



FEDERATION AND COUNCIL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Month	Legislative Activity	Federation Activity	Council Activity
January	New Session Convenes	<p>Begin initial Hill visits</p> <p>Legislative Committee meets</p> <p>Fed. board finalizes advocacy position, subject to budget request</p> <p>Request to subcomm to testify</p>	<p>Place key members and staffers on mailing list</p> <p>Send Federation list of Congressional staffers</p> <p>Contact district offices, place district office on mailing list</p>
February	<p>President's budget released</p> <p>Congress begins work on budget resolution</p>	<p>HUMANITIES ON THE HILL</p> <p>Analyze budget request, make necessary adjustments to position</p> <p>Confer with NEH, other humanities organizations</p> <p>Continue Hill visits</p>	<p>HUMANITIES ON THE HILL</p> <p>Attend HoH, report on visits</p>
March	Subcommittee hearings	<p>Prepare Hill testimony</p> <p>Attend and report on hearings</p> <p>Initiate Dear Colleague letter</p> <p>Continue Hill visits/follow up</p>	<p>Send Federation remaining congressional contact reports</p> <p>Write thank yous to congressional offices, reiterate message</p> <p>Ask members to sign DC letter</p>
April	Subcommittees received 302(b) allocations	<p>Prepare newsletter for distribution on Hill</p> <p>Monitor Budget Resolution and 302 (b) allocations</p> <p>Continue contact with Hill staff</p>	Send written testimony to Congressional delegation, reiterate effect of proposed increased funding
May	<p>House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee markup</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Members at home</p>	<p>Begin more intense advocacy for House markup with Hill visits, reminders to councils, further request justifications, etc.</p> <p>Prepare updated materials for councils to use with members during Memorial Day recess</p>	<p>Encourage grant recipients and other constituents to contact members describing value of programs</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Members at home--invite to special activities and visit over recess</p>
June	House Appropriations Committee Markup	<p>Continue to monitor Interior Appropriations bill, coordinate council advocacy efforts</p> <p>Intensify Senate advocacy</p> <p>Visit OMB</p>	Ask House members to contact members of Interior Appropriations Subcommittee in support of increased funding for NEH and councils

*Legislative Schedule Subject to Change



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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 appropriations 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>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 Federation request for data</p>
September	<p>Consideration of appropriations bill by full Senate</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 FY09 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>Continue follow up on FY 2010 process</p> <p>Present advocacy sessions at 2010 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>