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Statement of Interest

I've been a member of ASBMB since I was in graduate school, back when the Society was called ASBC. I still remember the honor of being informed that I'd been invited to join the society. It was a turning point in my professional career. Another turning point came when Ellis Bell invited me to join the Education and Professional Development Committee in 2008. Service on that committee and later on the Minority Affairs Committee (now Maximizing Access Committee) gave me the opportunity to create turning points for other, emerging biochemists. Since then, I've had the honor of serving the Society in a number of ways, most recently as a member of Council. Through those experiences, I've come to appreciate the impact and value that ASBMB brings to all of its members, through advocacy, professional development, and the rich learning and networking opportunities afforded by our annual and small meetings.

Now, I have the honor of being nominated to serve as secretary of our society. If elected, I promise to serve the Society by promoting thoughtful conversations, listening humbly, and encouraging diverse ideas, always keeping in mind the mission, vision and values that govern ASBMB. I am anxious to continue serving ASBMB as we pursue our mission to "...[build] and [empower] a broad community of molecular life scientists to advance discovery" by "...catalyzing the infinite potential of molecular life science." I hope you will give me the opportunity to do so in the role of Secretary of ASBMB.

Education and Training

- B.S., Chemistry, Cook College, Rutgers University, 1983
- Ph.D., Molecular Biology & Genetics, Johns Hopkins University, 1990
- Postdoctoral training, University of California, San Diego, 1990-3, laboratory of Dr. Edward Dennis

Awards and Honors

- Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, 2004
- Distinguished Teaching Award, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2005
- Fellow, Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine, Class of 2006-2007
- Fellow, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 2021
- Member, 2024 Cohort, Academic Leadership Institute, 2024

Relevant Experience

- Member, Education and Professional Development Committee, American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2008-2020 *continued*

ASBMB 2025 Election: Secretary Candidate

- Member, Minority Affairs Committee, American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2014-2021
- Member, American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Council, 2020-2022; 2022-2025
- Member, Council of Graduate Schools Board of Directors, 2020-23 (Chair, Audit and Finance Cmte; Executive Committee, 2021-22)
- Member, NSF EHR Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on Graduate Education (NSF response to NAS report on 21st Century Graduate Education), 2018
- Member, Council of Graduate Schools Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, 2018-2019
- Member, ETS Graduate Education Advisory Council, 2019-21 (GRE Board), 2021-24; 2024-2026
- Member, NSF Biological Sciences Directorate Advisory Committee, 2018-2020; 2020-2023
- Member, NSF Committee for Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE), 2018-2021; 2021-2025; Vice Chair (2024); Chair (2024-5)
- Member, Organizing Committee, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine workshop on Monitoring, Mitigating, and Leveraging the Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19 on the Future Careers of Women in STEM, 2022
- Member, Steering Committee, Re-Imagining STEM Graduate Education for Equity, Innovation, American Council on Education, 2024
- External Reviewer, American University of Cairo, Applied Sciences Ph.D. program, 2024
- Member, Search Committee, Chief Executive Officer for the American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2023-2024
- Member, Strategic Planning Task Force, American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2024
- Member, Board of Governors, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 2025-