

Reframing Our Mission, Goals



In 2002, the AAAS Board of Directors moved to reframe the Association's mission and goals to anticipate advances in science and technology, and a growing role for science in addressing issues of key importance to the global society.

In the interest of maintaining AAAS's support of the science and engineering enterprise, and to help the Association fulfill its mission to "advance science and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people," the AAAS Board has set broad goals for the Association:

- ▶ **Foster communication among scientists, engineers, and the public;**
- ▶ **Enhance international cooperation in science and its applications;**
- ▶ **Promote the responsible conduct and use of science and technology;**
- ▶ **Foster education in science and technology for everyone;**
- ▶ **Enhance the science and technology workforce and infrastructure;**
- ▶ **Increase public understanding and appreciation of science and technology; and**
- ▶ **Strengthen support for the science and technology enterprise.**

In the current context, these goals will provide the framework that guides AAAS's programmatic activities.





"It is not my job to see that my views prevail, but to make certain that the right questions get asked, and, more important, that they get heard."

LEON KASS, University of Chicago bioethicist and chairman of the U.S. President's Council on Bioethics, speaking to the AAAS-sponsored Professional Society Ethics Group (PSEG).



"I wrote about electric cars, astronomy, and the science of pitching in baseball; I met Tommy Thompson, then governor of Wisconsin, and rode in a garbage truck for a story on recycling. It was just a great experience."

ANN CELIS, medical researcher, Harvard Medical School, and AAAS Mass Media Fellow

