Mission

• Improve communication between science and public policy communities;
• Build capacity of biological sciences community to successfully engage in the public policy process;
• Influence development and implementation of science policy;
• Assist AIBS member societies and organizations with their public policy agendas; and,
• Communicate AIBS and member society/organization interests to the public, science community, and policy makers.
Active Member Societies

Partner
• Natural Science Collections Alliance

Collaborator
• Society for the Study of Evolution;

Participant
• American Ornithologists’ Union; American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists; Association of Ecosystem Research Centers; Biological Sciences Curriculum Study; Botanical Society of America; Long Term Ecological Research Network; Organization of Biological Field Stations; Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology; Society of Systematic Biologists; Society of Wetland Scientists;

Supporter
• American Arachnological Society; International Society of Protistologists—North America; Mycological Society of America; Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry—North America
Policy Communication

• Bridge between scientists and policymakers
• Work with media to communicate science to decision-makers and public
• Provide scientists with tools to influence policy and media
• Provide timely policy analysis
Workshops and Training Programs

• The AIBS Public Policy Office offers a range of professional development workshops
  – Communicating with Policy/decision-makers
  – Communicating with the Media
  – Careers in Science Policy
• Programs range from 2 hours to full-day
• Most programs are in-person, some programs are conducted via webinar
Policy Analysis

• Various outlets and products
  – **NEW**: Report on President’s Budget for Biology R&D
  – Fact sheets
  – Bi-weekly Public Policy Report
  – Washington Watch in *BioScience*
  – Articles in member society publications
  – Public presentations, briefings
Policy Advocacy

• Lobby lawmakers
• Coalition efforts: Co-chair, BESC and USGS Coalition, participate in CNSF, STEM Ed, Museum Working Group, Coalition of Scientific Society, Campaign Project
• Grassroots advocacy, including training to help scientists be effective advocates
Advocacy

Sponsors

– American Institute of Biological Sciences
– Botanical Society of America
– Genetics Society of America
– LTER Network
– Society of Systematic Biologists

Supporter

– Stanford University’s Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve
Advocacy

Sponsors

• Society for Study of Evolution
• Botanical Society of America
• American Society for Limnology and Oceanography
• Association of Ecosystem Research Centers
Some Current Policy Issues

• Research infrastructure (e.g. natural science collections)
• Reauthorization of America COMPETES
• Grand challenges – how to fund science to inform these issues (e.g. new models and interdisciplinary)
• Education and workforce
What are you hearing?
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