

### **Personal statement**

My aspiration to be President of SBM is rooted in a desire to best serve the organization that has been my professional home for over two decades. SBM has provided me with training, leadership opportunities, networking with new colleagues, and scientific knowledge. Being President will allow me to serve the organization at a level that has a wider influence. The role of the president is to "...be a good steward of the strategic goals to be a conduit from the membership to the Board..." Achieving the strategic goals is vital to the life of an organization, and I believe that addressing the needs of the membership is critical as a leader. I believe that I can serve effectively in these roles because I have done so as Co-chair and Chair of the Health Equity SIG and as SIG Committee Chair. Additionally, by being President, I will have more interaction with the Board and like-minded individuals who want the best for our organization. Furthermore, serving as SBM's president will enable me to develop a vision for the Society and help bring it fruition.