

## FASEB Public Affairs: Progress toward Strategic Goals (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016)

### Promote Optimal Funding for Biological and Biomedical Research

#### *Advocated for research funding increases*

- FASEB e-Action alert on FY2017 funding generated over 12,000 responses (November 15)
- FASEB led successful effort to block increase in SBIR set-aside in the National Defense Authorization Act (November 28)
- Tom Baldwin was a speaker at the ASBMB Capitol Hill briefing on the impact of the continuing resolution on research (November 29)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Bill was passed and included \$4.8 B in funding increases for NIH advocated by FASEB
- FASEB leaders and staff visited 14 congressional offices in the fourth quarter and 159 in 2016
- FASEB joined NDD United Coalition letter on relief from sequestration budget cuts

#### *Strengthened liaisons with Congress and federal agencies*

- Yvette Seger served on an NCI Center for Strategic Science Initiatives Comparative Assessment Panel (October 13)
- FASEB created a Guide to the Freshman Class of the 115th Congress (December 9)
- FASEB announced Francis Collins to receive its 2017 [Public Service Award](#) (December 13)
- FASEB wrote to Representative Lipinski thanking him for his role on legislation reducing regulatory burden (December 21)

#### *Strengthened strategic partnerships*

- Yvette Seger re-elected to the National Postdoctoral Assoc. Board of Directors (October 14)
- OPA staff serve in leadership capacities in major coalitions and partner organizations: Jennifer Zeitzer is on the Steering Committee of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research and the Board of Directors for the Friends of VA, Yvette Seger is Vice Chair of the National Postdoctoral Association and Board liaison to its Advocacy Committee, and Anne Deschamps is on the Board of Directors of Americans for Medical Progress

#### *Advocated for investigator-initiated research within a balanced portfolio*

- FASEB published an analysis of [political party and NIH funding](#) (November 22)

### Improve the Climate for Research

#### *Developed and presented advocacy priorities and perspectives*

- FASEB responded to NIH RFI on [interim work products](#) (December 6)
- FASEB responded to NIH proposal to facilitate participation of women and disadvantaged individuals in [small businesses](#) (December 6)
- FASEB responded to NIH RFI on effects of [extrinsic environmental factors](#) on animal research. The American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine used our response as a template for their response (December 6)
- FASEB responded to NIH RFI on [strategies for data management](#) (December 7)
- In response to urging from FASEB and others, OMB and Congress relaxed restrictions on travel to scientific meetings by federal employees

#### *Promoted training and sustainable careers*

- Yvette Seger spoke at Thomas Jefferson University career networking and advocacy events (November 11)

- Yvette Seger presented on “Strategies to Maximize Your Postdoc” as part of the Howard University “Preparing Future Faculty” program (November 13)
- *Educated and engaged scientists, the public, and policy makers*
- FASEB advocacy resulted in the removal of creationist material from the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education’s Passport Initiative (October 12)
- OPA policy fellow Sam Henager published a *Speaking of Research* article on how [animal research has led to advances](#) in tissue engineering (October 6)
- [Regenerative Medicine Breakthroughs in Bioscience](#) (October 21)
- [3D Bioprinting: A New Dimension in Tissue Engineering](#) *Horizons in Bioscience* (November 2)
- Winners of 2016 FASEB [BioArt](#) competition announced (November 22). To date, there have been nearly 200 posts and 2,000 retweets, likes, and shares. Articles appeared in *The Scientist*, *Chemical and Engineering News*, and several university newsletters

### **Expand the Community that FASEB Represents**

#### *Educated scientists to become more effective advocates*

- Yvette Seger, Anne Deschamps, and Jennifer Zeitzer gave an introductory course on science advocacy through the NYU STEP Program (October 15-16 and 22-23)
- Hud Freeze, John Barnes, and Howard Garrison met with the president and executive director of the Society of Toxicology (November 2)

### **Provide Value for the FASEB Societies and Their Members**

- Anne Deschamps participated in the APS Animal Care and Experimentation Committee meeting (October 19)
- Jennifer Zeitzer and Anne Deschamps presented at the APS Science Policy Committee meeting (October 26)
- OPA organized a Public Affairs Committee workshop on transition to a new Congress and New Administration. Speakers included senior individuals with experience on Capitol Hill, the White House, OMB, and advocacy organizations (November 2)
- Howard Garrison arranged for Mark Sobel of ASIP to be invited to participate in an NINDS workshop on reproducibility (November 11)
- Jennifer Zeitzer presented a webinar, “Advocacy at Home: Best Practices for Members of the Research Community” for AAA (November 15)
- Jennifer Zeitzer and Ben Krinsky presented a FASEB webinar, “[Advocacy after the Elections](#)” (November 16)
- Jennifer Zeitzer and Ben Krinsky assisted with the AAI Council Capitol Hill Day (December 8)
- FASEB launched a [Database of US Providers of Research Organisms](#) (December 16)

#### *Encouraged participation of individuals in FASEB and member society activities*

- 37 percent of the news on the FASEB homepage is from member societies
- 30 percent of FASEB Tweets promote member society initiatives
- Hud Freeze sent letters congratulating members of FASEB Societies winning the MacArthur Awards (October 13), Nobel Prize (October 14), Lasker Awards (October 7) and elected to the National Academy of Medicine (October 20)

### **Strengthen Effectiveness and Sustainability of the Federation**

- Scott Simon spoke to the Biomedical Engineering Society Council (October 5)

- FASEB Governance, Campus, and Mission Task Force Reports were completed and sent to Board (October 7)
- Tom Baldwin spoke to the American Society for Human Genetics Council (October 20 )
- Hud Freeze spoke to the Society for Pediatric Research Council (October 29)
- Hud Freeze spoke with the Society of Toxicology President about FASEB (November 1)
- Parker Antin spoke to the Society for Redox Biology and Medicine Council (November 19)
- Hud Freeze spoke to the Society for Glycobiology Council (November 22)
- Tom Baldwin spoke to the Am. Soc. for Biochemistry and Molecular Bio. Council (December 2)
- David Burr posted an article [The FASEB and AAA Partnership](#) on *Anatomy Now* (December)