



## **Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS)**

### ***Policy for Communication of Scientific and Public Policy Affairs Between FASS and Supporting Societies***

The FASS's presence in Washington DC is vital for the education of policy makers with regards to issues affecting the FASS' founding society members [American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) and Poultry Science Association (PSA)]. Having a focus on the key priorities affecting all supporting societies is paramount. Therefore, FASS has established a Scientific Policy committee comprised of the contract group representing FASS in Washington DC, a liaison from the FASS Board of Directors, Managing Director of FASS, a representative from the ADSA/ASAS Midwest chapter, and two members each from ADSA, ASAS and PSA. The primary purpose of the committee is to provide direction and help establish an annual work plan for FASS including those efforts in Washington DC and the Scientific Advisory Committees.

With FASS now having a presence in Washington DC, the individual supporting societies may want to utilize the expertise and services of FASS's contract firm in Washington DC. Since the contract agency reports to the FASS Executive committee and it is the responsibility of the FASS Scientific Policy committee to provide guidance, establish priorities, and oversee the scientific policy activities, all requests for specific services to be rendered by the contract firm will be directed through the FASS Scientific Policy committee. Communication between the FASS Scientific Policy committee and the societies will be through the society representatives appointed to the FASS Scientific Policy committee. The societies will make their requests for services to be rendered by the FASS contract firm in Washington DC through their appointed committee members. This does not preclude the individual societies from talking directly or involving the FASS contract firm in discussions. Pertinent communications from the FASS contract firm in Washington DC will be distributed to the societies through their respective members on the FASS Scientific Policy committee.

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