



FASEB comments on NIGMS 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Framework -

This gives you a good idea about NIH long range plans.

<http://washingtonupdate.faseb.org/faseb-comments-nigms-2021-2025-strategic-plan-framework/>

Ninth Annual BioArt competition Now Open

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<https://www.faseb.org/Publications-and-Resources/BioArt/About-BioArt>

Supporting FASEB's Critical Mission

In a recent interview with FASEB staff, President Louis B. Justement, PhD, shared his thoughts on FASEB's future and offered insights on how the organization can better serve you and your individual members.

[Read a Q&A with Lou Justement](#)



Bringing New Perspectives to FASEB Board and Science Policy Committee

Early-career members make up a significant portion of the biological and biomedical sciences community. To add their perspectives to FASEB discussions, FASEB selected its inaugural [Early-Career Representatives](#). Dennis Jones, PhD, of Boston University School of Medicine was selected as Early-Career Representative to the FASEB Board. He was nominated by the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP). Habiba Chirchir, PhD, of Marshall University and Morgan Preziosi, PhD, of Chimeron Bio were selected as Early-Career Representatives to the Science Policy Committee. The American Association for Anatomy nominated Chirchir and ASIP nominated Preziosi.

In December, the FASEB Board voted to add up to three early-career representatives to the Board and the Science Policy Committee each. FASEB Full Members may nominate candidates for these positions. Another round of nominations will be accepted next spring.

Focusing on FASEB's Future

Representation on the FASEB Board is open to all Full Member societies and allows a society to have direct impact on the organization's strategic priorities and activities. Through discussion and approval of strategic initiatives and generative work to influence a multi-year financial plan, the June 12 Board meeting focused largely on FASEB's future.

[Read the full meeting summary](#)



Expressing Support for Racial Justice

As the scientific community and our nation continue to experience discrimination and racial injustices, FASEB showed its support for Black members of the scientific community by issuing the [FASEB Statement on Racial Justice](#). Acknowledging that we must improve our efforts, the statement called on our community to help amplify the voices that have been silenced as a result of systemic discrimination.

To show further support, FASEB encouraged member societies to take part in [#ShutDownSTEM](#), an international initiative bringing attention to racial injustices in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and academia. This one-day event encouraged your members to become more familiar with the plight of Black scientists and to create plans to confront racism in STEM and academia.



Recognizing Public Service in the Research Community

FASEB selected Anthony S. Fauci, MD, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), as this year's recipient of its [Public Service Award](#). Fauci is being recognized for his many contributions as NIAID Director and his longstanding and tireless service to the research community. He is most recently known for his service on the federal Coronavirus Task Force. He has also played a critical role in our nation's efforts to contend with the SARS outbreak, swine flu pandemic, and viral diseases such as MERS, Ebola, and Zika. He will receive the award later this year at a time still to be determined.

Bringing the Science to You During a Pandemic

Labs were shuttered and many of your members' travel plans were placed on hold, but part of the [2020 FASEB Science Research Conference Series](#) continued — online. Pivoting from in-person conferences to virtual conferences because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the virtual Science Research Conferences underscored the need, now more than ever, to continue to share research findings and to build collaborations. Six online conferences are enabling your members to watch educational sessions, ask presenters questions in live Q&A sessions following the recordings, engage with the speakers in roundtable discussions, and browse poster presentations. The online conferences continue through September 2020.