



FEDERATION AND COUNCIL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

MONTH	LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY*	FEDERATION ACTIVITY	COUNCIL ACTIVITY
JANUARY	*New session convenes	*Begin initial Hill visits * Legislative Committee meets *Fed. Board finalizes advocacy position, subject to budget request * Request to subcomm to testify	*Place key members and staffers on mailing list *Send Federation list of cong. staffers *Contact district offices, place district office on mailing list
FEBRUARY	*President's budget released *Congress begins work on budget resolution	HUMANITIES ON THE HILL * Analyze budget request, make necessary adjustments to position * Confer with NEH and other humanities organizations * Continue Hill visits	HUMANITIES ON THE HILL * Attend HoH, report on visits
MARCH	*Subcommittee hearings	* Prepare Hill testimony * Attend and report on hearings *Initiate Dear Colleague letter * Continue Hill visits/followup	*Send Federation remaining congressional contact reports *Write thank yous to congressional offices, reiterate message *Ask members to sign DC letter
APRIL	*Subcommittees receive 302(b) allocation	* Prepare newsletter for distribution on Hill * Monitor Budget Resolution and 302(b) allocations * Continue contact with Hill staff	*Send written testimony to Congressional delegation, reiterate effect of proposed increased funding for your state
MAY	* House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee markup MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Members at home	* Begin more intense advocacy for House markup with Hill visits, reminders to councils, further request justification, etc. * Prepare updated materials for councils to use with members during Memorial Day recess	* Encourage grant recipients and other constituents to contact members describing value of programs MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Members at home—invite to special activities and visit over recess
JUNE	* House Appropriations Committee Markup	* Continue to monitor Interior Appropriations bill, coordinate council advocacy efforts * Intensify Senate advocacy *Visit OMB	* Contact House members and ask them to contact members of Interior Appropriations Subcommittee in support of increased funding for NEH and councils

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JULY	<p>JULY 4th HOLIDAY Members at home</p> <p>*Appropriations bill considered by full House</p> <p>*Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Markup</p>	<p>* Monitor House floor action, possible Senate subcommittee/full committee action</p> <p>* Continue Hill meetings</p> <p>* Federation board meets, reviews legislative activity, begins plans for next year's approp. process</p>	<p>JULY 4th HOLIDAY Members at home—invite to special activities and visit over recess</p> <p>*Write/call Representatives</p> <p>*Write/call Senators, ask them to contact members of Interior Appropriations subcommittee in support of increased funding for NEH and councils</p>
AUGUST	<p>SUMMER RECESS Members at home</p> <p>DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION</p>	<p>* Prepare updated materials for councils to use during month long recess</p> <p>*Begin gathering data to serve as basis for next year's request</p> <p>* Prepare newsletter for Hill distribution after recess</p>	<p>SUMMER RECESS Members at home—invite to special activities and visit over recess</p> <p>*Respond to Fed. request for data</p>
SEPTEMBER	<p>*Consideration of appropriations bill by full Senate</p> <p>REPUBLICAN CONVENTION</p>	<p>* Monitor process and advocate for NEH and councils in omnibus, CR, or regular appropriations bill</p> <p>* Circulate newsletter</p>	<p>*Write/call Senators, urging support of increased funding for NEH and councils</p>
OCTOBER	<p>*Target adjournment date</p>	<p>* Review status of FY 09 process and revise plans as needed</p> <p>* Continue process begun by board to consider request for FY 2010</p>	<p>* Invite members to events in home districts</p>
NOVEMBER	<p>NATIONAL ELECTION</p>	<p>* Analyze likely impact of election on NEH and councils</p> <p>* Continue follow up on FY 2009 process</p> <p>* Prepare advocacy sessions for 2008 conference</p>	<p>* Contact new and returning members of Congress to introduce or remind them of the value of your programs</p> <p>* Attend congressional communications sessions at conference</p>
DECEMBER		<p>* Monitor congressional activities if still in session</p> <p>*Legislative Committee to meet to review appropriations outcome, finalize workplan for next year's legislative activities</p>	<p>* Continue communication with new and returning members of Congress</p>

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