

AIBS PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE

A leadership forum for biology

The AIBS President's Roundtable is where biology-serving organization leaders unite to identify, prioritize, and address issues that affect the biology profession, the advancement of our science, or the application of our science for the benefit of society.

AIBS has routinely convened meetings and produced reports that identify issues ranging from policy to practice that must be resolved in a coordinated and strategic fashion for the biological sciences to move forward. In 2017, our members called on the leadership of the AIBS community to improve collaboration on efforts to promote informed science policy, increase public engagement and appreciation for science, and to strengthen the biological sciences profession—including its institutions and organizations. In response to these recommendations, which were outlined in "Engaging Decision-Makers: Opportunities and Priorities for Biological Science Organizations" (<https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biy082>), the AIBS has established the President's Roundtable. All AIBS member societies are invited to join.

What is the Roundtable?

- The place where AIBS community leaders gather to identify and articulate shared visions
- The place where AIBS community leaders identify, prioritize and implement responses to concerns
- The place where scientific organization leaders collaborate

What kind of issues does the Roundtable address?

The issues addressed are those identified as priorities by the members. These might include: sustaining scientific integrity in an era of disruptive publication policy and business models; improving membership engagement; strategies for effective public engagement; community self-regulation; identification of new funding priorities; the application of science for societal benefit; regulatory impediments to research; ethical standards; information sharing for improved educational or instructional outcomes; or any other issues identified by Roundtable Members.

What are the benefits of Roundtable Membership?

- Your organization identifies priorities
- Your organization proactively influences science policy
- Your organization is a recognized leader
- Your organization receives 50 individual AIBS memberships, including online subscriptions to *BioScience*.

Who is eligible for Roundtable Membership?

- AIBS professional society in good standing
- Each Roundtable Member identifies two individuals to participate in the Roundtable

Is there a cost to participate in the President's Roundtable?

Yes. This fee will include basic AIBS dues and any program sponsorships or fee-for-service arrangements. Roundtable dues enable AIBS to host regular conversations with Roundtable Members and to identify and implement actions. Please contact Robert Gropp at rgropp@aibs.org for more information.