

ASBMB Position Description:

Public Affairs Advisory Committee Member

Position Title: Member, Public Affairs Advisory Committee

Description: The Public Affairs Advisory Committee advocates on behalf of ASBMB members for evidence-based science policy, sustained investments in investigator-initiated, basic scientific research and workforce policies that enhance the training of the next generation of scientists and that increase diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility in the nation's research enterprise.

Primary Roles and Responsibilities:

- Advocate for priority policy areas to the biochemistry and molecular biology community; specifically on basic scientific research and the training of the next generation of scientists
- Participate in [ASBMB's Annual Capitol Hill Day](#) and advocate for science with key Congressional offices
- Engage broader ASBMB membership in advocacy activities
- Advise and support federal agencies on strategic planning, sound grant policy and impact of federal agency policy on the scientific community
- When appropriate, represent ASBMB to advocacy organizations and partners

Qualifications:

- Current ASBMB membership.
- Knowledge of ASBMB's mission, policies, programs, services, strengths, and needs
- Passion and enthusiasm for advocating for science and communicating the importance of scientific research to non-science audiences
- Some familiarity and/or experience with advocacy preferred

Commitment:

- 3-year term. Members shall be eligible for re-election and/or re-appointment for one additional term.
- Monthly Zoom calls or working group calls
- ASBMB Annual Capitol Hill Day
- Fall in-person committee meeting

Orientation:

- An introductory call with the chair
- Welcome to the committee package with relevant info

Recognition and Reward:

- Receive a certificate of service.
- Committee members receive a discount on registration for the ASBMB Annual Meeting.

Benefits:

- Advocate for increased science funding and related science policy priorities.
- Establish relationships with elected Senators and House Representative.
- Help to shape the future of the organization and the field.
- Opportunity to engage, network, and exchange ideas with leaders in the community.