funding report.
- FASEB signed onto Ad Hoc Group letter asking for \$32 billion for NIH in FY 2013 (March 6)
- FASEB signed onto CHF letter on the 302 (b) allocation to the LHHS subcommittees (March 6)
- FASEB President-Elect Judy Bond testified on NSF funding before the House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee (March 22). Lawrence Green made a [video](#) of the rehearsal session
- FASEB submitted written appropriations testimony on [NIH to the House](#) (March 29), [NSF to the Senate](#) (March 19), [DOE to the House](#) (March 30) and [AFRI to the House](#) (March 20) and the [Senate](#) (March 30)

Strengthened liaisons with Congress and federal agencies

- Praised President [Obama’s call for sustained investment](#) in research (January 26)
- Guy Fogleman was invited to a White House meeting with President’s science advisor (January 31)
- FASEB issued [comments on President’s FY 2013 budget](#) (February 15)

Strengthened strategic partnerships

- Jennifer Zeitzer serves on the Ad Hoc Group Steering Committee, the board of directors of the Coalition for Health Funding, and the executive committee of the Friends of the VA
- Jennifer Hobin continues to serve on the National Postdoctoral Association Advocacy Committee
- Karen Mowrer has leadership roles in the agricultural research community. She serves on the AFRI Coalition Steering Committee and was recently elected to NCFAR’s Board of Directors (March 29)

Advocated for investigator-initiated research within a balanced portfolio

- FASEB President Joseph LaManna and President-Elect Judy Bond released [FY 2013 federal funding recommendations](#) for science agencies at press breakfast (January 30)
- Joseph LaManna spoke on behalf of [investigator-initiated agricultural research](#) at USDA stakeholders meeting (February 22). Karen Mowrer presented similar testimony at the meeting of the [President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology](#) (March 9)

Improve the Climate for Research

Developed and presented advocacy priorities and perspectives

- FASEB signed onto the CNSF [letter in opposition to the GRANT Act](#), which would require web posting of peer reviewers names and proprietary information from research grants (February 7)
- FASEB wrote letters about misleading advertisements placed by the Human Society of the US (HSUS). *Science* responded that they will no longer take HSUS ads, and *Nature* published our letter
- FASEB provided comments to the NIH working group on [data and informatics](#) (March 8)
- FASEB commented on an RFI issued by the NIH Working Group on [Diversity](#) in the Biomedical Research Workforce (March 8)

Promoted training and sustainable careers

- Jennifer Hobin served as a reviewer for the AAAS Congressional Science Fellowships (March 6)
- Karen Mowrer spoke on an NIH panel on science policy careers (January 10)

- Howard Garrison was invited to comment on the NIGMS strategic plan for training at the institutes council meeting (January 20)
- Tyrone Spady served as an interviewer for the Meyerhoff Scholars program (February 25)
- Jennifer Hobin and her colleagues briefed senior NIGMS staff on their IDP project (February 28)
- Anne Deschamps gave a seminar on science policy careers at UT Southwestern (March 1)
- Tyrone Spady organized a highly successful [NIGMS Workshop for Postdocs](#) Transitioning to Independent Positions (March 12-13). Keynote speakers included Francis Collins and Chris Kaiser
- Jennifer Hobin conducted an IDP session at the NIGMS workshop and presented a poster, “[Introducing myIDP](#): A Career Planning Tool for Postdoctoral Scholars,” at the NPA meeting (March 16)

Educated and engage scientists, the public and policy makers

- Tyrone Spady spoke to the Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Neurobiology Chairpersons (January 25)
- Howard Garrison spoke to the Association of Medical School Pharmacology Chairs (January 28)
- FASEB joined NABR, AAMC, and others in an amicus brief in support of the AETA (March 7)
- Anne Deschamps updated the factsheet on the need for [research on chimpanzees](#) (March 21)

Expand the Community that FASEB Represents

- Tyrone Spady launched [BioArt](#): Scientific Image Competition (January 4)
- FASEB was recognized for our efforts to engage the community through Twitter with a [Bronze Netbadge](#) for our tweets about biomedical research (March 15)

Educated scientists to become more effective advocates

- Developed “[Stand Up for Science](#)” campaign encouraging advocacy for research and membership in FASEB societies. Ads were placed in society journals and other publications

Provide Value for the FASEB Societies and Their Members

- Howard Garrison conducted and shared with society public affairs staff an analysis of FASEB society memberships, NIH funding, and support for NIH by congressional district (January 6)
- Jennifer Zeitzer wrote articles for the SSR, GSA, and AAA newsletters (January 5, 10, and 20)
- OPA staff prepared a [summary of the President’s FY 2013 Budget](#) (February 15)
- Howard Garrison and Kim Ngo updated the [analysis of trends in NIH funding](#), prepared a short [summary](#) for use on the Hill, and shared the results with member society staff (February 24)
- Bethany Drehman created a series of flyers showing the [benefits of NIH funding](#) in each state
- Howard Garrison produced an analysis of the impact of sequestration on NIH research (March 28)

Encouraged participation of individuals in FASEB and member society activities

- Jennifer Zeitzer helped coordinate the ASBMR Capitol Hill Day (February 14) and with Karen Mower assisted AAI in its Hill Day (March 7). In collaboration with AAI, Lawrence Green produced a [video](#) featuring the AAI public policy fellows
- Jennifer Zeitzer assisted APS in developing, distributing, and analyzing an NIH alert (March 8)
- Jennifer Zeitzer spoke about advocacy at the GSA drosophila meeting (March 8)

Strengthen the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the Federation

- *Chemical and Engineering News* published an article about FASEB and its centennial (February 6)
- Montgomery County, MD issued a [proclamation commemorating FASEB’s centennial](#) (March 20)

Developed new sources of revenue

- The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund awarded Anne Deschamps \$48,500 to update a FASEB study of physician-scientists published in 2000
- NIH awarded Anne Deschamps \$30,000 for the international conference on animal research