Overview
The committee is responsible for oversight of the department’s programs and provides input and feedback. It is also responsible for selecting the APS-AAAS Mass Media Fellow and hosting a symposium at the Experimental Biology meeting.

AAAS Mass Media Fellow
This year the Committee selected Dr. Joe Hanson as its 15th sponsored fellow. Dr. Hanson is a biologist and host/writer of PBS Digital Studios’ It’s OK to be Smart. He will serve a 10-week Fellowship at WIRED Magazine starting this month.

EB 2013 Symposium
At this year’s Experimental Biology (EB) meeting, the committee sponsored the symposium, “Distilling Your Message for the Public,” a 90-minute interactive session conducted by Dr. Evonne Kaplan-Liss, a member of the faculty at Stony Brook University’s Schools of Medicine and Journalism. The purpose of the event was to help scientists master basic techniques that can help them better explain their work to the non-scientist public, and quickly and clearly show how it fits into a bigger picture. More than 60 people attended the event.

Upcoming Meetings, EB 2014 Symposium
The Committee has met twice this year and will meet in person this fall. It has agreed to sponsor a symposium at next year’s EB meeting entitled, “Don’t be Such a Scientist!” The program will be led by marine biologist turned filmmaker, Randy Olson.

Department Activities
The public continues to access the press releases developed by the APS staff and posted to the APS press page. Growth in our comparative physiology blog, written by Dr. Dolittle, continues, as do the number of followers of our primary social media handle, @Phyziochick.

Please let us know if you have any questions.