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Outreach on Dual Use Research: Perspectives from FASEB

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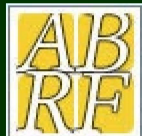
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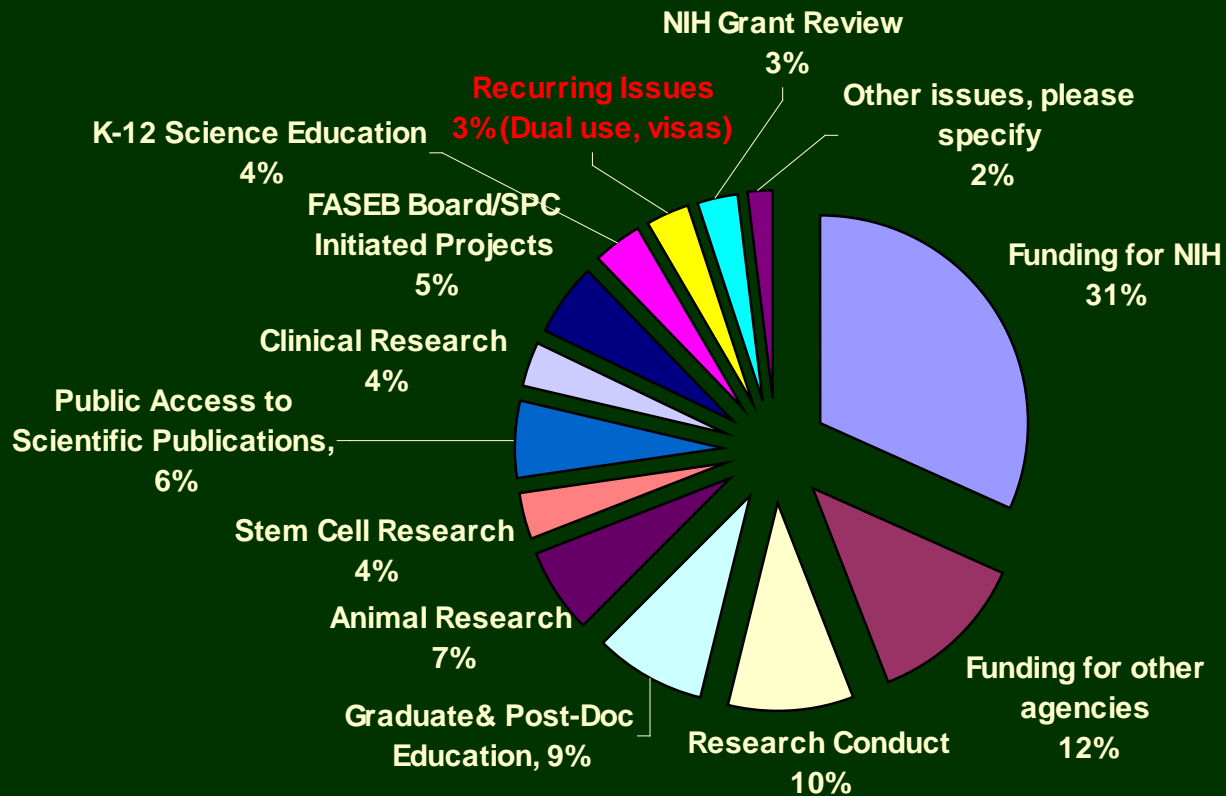
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Public Affairs Allocation of Effort: Recommendations from Member Societies





FASEB Efforts

- **FASEB policy priority process**
- Staff reporting
- Dual Use / NSABB Subcommittee of FASEB's Science Policy Committee
 - **Formed in response to NSABB draft proposal**
- Newsletter updates: societies, FASEB *Washington Update*



Survey of Societies, Leadership

- Only one FASEB society has a committee related to dual use research (AAI); journal participation, local IBCs
- The rest rate the issue as:
 - **Low priority**
 - **Not something they're hearing from members about**
 - **Very low level of awareness**
- “Dual use research? What’s that? I’ve never heard of it.”
- Addressing through other societies??



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Taint of regulatory burden

- Staff briefings on NSABB, dual use issue
- During survey, societies referred members to NSABB website
- First reaction
 - **Negative, regulatory burden, government security policies**
 - **Not seen as a research responsibility issue**
- Hot topics for '08: federal funding & regulatory burden
- **NSABB should keep this in mind for outreach activities**



Solutions for outreach

- Presentations at annual meetings
 - **Society vs. scientist perspectives**
 - **Challenges of policy sessions**
- Newsletter articles
- Web modules
- Other suggestions:
 - **Government sponsored roundtables**
 - **Training sessions for IBCs (similar to IACUC or IRB 101 sessions)**





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