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Statement of Interest

The ASBMB has been my professional and scientific home for over two decades. I attended my first meeting in 1997 as a senior graduate student, and the experience was transformative. That meeting sparked a lasting connection, and I've continued to contribute to the Society in a range of capacities ever since. I am honored to be nominated for President and would be eager to serve our vibrant community.

For over a century, the ASBMB has championed discovery, collaboration, and mentorship across the molecular life sciences. Through its journals, meetings, and member-driven initiatives, the Society has continually evolved to support researchers and amplify their impact. If elected, I will work closely with ASBMB staff, Council, and committees to make strategic decisions that drive innovation, support member needs, and sustain long-term growth—while embracing the pioneering spirit that defines our membership.

Since 2013, I've helped lead the ASBMB Grant Writing Workshop, now in its 11th year. I co-chaired the 2022 annual meeting and currently chair the Meetings Committee. During the pivotal transition away from EB, I worked with staff to innovate and strengthen the annual meeting—efforts that contributed to a 25% increase in attendance this year in Chicago.

ASBMB is at a turning point. We face real challenges but should embrace them as opportunities to grow and to lead. If elected, I will work to ensure ASBMB not only remains a resilient, accessible, and forward-looking hub—but also leads the way in shaping the future of molecular life sciences.

Education and Training

- B.S. California State University, Los Angeles
- Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Postdoctoral training, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Awards and Honors

- Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry (2010)
- University of Utah Distinguished Research Award (2021)
- Fellow of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2022)
- Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science (2023)
- Fellow of American Chemical Society (2023)

Relevant Experience

- Editorial board member, Journal of Biological Chemistry (2013-2023)
- Member, Women in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2019-2022)
- Member, Minority Access Committee (2019-2023)
- Chair, ASBMB Meetings Committee (2022-2025)