

**Personal Statement: Kathryn M. Ross, PhD, MPH, FSBM**

I am honored to be nominated to run for Member Delegate and excited by the opportunity to represent SBM membership on the SBM Board of Directors and Executive Committee. I have been a member of SBM since 2007 and have served in multiple leadership roles over the years, including as a SIG chair and a member of the SIG Renewals Committee. In these roles, I have been able to observe how SBM has been most successful at engaging and retaining members and look forward to applying this knowledge in this position. As a Member Delegate, I would be particularly invested in ensuring that we engage and retain members from diverse backgrounds, especially those from backgrounds that have been historically excluded from our field. I plan to target outreach for our leadership and training opportunities to ensure (1) that our leadership represents our membership and (2) that we build a deep bench of future leaders for SBM and the field more broadly. Finally, I plan to directly engage with our membership to ensure that every member feels valued and heard, and to allow me to bring important issues and feedback from members to the SBM Board of Directors and Executive Committee.