

ASBMB STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF KELVIN DROEGEMEIER TO BE THE NEXT DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The following statement is from Benjamin Corb, public affairs director for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology:

We applaud President Donald Trump on his nomination of Kelvin Droegemeier as the next director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The position of OSTP director has remained vacant for too long, and we hope the Senate will quickly confirm Dr. Droegemeier.

Dr. Droegemeier has an impressive record of public service and has the experience working with the scientific community that is necessary to help bridge the widening gap between scientists and the Trump administration.

The lack of leadership and staff at the OSTP has profoundly diminished the science community's ability to communicate with and advise the White House. We hope that the appointment of Dr. Droegemeier will allow the OSTP to effectively influence future White House decisions.

We look forward to working with Dr. Droegemeier and encourage President Trump to include science and evidence-based decision-making in policy formulation moving forward.