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### Statement of Interest

I joined ASBMB as a graduate student, and in 30 years of attending ASBMB meetings, I have been overjoyed to watch women's networking events grow from two-table, snacks-provided events to ballroom-sized dinner events. I have been thrilled to watch the undergraduate poster competition, which I started as a postdoc in 1999 with a handful of clipboards and six judges, grow into a megaevent that showcases undergraduate research and undergraduate researchers from all types of colleges and universities. As a council member, my goal is to assist the ASBMB in their mission to support ASBMB members and to advocate for the field of biochemistry and molecular biology.

### Education and Training

- A.B., Vassar College
- Ph.D., University of Michigan
- Postdoc, California Institute of Technology

### Awards and Honors

- The Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin Award from The Protein Society (2020)
- Interclass Member, The American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2020)
- AAAS Fellow, Section on Medical Sciences (2020)
- ASBMB Fellow, Inaugural class (2021)
- ASBMB William C. Rose Award (2023)
- National Academy of Sciences (2023)

### Relevant Experience

- Member, ASBMB Education and Professional Development Committee (1996–2002)
- Organizer, How to Start and Maintain a Strong Undergraduate Biochemistry Program, ASBMB education satellite meeting in San Francisco (1997)
- Founding organizer, ASBMB-sponsored undergraduate poster competition (1997) and second through fifth annual competitions (1998–2001)
- Member, ASBMB strategic planning group (1996, 2000)
- Member, U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2003–2006)
- Member, ASBMB Publications Committee (2003–2006)
- Organizer, ASBMB meeting theme “Catalytic Mechanisms” (2013) and “Enzymes” (2021)
- Council, ASBMB (2023-2026)